

Dos Pueblos Little League All-Star / Rising Stars Selection Policy

(Board Approved March 2026)

I. Purpose of All Stars/Rising Stars

1. The All-Star and Rising Stars tournaments provide competitive postseason opportunities for players to represent Dos Pueblos Little League (DPLL).
2. Participation is considered an honor and privilege, not an entitlement.
3. Objectives of this policy:
 - a. Field the strongest possible teams in each age division while allowing as many players as possible to participate.
 - b. Represent the league and community values of sportsmanship, attitude, and leadership.
 - c. Ensure transparency, fairness, and consistency in selection.

II. Jurisdiction, Divisions & Eligibility

1. Divisions & Rosters
 - a. Teams may be fielded for age groups 7U through 14U, in accordance with Little League International guidelines.
 - i. Rising Stars is defined as the 7U, 8U, and 9U age groups.
 - ii. All Stars is defined as the 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, and 14U age groups.
 - b. Rosters consist of 12–14 players. Beginning with the 2026 season, DPLL policy requires that any division with at least 12 registered players must carry a minimum roster of 12.
2. Player Eligibility
 - a. Must meet Little League International age and residency requirements.
 - b. Must participate in the minimum number of regular-season games (e.g., 8). Note, players who sustained an injury that prohibited them from completing the 8 games within the season can be considered eligible with a doctor's note and All Star Committee approval.

- c. Must provide required documentation (birth certificate, residency/school verification).
3. Commitment
- a. Players and families must sign a commitment agreement before evaluations. The purpose of this commitment agreement is to ensure that the roster spots will be filled with players who will participate in the full duration of the All Star season.
 - b. Attendance at practices and games is required.
 - c. Known conflicts (vacations, other sports, club obligations) must be disclosed before selection.
 - d. Excessive absences (other than emergencies) may affect playing time or roster status.

III. Timeline & Communication

1. Annual Timeline
- a. Application deadline for All-Star managers/coaches in mid-April.
 - b. Committee observation, interviews, and manager selection by the end of April, culminating in presentation of manager candidates to the DPLL Board of Directors for approval.
 - c. Player nominations will take place concurrently in late April.
 - d. Rosters can be announced starting:
 - i. May 1st for Rising Stars divisions.
 - ii. May 15th for All Stars divisions.

IV. Manager & Coach Selection

1. Eligibility
- a. Must be a current-season manager or coach in good standing within DPLL.
 - i. For each All-Star division, the manager must be a regular season coach or manager from that same age division.
 - b. Must meet Little League International requirements.

2. Selection Process

- a. Applications reviewed by the All-Star Committee.
- b. Observations, interviews (if necessary), and Board discussion.
 - i. This should include consultation with managers and coaches within the division to confirm that the proposed manager's child would reasonably be nominated for the All-Star team independent of the manager's role.
- c. Voted on and selected by the All Star Committee.
- d. Final approval by the Board of Directors.

3. Conflict of Interest Rule

- a. Managers or coaches who manage or coach a club baseball team, operate a private baseball training business, or have any other potential conflict of interest may still serve as an All-Star manager, provided that such conflicts are disclosed.

4. Responsibilities

- a. Full commitment to the All-Star season.
- b. Administrative duties (paperwork, communication, compliance).
- c. Uphold league values of sportsmanship and leadership.

5. Assistant Coaches

- a. Assistant coaches may be appointed only after the player roster has been finalized to ensure that player selection decisions remain independent of coaching staff considerations.
- b. Uphold league values of sportsmanship and leadership.

6. Violations of Selection Policies

- a. All managers and coaches participating in the All-Star selection process are expected to follow the policies and procedures established by the league. These policies are designed to ensure fairness, transparency, and integrity in the selection process.
- b. Violations of the selection policies may include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Attempting to influence decisions outside of the approved selection process
 - ii. Failing to follow established procedures for evaluations or selections

- iii. Demonstrating bias, favoritism, or conflicts of interest that undermine the fairness of the process
- iv. Misrepresenting player eligibility or qualifications
- c. Consequences for Violations:
 - i. If a manager or coach is found to have violated the selection policies, the league may take corrective action as deemed appropriate. Possible consequences may include:
 - 1. Verbal or written warning
 - 2. Removal from the All-Star selection process
 - 3. Ineligibility to serve as an All-Star manager or coach for the current season
 - 4. Suspension from serving as an All-Star manager or coach in future seasons
 - 5. Additional disciplinary action as determined by the league board in accordance with league policies
 - ii. The league board retains the authority to review potential violations and determine appropriate action based on the severity and circumstances of the situation.

V. Player Selection

- 1. Nomination
 - a. Player nomination will be handled by the All Star Committee.
 - b. For the unsanctioned Rising Stars divisions, regular-season managers and coaches will be given a list of all eligible players and asked to vote for deserving players based on skill, sportsmanship, teamwork, and commitment.
 - c. For the sanctioned All Star 10U through 14U divisions, the nomination process will also include peer nomination.
- 2. Selection for evaluations
 - a. The players receiving the highest number of votes will be invited to participate in the All-Star evaluation process.
 - b. The previous year's All-Star players receive automatic invitations to evaluations.

- c. Managers will have at their discretion the option to invite 1-2 additional nominees to evaluations.
- d. In cases where there are eligible participants in multiple division (7U players in Coast and Farm, 8U players in Farm or Minors, 10U players in Minors and Majors, 12U players in Majors and Juniors) the All-Star Committee reserves the right to adjust the number of invited players from each division as necessary to ensure a competitive and balanced evaluation pool, taking into account differences in level of play and player distribution across divisions.
- e. The target number of invites to evaluations is between 14 and 20 players.

3. Evaluations

- a. Conducted through skills drills and/or live game simulations.
- b. Evaluators will include 2–3 regular season coaches or managers and one member of the All-Star Committee, none of whom may have a player participating in the evaluations, but who are ideally involved or familiar with that age group. The All-Star Committee will be responsible for selecting and approving all evaluators, and will attempt to select the evaluators based on experience, coaching standing, and objectivity.
- c. Criteria for selection: regular-season performance, evaluation results, prior performance, attitude, and positional needs.

4. Roster Selection Process

- a. Following the evaluation session, the evaluators will review the evaluation results and recommend a proposed All-Star roster based on player performance and overall team composition.
- b. The selected All-Star manager may choose to be part of the evaluator committee and provide input regarding roster construction, positional needs, and overall team balance. However, it is recommended that the manager abstain from roster formation.
- c. The final roster will be determined based on the evaluators' recommendation, with consideration of the manager's input, to ensure a fair and balanced selection process. However, roster decisions should primarily reflect the results of the evaluation process and season performance.
- d. At least three of the evaluators must agree on the roster. In cases where the evaluating committee is only three people, then two out of the three must agree.
- e. The evaluation scores must be considered but are not the sole determining factor to allow for positional needs.

5. Roster Composition

- a. Rosters must follow Little League International requirements (typically 12–14 players).
- b. Player age restrictions:
 - i. For the Rising Stars age groupings (7u-9u), all players must be of the league age of competition. (Voted upon by the DPLL Board of Directors in 2025, allowing exceptions only in the case of allowing players to stay with their previous Rising Star team, where applicable).
 - ii. For the All Star age groupings (10u and above), all players must be of the league age of competition or younger, but no younger than 8U per Little League guidelines.
- c. If any changes in the roster need to be made, the alternate player will be selected by the All Star Committee.
- d. Players will not be rostered onto more than one team per Rising Star / All Star Season (IE can not join another team if original teams duration ends).

VII. All Star Committee

1. The All-Star Committee shall consist of the Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator, Executive Vice President, and the Division Vice Presidents (Tee Ball, Coast, Farm, Minors, Majors, and Juniors).
2. Decisions of the All-Star Committee shall be made by a majority vote.
3. All-Star Committee members shall abstain from discussion and voting on any matter in which they have a conflict of interest, including when their own child is under consideration.

VIII. Fees & Financials

4. Participation in All-Stars requires a league-approved fee (amount set annually).
5. Scholarships or financial assistance are available and handled confidentially.

IX. Protest & Appeal Process

1. Grounds for Protest

- a. Eligibility concerns (age, residency, participation).
 - b. Alleged failure to follow selection procedures.
2. Process
 - a. Protest must be submitted in writing to the League President and All-Star Committee Chair within 48 hours of roster announcement.
 - b. The All-Star Committee and League President will review and issue a written decision.
3. Final Authority
 - a. The Board of Directors' decision is final and binding.

X. Certification & Oversight

1. The Board will certify that manager, coach, and player selections complied with this policy.
2. The Board reserves the authority to make adjustments in exceptional cases to uphold league values.

XI. Code of Conduct

1. All coaches, players, and families must adhere to the DPLL Code of Conduct.
2. Emphasis on sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect.
3. Representation of Dos Pueblos Little League in a positive manner is expected.

XI. Amendments & Publication

1. Amendments require Board approval.
2. This policy becomes effective upon adoption.
3. It will be posted on the league website and distributed to all managers, coaches, and families.