



2026 All-Star Selection Process

Objectives

- Comply with Little League International rules
- Create competitive teams
- Create teams that will represent the league and community's values
- Provide transparency about the process
- Be sustainable through ease of execution
- Be fair to players, parents and coaches

All-Star Selection Jurisdiction

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 5 of the Ahwatukee Little League ("ALL") Constitution, the 2025-2026 Board of Directors has defined the 2026 All-Star selection process as follows:

Composition of 2026 All-Star teams

ALL will enter three teams into the 2026 Little League® sponsored post season tournament (possibly four if a junior's team commits to participate based on a separate process) as follows:

- 1) A 10u Division team consisting of 12-13 players League Age 10, 9, or 8, who have participated as an eligible player in 60 percent of the season's games (including preseason and regular season) on a AAA or AA team.
- 2) An 11u Division team consisting of 12-13 players League Age 11, 10 or 9, who have participated as an eligible player in 60 percent of the season's games (including preseason and regular season) on a Majors or AAA team.
- 3) A 12u Division team consists of 12-13 players League Age 12 or 11 who have participated as an eligible player in 60 percent of the season's games (including preseason and regular season) on a Majors team.

Timeline for Selection of All Star players

- March 1, 2026 (Sunday) – Board posts All-Star selection process to website.
- March 1, 2026 (Sunday) – All-Star Information Session and Q&A.
 - Ramada at Ahwatukee Park at 4PM.
- March 26, 2026 (Thursday) - All-Star candidate player and candidate manager application forms published on our website.
- April 26, 2026 (Sunday) – Applications for player and manager participation due by 11:59PM.
- Week of April 27, 2026 – Voters submit completed ballots for player selection.
- Week of April 27, 2026 – Voters submit completed ballots for manager selection.

- Week of May 4, 2026 – Votes for players and managers tallied.
- Week of May 4, 2026 – Board certifies manager selections and extends invitations.
- May 9, 2026 (Saturday) – All-Star Managers announced at closing ceremonies.
- May 9, 2026 (Saturday) – Manager-pick players finalized.
- May 10, 2026 (Saturday) – Team rosters finalized.
- May 15, 2026 (Friday) - Teams announced via Facebook at 12:01 AM.
- May 18, 2026 (Friday) – Earliest date practices can begin (or 14 days before the district tournament starts, whichever is earlier).



All Star Important Dates	Date	Time	Location
MANDATORY			
AS Affidavit training	Saturday 5/30/26	11:00am - 12:00pm	TBD
AS Scorekeeper training	Saturday 5/30/26	12:00pm - 1:00pm	TBD
AS Manager/Coach Meeting	Saturday 5/30/26	1:00pm - 3:00pm	TBD
AS Picture Day (<i>Affidavit Review</i>)	Saturday 6/6/26	9:00am - 3:00pm	TBD
AS Affidavit book review	Tuesday 6/9/26	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Barro's Pizza
AS Affidavit book review	Thursday 6/11/26	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Barro's Pizza
AS JR Tournament	6/15 - 6/20/26	per schedule	Nozomi
AS District Tournaments <i>10, 11, & MAJ</i>	6/22 - 7/3/26	per schedule	Tempe Sports Complex
9-11 State Tournament	7/10 - 7/18/26	per schedule	Tempe Sports Complex

Tri-City Baptist Church
2211 W. Germann Rd.
West of CVS
Chandler, AZ 85286

Barro's Pizza
NE corner Queen Creek &
Alma School
Chandler, AZ 85286

State Tournament Locations and Starting Dates (subject to change)

- 10u – District 3 (Central Phoenix); July 10
- 11u – District 13 (Tempe Sports Complex); July 10
- 12u – District 5 (North Tucson); July 10
- Juniors – District 7 – (Mesa); July 6

Commitment to All-Stars

ALL Majors through AA Division players league age 8-12 who have participated in a minimum of 60% of ALL official season games (games on or after Opening Day and before playoffs begin) are eligible for All-Stars and may apply to be included on the respective ballot(s). Note, this is 60% of the games that do not directly conflict (i.e., same day and time) with school baseball games. There is no excused absence for club or other non-Little League baseball organizations.

Before applying to be added to an All-Stars ballot, Parents and/or Guardians must discuss with their player(s) the substantial commitment and responsibility to their teammates, All-Star coaches, Ahwatukee Little League, and Little League International (LLI) if selected for All-Stars. Many players are interested in All-Stars, but only a few will be selected. Being selected is an honor and privilege to be remembered the rest of their lives. The league invests a significant amount of time, money, and energy to sponsor the All-Star teams; therefore, the All-Star commitment truly extends to all players, families, and sponsors of the league.

The league will require a \$300 fee per player to participate in All-Stars if selected. Families or friends may request a hardship scholarship for those players who may not be able to afford the \$300 fee. All requests will be strictly confidential.

Although ALL is under no obligation to participate in LLI's All-Star tournament series, if we do enter, LLI requires that we compete until eliminated. Therefore, this commitment could extend through the end of July for the 10u and 11u teams, and through the end of the Little League World Series® in August for the 12u team. Practices begin June 3rd (or, if earlier, 2 weeks prior to the start of District tournament), and games begin on or around June 24th. In contrast to the regular season, the All-star program places far greater emphasis on competitiveness. Therefore, full attendance at All-Star practices and games is expected.

The All-Stars experience is tremendously rewarding to our league's players. Not only will they develop advanced baseball skills, they will build character and lasting friendships in this unique and high-performing environment. For these reasons, the ALL Board encourages all players willing to accept the responsibility and commitment of All-Stars to ask their parent or guardian to apply for the All-Stars program.

Applying for All-Stars

On or around March 26th, the league will post to its website and email all Majors and AA parents/guardians instructions on how to apply to have their player(s) added to the All-Star ballot. Applications are due (and ballots will be closed to any additions) at 11:59 PM on April 26, 2026; no exceptions. There is no application fee; the aforementioned participation fee will be charged only once the team rosters are finalized. Inclusion on a ballot in no way guarantees placement on an All-Stars team.

Conflicts and Absence

Due to multiple changes over the past years, the requirement for mandatory practice has changed. These include the Kyrene school district moving to an 8 week summer break vs 12 week, which significantly impacts the amount of time for family vacations. In addition, the increasing number of summer tournaments added through various club organizations is pulling kids/families in multiple directions. Therefore for the 2026 All-Star season, only the 2 weeks prior to the tournament are absolutely required for practice. The week prior (first week free of school) may be used for vacations and/or tournaments. In addition, each Manager for the 10u, 11u, and 12u teams may start practices prior to this as well. We are recommending through these changes that the teams get a minimum of 3 weeks total practice prior to the District 13 tournament.

Creation of All Star Voting Ballots

Three All Star voting ballots will be created. Only those players that apply before the application deadline will be placed on ballots.

- 1) All Stars 12u team ballot: All League Age twelve All Star applicants from the Majors regular season division will be placed on the All Stars Majors team ballot. A candidate's first and last name, league age (i.e., 12), and regular season team and division will appear on the ballot to assist voters with finding and evaluating candidates.
- 2) All Stars 11u team ballot: All eleven-year-old All Star applicants from the Majors regular season division will be placed on the 11u team ballot. A candidate's first and last name, league age (i.e., 11), and regular season team and division will appear on the ballot to assist voters with finding and evaluating candidates. League Age eleven- and ten- year old candidates from the AAA regular season division will *not* appear on the 11u team ballot. Those candidates from AAA can be considered for a manager's pick for the 11u All Stars team. The top 5 11u players from AAA will be decided by a vote of AAA managers. When selecting the top 5 11u AAA players, each AAA manager may vote for any 11u player in AAA. Results will rank players based upon total votes received. In the event of a tie for spot #5, all players included in the tie for the 5th ranked spot will be a part of the AAA 11u manager's consideration list. For a summary of which candidates are eligible for, refer to the All Star team eligibility chart below. However, candidates may only participate on one All Star team.
- 3) All Stars 10u team ballot: All League Age nine and ten year-old All Star applicants from the AAA or AA regular season division will be placed on the 10u team ballot. Candidate's first and last name, league age (i.e., 9 or 10), and regular season team and division will appear on the ballot to assist voters with finding and evaluating candidates. Candidates from AA will be considered for a manager's pick for the 10u All Stars team if they rank in the top 5 of players for AA. The top 5 players from AA will be decided by a vote of AA managers. When selecting the top 5 AA players, each AA manager may vote for any player in AA. Results will rank players based upon total votes received. In the event of a tie for spot #5, all players included in the tie for the 5th ranked spot will be a part of the

10u manager’s consideration list. Resolution of possible scenarios where candidates are voted or selected onto two teams will follow the process as described in the preceding paragraph.

Summary of Candidate All Star Team Eligibility

League Age	Regular Season Division	All Star Team Eligible and Ballot Placement
12	Majors	12u
11	Majors	11u
11	AAA	11u (coach consideration list, see above)
10	AAA	10u
10	AA	10u (coach consideration lists, see above)
9	AA	10u (coach consideration lists, see above)

Voting process

Manager votes will be cast electronically using an online poll site. One 12u team ballot and one 11u team ballot will be distributed to the manager of each Majors team, and one 10u team ballot will be distributed to the manager of each AAA team. Managers and Assistant Coaches may confer on player ballots before each Manager returns his ballot by division. Each manager must select at least 10 candidates. Managers may vote for players on their own regular season team. Majors players will have the opportunity to vote during this period as well and will be instructed to vote for no more than twelve Majors players on the ballot. Majors players may vote for anyone on the Majors ballot, including themselves and teammates. Once at least 90% of the eligible votes are collected, the league reserves the right to close the vote and move to certify the results.

Summary of who votes which ballot(s):

Ballot	Voters			
	Majors			AAA
	Managers	12 y/o Players	11 y/o Players	Managers
12u team	X	X	X	
11u team	X	X	X	
10u team				X

Votes Tally

Every Majors player and every Majors and AAA manager gets one ballot. Votes will be weighted as follows:

12u Voting:

- 50% weight for the collective Majors players’ vote

- 50% weight for the collective Majors managers' vote.

11u Voting:

- 34% weight for the collective Majors players' vote
- 66% weight for the collective Majors managers' vote.
- Manager's pick candidates: The top 5 AAA players will be determined by a vote of the AAA managers.

10u Voting:

- 100% weight from AAA managers.
- Manager's pick candidates: The top 5 AA players will be determined by a vote of the AA managers.

Votes will be counted by the ALL President, Player Agent, and Treasurer.¹ Ballots returned with more than the instructed number of votes as defined above will not be counted. Each All-Star team will be created by the combination of 10 "voted" players and 2 to 3 "manager selection" players as follows:

1. The All Star 12u Team will be the top ten voted candidates from the 12u team ballot and 2 to 3 manager selections. Manager selections may be any candidate ranked between 11th and 15th place on the 12u team vote results. Manager selections are subject to Board approval that this process was properly followed.
2. The 11u All-Star Team will be the top ten voted candidates from the 11u team ballot and 2 to 3 All-Star 11u manager selections. Manager selections may be any candidate ranked between 11th and 15th place on the 11u team weighted results or on the list of top 5 eleven-year-olds from AAA. Manager selections are subject to Board approval that this process was properly followed.
3. The 10u All-Star Team will be the top 10 voted candidates from the 10u team ballot and 2 to 3 All-Star 10u manager selections from AA or AAA. Manager selections may be any candidate ranked between 11th and 15th place on the 10u team results or on the list of top 5 players from AA. Manager selections are subject to Board approval that this process was properly followed.
4. If a vacancy arises, and the manager decides to fill it, the manager must pick from within the top 15 places. For the 11u team, the top 5 from the AAA coaches list may be considered as well. For the 10u team, the top 5 from the AA coaches list may be considered as well. Choosing the next highest-ranked player is encouraged. Replacement players will be subject to ALL Board approval.
5. The Manager may not terminate a player's participation without approval of the Board.
6. Tie-breaker: In the event there is no difference in the weighted tally among multiple players spanning the top ten, the results of the managers' vote will break the tie to rank the vote results.

¹ If any of these board members are selected to be an All Star manager, a separate board member will substitute for purposes of tallying the votes.

7. The board has discretion to make 1-2 additional players eligible for manager selection.

Voting results and facts are confidential. All voting ballots will be destroyed after they are tallied and reviewed by the Player Agent, President and another selected board member. The President at his sole discretion may share voting results with respective All-Star managers if this information is requested by the manager(s) to assist with manager player selections, and the President deems this information will be reasonably helpful. The President reserves the right to deny access to All Star team voting results to any person for any reason.

Manager Selection

Candidates for manager of the 12u All-Star team and 11u All-Star team must be managers or coaches from the Majors Division. Candidates for manager of the 10u All-Star team must be a manager or coach from the AAA Division. All-Star manager candidates must have a player ranked in the top 13 vote-getters in their division. If no qualified managers or coaches from the Majors or AAA division are available, the ALL Board may in its discretion solicit a manager they deem appropriate, including a manager without a player in the league, to be an All-Star manager. A regular-season manager must apply for All-star manager by the due date in the timeline above.

The 12u, 11u, and 10u All-Star managers will be decided by the results of 9 votes as follows:

12u Manager Voters:

- Majors Managers (8 votes)
- League UIC

11u Manager Voters:

- Majors Managers (8 votes)
- League UIC

10u Manager Voters:

- AAA Managers (5 votes)
- League Player Agent
- League Chief Commissioner
- League Operations
- League President

Managers may vote for themselves. However, in no case may the same person have the ability to cast more than one vote (e.g., a manager is also a commissioner). To avoid one person having more than one vote, one or more additional Board members will vote to maintain 9 total votes. In the event of a tie for first place, the two tied candidates will be the subject of a second round vote by the above 9 voters.

Assistant Coach Selection

All-Star managers will select Assistant Coaches from among managers and coaches in their respective divisions. To be eligible for Assistant Coach, a candidate must have a player ranking

in the top 15 players from the All-Star Team selection process. If no qualified Assistant Coaches are available, the ALL Board in its discretion may solicit an individual without a player eligible for All-Stars to be an assistant coach.

Final Certification by Board

Votes will be tallied and documented. The ALL Board will certify that the above process has been followed and that both player and manager votes are valid. The board has the right to ensure all managers and players selected fit within the community attributes of sportsmanship, attitude & leadership. The board has discretion to change any player, manager and/or coach for any reason it deems necessary.