

# TWIN CITY LITTLE LEAGUE

## ALL-STARS INFORMATION PACKET

Each year, Twin City Little League enters “All-Star” teams in the annual Little League International tournaments to play against other Little Leagues in the same age division. It is a lot of fun, players get to enjoy a longer season, and a chance to represent our league.

Little League Tournament season is operated completely by Little League International and local league rule modifications no longer apply. Rules for Tournament play can be found in the Little League Rulebook, available on the Little League website for \$5, or via the LL Rulebook App in the Apple or Google Play app stores as a free download.

TCLL plans to field an All-Star team for each age group that is sanctioned by Little League and eligible for at least a State tournament. Our league’s priority is to put the most competitive team on the field for all age groups.

Since there are likely more applicants than roster spots, applicants are not guaranteed to be selected. Applying lets the League know you are interested in playing and have met and understand the criteria for playing. TCLL uses a voting-based selection process. In addition to the vote, all players must meet residency and age requirements, must provide documentation once named to a team, and have played in the proper percentage of regular-season games. Please see those sections below.

Additionally, applicants should try to attend one evaluation day (dates/times TBD).

Teams are based on age and regular-season division. TCLL can field up to one team each for 9u, 10u, 11u, 12u (Majors), Intermediate 50/70, Junior, and Senior League, depending upon player availability.

**The commitment for All-Stars is more intense than the regular-season.** The tournaments go through mid-July, and could continue until August for Majors and older teams if they continue to advance. All players are expected to attend as many practices and games as possible. Practice schedules are pending, beginning in early June.

**District tournaments are tentatively for late June / early July.** The winner of the District Tournament goes to the State Tournament (all divisions). The State Tournament location can be anywhere in the State and is normally held the second or third weekend in July. The winning team at State for Majors and older may advance to Regionals and possibly the Little League World Series in August. There are no “set” dates or times for the games, as each tournament is double elimination. Win or loss determines your next game time. There may be travel involved within or out of state. While the league sets aside limited funds to help defer jersey and other costs, there may be some out-of-pocket expenses, as well as fundraisers if additional money is needed. Players may also be responsible for providing proper uniform pants.

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With exceptions for players participating in high school baseball and those with approved Medical Waivers, players must have played at least 60% of the season on a regular-season Twin City Little League team in order to qualify to play All Stars. Players must meet all eligibility criteria established by Little League International. Twin City Little League is required to confirm eligibility by obtaining residence eligibility and proof of age documentation from each player. It is absolutely critical that we get this from each player as soon as players are named to teams, or the team could be disqualified.

***To be included on the voting ballot for an All-Star team: Players must register on the league website for the All Star program. Players are also invited to attend an evaluation day (not mandatory).***

## VOTING PROCESS

All voting will take place using paper ballots. One ballot will be distributed to the Coach of each regular-season TCLL team (Minors & up). Coaches and Assistant Coaches are to confer on the ballot and submit one team ballot. Coaches may only vote for players in their respective divisions and can nominate no more than 14 candidates. There is a minimum of one player selected per regular-season team. Coaches may vote for players on their own regular-season team.

All ballots must be submitted to the League President and/or Player Agent. All-Star selections will be 100% from Coaches. Each regular-season team at TCLL is guaranteed to have a minimum of one player representative on the All-Star team.

If a vacancy arises, and the manager decides to fill it, the manager must pick from within the top 15 places. Choosing the next highest-ranked player is encouraged. Replacement players will be subject to Board approval.

The manager may not terminate a player's participation without approval of the Board.

Voting results are considered confidential. All voting ballots will be destroyed after they are tallied and reviewed by the Player Agent, President, and any other board members serving in the process. The President, at his sole discretion, may share voting results with respective All-Star managers if this information is requested by the manager 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 as defined by the President.

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## MANAGER SELECTION

The managers and coaches of the All-Star teams must be regular-season managers or coaches from their respective divisions. To be eligible for manager, the candidate must have a child ranked in the top 13 vote-getters in their age division or must not have a child eligible for TCLL All-Stars.

**A regular-season manager or coach wishing to apply for All-Star Manager will notify the President or a board member, personally or via email, by the All-Star registration cutoff date.** The TCLL Board of Directors will appoint All-Star Managers for each team. TCLL will consider the following factors when selecting All-Star Managers and Coaches:

1. Must be in good standing with the league and an exemplary figure both on the field and off the field.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of baseball/softball fundamentals and coaching experience.
3. Demonstrate a willingness to attend all coaches' meetings before, during and after the season.
4. Demonstrate a willingness to attend all required Manager/Coach Training sponsored by TCLL.
5. Agree to follow and support the rules, procedures and guidelines provided by both Little League International and TCLL.
6. Demonstrate a positive attitude, with traits of courtesy, patience and discipline.
7. Demonstrate good time management and organizational skills.
8. Dependability to be on time for games and practices and to be prepared to run the activities.
9. Agree to support and promote TCLL in a positive manner
10. Can commit to being with the team for as long as the team continues to win - this could be through the Little League World Series (late August).

## 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 child ranking in the top 15 players in their age division from the All-Star Team selection process or must not have a child eligible for TCLL All-Stars.

## FINAL CERTIFICATION BY THE BOARD

Votes will be tallied and documented. The President and Player Agent will present the selection results to the TCLL Board for certification that the process outlined above has been followed and votes are valid.

## TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The TCLL Board will designate a time to announce the All-Star Teams in conjunction with a date specified by Little League International. All-Star Managers, coaches, and players for each All-Star Team will be listed on the TCLL Facebook page.

*\*\*The TCLL Board reserves the right to adjust this selection process based on the number of applications received.*

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## RESIDENCE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

**Note: This is NOT required until a player is selected to the All-Star team.** Players must reside within the boundaries of TCLL **OR** attend a school whose physical location is within the boundaries of the League.

### OPTION #1 (easiest option for most people):

If you attend a school within the Twin City Little League boundary, the easiest way to document your residence eligibility is via the official “**Little League School Enrollment Verification Form (attached)**.” If you complete this form you do NOT need to provide any other documents for residency verification. *(If you already completed this form last year, we should have it on file, and you do not need to do it again unless your school enrollment has changed.)* This form **MUST** be signed by the **Principal** or **Administrator** of the school that you attend to be valid.

### OPTION #2 (more involved option):

If you do not attend a school within the Twin City Little League boundary, you will need one document from each **GROUP** on the next page, which must be submitted to the Player Agent as evidence of the player meeting this requirement.

- **Check that the paperwork is issued within the dates below and the address is listed on the paper as well as the parent’s name.**
- If your player has multiple households in TCLL boundaries, please **make sure that all documents come from the same address.**
- Please make sure if school records are part of your documentation, you live within the boundary as well. If you do not live within TCLL boundaries, please see the Player Agent right away.

**Documents must be dated between February 1, 2024 and February 1, 2025.** Documents dated after February 1, 2025, will not be accepted. Those that do not have the address or names printed will also be rejected.

#### Group II

1. Driver’s License
2. School records
3. Vehicle records
4. Employment records
5. Insurance documents

#### Group II

1. Welfare/childcare records
2. Federal records
3. State records
4. Local (municipal) records
5. Support payment records
6. Homeowner or tenant records
7. Military records

#### Group II

1. Voter’s Registration
2. Utility Bills (i.e. gas, electric, water/sewer, phone, mobile phone)
3. Financial records
4. Medical Records
5. Internet, cable or satellite TV records

## PROOF OF AGE REQUIREMENTS

**Note: This is NOT required until a player is selected to the All-Star team. Coaches will communicate the date that the District Administrator will be reviewing these documents.** The best acceptable proof of age document is a **CERTIFIED** copy of the birth certificate, or birth registration card with seal. Passports, foreign or domestic, will **NOT** be accepted. **Certified copies or originals only will be accepted.** Players must provide a certified copy of the Birth Certificate each year for review by Missouri District 2, even if they provided it in prior years. We will not keep this document, but we do have to verify that we have seen it. **Photocopies are not acceptable.** If you are not able to obtain one of these documents, contact the Player Agent as soon as possible for a listing of acceptable alternatives.