



ALL-STAR PARENT INFORMATION PACKET

Welcome to Highlighter Nation!

Being selected as a Little League All-Star is a great honor. It means your child is one of the best players in their age division. The All-Star experience is fun and exciting. It is the pinnacle of the Spring Little League Season. First, your child will practice 3-4 times per week for the dates leading up to the tournament. During this time, you will see vast improvement of your child's skills and abilities as they are competing with other players of equal or better ability. This practice time is one of the main benefits of All-Stars. The tournament experience is very challenging as your child's team will compete against other All-Star teams from surrounding counties. If the team does well, they have the opportunity to move on to State competition.

Commitment

Along with the honor of being selected as an All-Star, there is a level of commitment expected from the players and parents/guardians. The player is expected to attend the practices and be present for tournament play for as long as the team plays in tournament play. In certain circumstances, this play can last all summer.

There are also financial responsibilities associated with All-stars. Please refer to the Fee Section of this document.

If selected as an All-Star, playing time and positions are determined by the All-Star manager, subject to the Little League All-Star rules governing mandatory minimum play. Players who played many innings during the regular season may be asked to play a different role on an All-Star team. This could involve playing a different position, playing fewer innings and having fewer at-bats. It is a privilege to be selected on an All-Star team that will require commitment and support by all parents and players despite their potential playing time or position played.

Eligibility

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."
- She has participated in eight (8) regular season games by the start of Tournament Play in their respective division.*
- his/her account with CFLL 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.

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!

Tournament teams generally include a roster of 12 players, one manager, and two coaches. 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.

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, 2025 and February 2, 2026.

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). The student MUST be enrolled as of October 1, 2025.

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.

Softball All Star and TOPs Tryouts

Date: Friday, May 15, Fitz Field

Tryout Schedule

- **5:00PM**- Check-In Begins
- 5:15PM - 7:15PM - Tryouts

Important Notes

- Tryouts will begin promptly at the designated start time.
- Parents are expected to stay at Fitz for the duration of tryouts in the event tryouts conclude early.
- Tryouts are part of the evaluation process for the TOPs Team (ages 7–10), the District 8-9-10 All-Star Team, and the District Majors Team.
- Each player's performance during the regular season and Cactus Cup will also be significant factors in the overall evaluation and selection process.
- There are no tryouts for the Majors All-Star Team.
- Parents are welcome to attend and observe tryouts; however, all parents must remain in the snack bar area during tryouts. Parents are not permitted in the bleachers behind home plate or along the first or third base line fences.
- Not all players will be selected to an All-Star team.
- Participation in All-Stars requires a strong commitment from both players and families to attend practices and games throughout the tournament season.

2026 Tournament Dates

7-10yr TOPs Team:

June 1 - 4th - Anthem Community Park

8-9-10 All Star Team:

District: June 19th

State: Currently anticipated around July 6th (Host field is in Avondale)

10-11-12 All Star Team:

District: June 19th

State: Currently anticipated around July 6th (Host field is in Mesa)

Attendance & Schedule Expectations

AllStars requires an elite, priority time commitment.

- **Practices:** Held 3-4 days a week starting immediately.

- **Arrival:** Players must arrive **1 hour minimum before games** and **15 minutes before practices.**
- **Absences:** Three unexcused missed practices will result in immediate removal from the active roster.
- **Vacations:** No vacations should be scheduled during the active tournament window. If vacations are already scheduled, please provide a schedule to your team manager for review.

Preliminary 2026 Practice Schedule

7-10yr TOPs and 8-9-10 All Star Team:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 5-7pm- starting Tuesday 5/19

10,11,12s All Star Team:

Monday 6-8pm; Tuesday 7-9pm and Thursday 7-9pm - starting Monday 5/18

**Please be aware, additional practices may be added by your team manager at any given time should they feel the team will benefit from it. While your manager will do his/her best to provide as much notice as possible, you are expected to make every effort to be present at all practices. You should expect practice days to increase to 5-6 days per week as we get closer to tournament dates.*

Legal and Proper Equipment

Bats: Please ensure all bats are **softball bats stamped with 1.20bpf**

Batting Helmets: Please check the expiration date and ensure equipment is not expired

Catcher's Gear: Please check the expiration date and ensure equipment is not expired

Financial Requirements and Cost

Parents must cover individual player costs. Payments are due to the team manager prior to Uniform and Bag distribution. Once your child has been selected, you will receive an invoice via Teamsnap to pay.

TOPs Player Fee: \$150.00

AllStar Player Fee: \$175.00

Optional Catcher's Bag: \$80.00

All Fees include tournament registration fees, custom gear bag, 2 game jerseys, 1 pair softball game pants, highlighter belt and socks, 2 practice jerseys, 1 pair practice shorts.

*The optional catcher's bag is in addition to the above.

**Players rostered to both TOPs and AllStar teams will only be required to pay the AllStar fee.

**Additional travel expenses may be required depending how far each team progresses into tournament play.

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.

Questions or need more information? Please contact
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FAQs

Time Commitment and Schedule

- **Can we go on vacation?** All-Stars is a full-time summer commitment. Missed practices or games due to vacations are discouraged. That said we understand summer planning and will work with players and parents.

Eligibility and Documentation

- **What documents do I need to provide?** You must provide an original, government-issued birth certificate (no photocopies) and proof of residency or school attendance.
- **How many games did my child need to play in the regular season?** To be eligible for tournament play, players must have participated in at least 60% of the regular season games (usually a minimum of 8 games).

Playing Time and Rules

- **Is there a minimum playing time?** Yes, but it differs from the regular season. For most tournament levels, the requirement is that every player present at the start of the game must play 6 defensive outs and bat at least once.
- **Do we use a continuous batting order?** Yes, beginning in 2023, all tournament teams must use a continuous batting order, meaning all players on the roster bat.
- **Does my child have to play in the field?** While they must play 6 defensive outs (unless the team has more than 12 players), they do not necessarily have to play in the field for the entire game.
- **Can I sit in the dugout or talk to my child during the game?** No. Unlike the regular season, parents are not allowed in the dugout, and checking in with players during the game is restricted to maintain focus.

Travel

- **Is there travel involved?** Yes. District tournaments will be local but if the team advances to State or Regional tournaments, families are responsible for travel costs, lodging, and meals.

Selection and Other Questions

- **How were teams selected?** The CFLL Board of directors selects the team manager and the manager selects the players.
- **What if my child doesn't get much playing time?** All-Stars is competitive, and roles can be different from the regular season. Playing time is earned and decided by the manager.