

Wauwatosa Little League

2026 All-Stars Selection Process

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All-Stars Background

The Little League International Tournament is the most widely known youth sports tournament in the world. Wauwatosa Little League (WLL) players will have the opportunity to be selected to represent the league on what are referred to as All-Stars teams.

The All-Star program is designed to:

- Select players who best represent the league in tournament play
- Provide competitive opportunities across multiple age groups
- Ensure a fair, transparent, and development-focused process

Learn more about the annual tournaments run by Little League International here: [What Parents Need to Know About All-Stars - Little League](#).

2026 Tournament Divisions

The table below shows the tournament divisions available to Wisconsin Little Leagues. WLL will attempt to field teams for several of the baseball divisions in 2026 (WLL plans to form softball All-Stars teams in 2027). The flagship event—the one you see on ESPN every August—is the Little League Major Division. Players are eligible only for divisions aligned with [Little League age rules](#) (e.g., players born between 9/1/2017 and 8/31/2018 are "Little League Age 8"). While there is overlap in age groups, WLL limits players to one All-Star team to maximize participation.

Division	LL Age	Sport	Highest Level
8- to 9-Year-Old*	8-9	Baseball	District
8- to 10-Year-Old	8-10	Baseball + Softball	State
9- to 11-Year-Old	9-11	Baseball + Softball	State
Little League Major (46/60)	10-12	Baseball + Softball	World Series
Intermediate (50/70)	11-13	Baseball	World Series
Junior League	12-14	Baseball + Softball	World Series
Senior League	13-16	Baseball + Softball	World Series

*The 8-9 tournament is a new Wisconsin-only tournament created in 2025.

Eligibility

Little League International is very strict about following eligibility rules. To be eligible to play on a WLL All-Star team, players must:

- Be registered and in good standing with the league
- Meet all Little League tournament requirements
- Participate in at least eight (8) regular season games
- Demonstrate consistent effort, attendance, and sportsmanship
- Commit to full All-Star participation (practices + tournaments)

Selection Criteria

There are many factors that are considered when assembling All-Star rosters. Teams are not simply made up of the top players. Players are selected based on criteria such as performance, consistency, baseball IQ, effort, attitude, and coachability. Players with limited availability may not be selected as there is an expectation that each player will make a full commitment. Lastly, each team needs to be balanced with an emphasis on ensuring positional needs are met.

Ultimately, the goal is to build the most competitive team to represent the league at each level. With the Little League Major Division Tournament being the flagship event, WLL typically first attempts to build the most competitive team for that division.

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Each All-Star team includes approximately 12 players and 3 coaches.

Process for determining the coaches and players to be invited to All-Stars teams:

1. **Player Statistics Tracked** - During the season, player statistics are collected through GameChanger. Division coordinators will send these statistics to coaches for consideration in voting for All-Stars; however, they should be 'taken with a grain of salt' given the relatively low sample size and variability in how volunteers score games using GameChanger.
2. **Coach Evaluation** - During the season, coaches from each division are asked to evaluate players based on the selection criteria. Division coordinators distribute the evaluation forms to coaches in late May and coaches return their completed forms by early June. Coaches should consider these forms when voting for All-Stars.
3. **All-Stars Tryout and Commitment Form** - Families of all players who are interested in being considered for an All-Stars team must complete a form that includes: expressing interest in being considered, signing up for All-Stars tryouts, and agreeing to make the expected commitment (attending practices, playing in games, purchasing uniform, etc.).
4. **Head Coach Selection** - The President solicits input from each division coordinator on the head coach for each team then selects each head coach and informs them of the head coaching responsibilities, including needing to complete Little League's Diamond Leader Training.
5. **All-Stars Tryouts** - All players interested in being considered for All-Stars are evaluated during a tryout session in early June. If players are unable to attend the scheduled tryout for their age group, they need to arrange an alternative tryout with the league prior to the scheduled tryout.

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- Coach Voting** - Upon completion of tryouts, division coordinators send ballots to division coaches. Coaches vote for up to 15 players for each All-Star team in their respective division. Coaches send voting ballots to the division coordinator who distributes the aggregated results to coaches and the President.
- Player Selection** - The head coach of each team selects the players to be invited to that team in consultation with the President, division coordinators, and division coaches. Coach voting does not automatically result in any All-Star selections; however, it is weighted heavily by head coaches as they select players. Head coaches discuss their selections with the President and their respective division coordinators prior to finalizing.
- Assistant Coach Selection** - Once a head coach has accepted the role and identified players to be invited, the head coach selects two assistant coaches based on input and interest from coaches in the respective division. The head coach proposes these assistant coaches to the President for approval.

Approximate Timeline (Subject to Change)

Tryout and commitment forms distributed	Mid May
Tryout and commitment forms due	Late May
Tryouts held and coach voting occurs	Early June
Teams announced and practices start	Mid June
Tournament games start	Late June (<i>older baseball divisions and softball</i>) Mid July (<i>younger baseball divisions</i>)
World Series games	August

Bombers vs. All-Stars

Bombers Baseball ([Bombers website](#)) is the select program for WLL. Bombers tryouts occur in July and are separate from All-Stars. Bombers age cutoff is based on age requirements used for most travel baseball tournaments (May 1 birthdate cutoff). All-Stars is based on LL age requirements (August 31 birthdate cutoff). Most All-Stars teams end up with a lot of Bombers players as these same players play at a more competitive level with Bombers. However, not all All-Stars are Bombers and not all Bombers are All-Stars.

Disclaimer

WLL strives to conduct a fair process for selecting All-Stars that will best represent the league. The process above attempts to achieve that goal. However, the ultimate responsibility for overseeing this process and ensuring all Little League requirements are met falls to the President. Given this responsibility, the President reserves the right to modify the process at any time should it be deemed necessary.