



## All Star Information

The Little League International Tournament (aka All Stars) is the most widely known youth sports tournament in the world. There are six levels of tournament play in Little League Baseball and five within Little League Softball®, with opportunities for players ages 8 to 16. The tournaments start at the District level, and teams must win their way to advance through the International Tournament. The 8- to 10-Year-Old and 9- to 11-Year-Old Tournaments culminate at the State Level, while the Little League, Little League Intermediate (50/70) Baseball, Junior League, and Senior League divisions all conclude at a World Series Tournament.

All-Stars is the highly competitive post-season tournament sanctioned by Little League International. **The time commitment for All-Stars is significant.** Teams typically practice 3-5 days per week for about two hours at a time. Players shall be available for all practices and games. **Vacations are NOT considered excused absences and will require Manager approval.** Parents who are unsure if an already scheduled trip or event will conflict, should contact the player agent ([playeragent@highdesertlittleleague.com](mailto:playeragent@highdesertlittleleague.com)) for guidance BEFORE nominating their player.

Tournament of Champions (TOC) is for the Majors division teams that won their local league division to participate against other league champions from within their district in a local tournament. This tournament allows these players an opportunity to participate in a tournament who otherwise might not participate in All Stars.

Tournament of Players (TOPs) is a local tournament for only 8-9 year olds, who do not otherwise make an All Star team, which allows them an opportunity to play post season tournaments and potentially prepare for future seasons of All Star play. TOPs is a District only tournament, lasting one week and is typically held the first week of June.

All Star teams are formed based on “nominations” (players cannot be recruited) and interest level, therefore, **HDLL may not field a team for all divisions**, but the hope is to field a team in each of the following divisions for tournament play in 2025. When creating

teams for All Stars, the goal is to form a team composed of the best athletes available from each division. Typically, teams are comprised of players who are the oldest eligible league age (i.e. the Little League team – league ages 10, 11 and 12 - will generally be comprised entirely of league age 12 year olds. However, that does not preclude a 10 or 11 year old from being eligible to play in the Little League division).

### **Baseball**

50/70:	League ages 12-13 - (Juniors and Majors division players)
Little League	League ages 10-12 (Majors division players)
9-10-11:	League ages 9-11 (Majors and Minors AAA division players)
8-9-10:	League ages 8-10 (Majors, Minors AAA and AA division players)
TOPS:	League ages 8-9 (Minors AAA, AA and Machine Pitch division players)

### **Softball**

Little League:	League ages 10-12 (Majors division players)
9-10-11:	League ages 9-11 (Majors and Minors division players)

### **A Player is eligible for All Stars / Tournament Play provided that:**

- **he/she meets the criteria established by Little League's "Residency and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirement."**
- **he/she has participated in eight (8) regular season games by the start of Tournament Play in their respective division.\***
- **his/her account with HDLL is in good standing.**

*\*Due to illness or injury, the local league Board of Directors may waive the minimum participation requirement for players to participate in the Little League regular season.*

Tournament teams generally include a roster of 12 players, one manager, and two coaches. Baseball or softball players league-age 9 to-13 are eligible for selection to multiple tournament teams, however, may only participate on one tournament team at a time. After a tournament team is eliminated, a player may be named to a second tournament team provided they meet all eligibility criteria, there is room for the player on the affidavit, and they are not replacing an eligible player already named on the affidavit. Under no circumstances may players be chosen for, practice with, or participate with more than one tournament team at one time.

It's important for parents to be reminded that participating in All Stars is a choice, and that while it is a privilege to play, it is also a commitment with added practices and games. If you realize that your son or daughter has several conflicts, it may be a wise decision to pass on a tournament selection and allow another Little Leaguer® to share in the experience. Parents should also be aware that there are additional costs associated with being on an All Star team. The initial up front registration fee for the 2025 All Star season is expected to be \$100 to be a member of an HDLL All Star team. There also could be travel to/from tournaments within the Valley, throughout the state and even out of state as teams continue advancing throughout the tournament(s).

Questions or need more information? Please contact [president@highdesertlittleleague.com](mailto:president@highdesertlittleleague.com), [playeragent@highdesertlittleleague.com](mailto:playeragent@highdesertlittleleague.com) or [softball@highdesertlittleleague.com](mailto:softball@highdesertlittleleague.com).

## Tournament Eligibility

Little League takes tournament eligibility VERY SERIOUSLY. If your player does not meet all of the requirements for residency and age, and they do not receive a waiver from either our Western Region offices (in San Bernardino) or from the Little League Tournament Committee headquarters in Williamsport, PA (home of the Little League World Series for LL Baseball ages 10-12), then they **DO NOT PLAY!**

### The Process:

The President fills out all pertinent player and coach information on Little League's website to generate Tournament Affidavits for each team. A check sheet is produced for EVERY player. In order to get those sheets signed by our District Administrator and approved for Tournament play, every document MUST be shown to prove compliance with the requirements. Any documents provided to the President must stay until the Affidavit is signed off by the District Administrator – **this includes original birth certificates**. Birth certificates will be returned once the DA's signature is on the Affidavit, but the remainder of the documents will stay with your player's file throughout the tournament, and beyond. Once a player has been approved, they are approved for subsequent years (unless they move out of boundary) and only the original birth certificate will have to be produced in subsequent years.

Little League is very specific about which documents they need and what dates establish residency for any given tournament season. There are three groups that establish residency (see attached Exhibit A). The key to these for tournament play is that the documents must ABSOLUTELY have identify a players address WITHIN OUR LEAGUE BOUNDARIES AND be dated between February 1, 2024 and February 2, 2025.

If you live out of boundary but your player goes to school within our boundaries, that is perfectly acceptable but requires A VALID and signed school enrollment form (see attached Exhibit B). The student MUST be enrolled as of October 1, 2024.

After all documents for each player have been verified that, parents will be asked to meet the President at practice to sign the affidavit form for their player(s). Only then can the team binder be presented to the DA for signature.