

Palo Alto Little League All-Star Selection Process

Palo Alto Little League Postseason Teams

Palo Alto Little League's postseason features two types of teams:

1. **Little League International All-Star Tournament Teams** – These teams compete for championships at multiple levels, with opportunities to advance through District 52, Section 3, Northern California, and beyond. Palo Alto may field:
 - **14u Intermediate All-Stars** – Eligible to advance through the World Series International Championship.
 - **13u Juniors All-Stars** – Eligible to advance through the World Series International Championship.
 - **12u All-Stars** – Eligible to advance through the World Series International Championship.
 - **11u All-Stars** – Eligible to compete up to the Northern California Championship.
 - **10u All-Stars** – Eligible to compete up to the Northern California Championship.
2. **District 52 Super Bowl Tournament Teams** – These teams compete in a single-elimination tournament among District 52 leagues. Palo Alto may field:
 - **Palo Alto Majors Super Bowl Team** (players from Majors or PCL Divisions)
 - **Palo Alto Minors Super Bowl Team** (players from the PCL Division)
 - **Palo Alto 9U Super Bowl Team** (Players LL9 and under) - New for 2026

For all All-Star teams, the Juniors, Majors, and PCL player agents, in collaboration with the league president and All-Star managers, will determine whether each team will have 12, 13, or 14 players.

Eligibility

To be eligible for an All-Star team, a player must:

- Participate in at least **8 regular season games**.
- Submit a completed All-Star Player Agreement by All-Star Player Participation Submission Deadline, **Friday, April 24, 2025**.
- Have no more than 3 unexcused absences (or a full week's worth of practices, whichever is greater) after **June 5**. Excessive unexcused absences, including missed scrimmages, will result in removal from the team. Excused absences include religious observances, documented medical issues, and academic obligations.
- Be available for the entirety of the **District 52 tournament**. An unexcused absence from a tournament game will result in removal from the team.
- Provide all required tournament documentation in a timely manner.

Selection Criteria

- Performance is evaluated **only for the current season**.
- Attitude, sportsmanship, and teamwork are key factors.
- Selection is a **reward** for an outstanding season and contributions to the Palo Alto Little League community—it is not guaranteed.
- Selection is **not** based on friendships or past All-Star participation.
- Parental behavior **does not** influence selection decisions.

Little League International All-Star Tournament Teams

13u and 14u All-Stars Selection Process (12-14 players each)

- The Juniors player agent, Managers, and Coaches will meet to discuss the qualifications of the player pool. Based on the pool of eligible players, they will decide whether to enter one or both of the tournaments, and then select players based on the above Criteria to assemble competitive team(s).

12u All-Stars Selection Process (12-14 players)

Player Vote

- All Majors players will vote for the **top six (6) eligible LL12-year-old players** who have completed and submitted the All-Star Player Agreement.
- The **top six (6) eligible vote recipients** will be automatically placed on the All-Star team.
- Players **cannot vote for teammates from their own Majors team.**

Managers' Vote

- Managers can optionally **nominate eligible 11-year-olds** to be included in the manager's ballot.
- A **manager's ballot** with the Major's eligible 12-year-olds and nominated eligible 11-year-olds will be sent out to the managers.
- Managers will **force-rank all players** on the ballot (e.g., if 25 players are listed, each will be ranked from 1 to 25, with 1 being the highest-ranked player).
- Players' **All-Star Scores** are determined by summing their rankings across all ballots, with the highest and lowest individual manager rankings removed.
- The 6 player-voted selections will be removed from the list.
- The remaining **top three (3) players** from the managers' ranking are automatically placed on the team. Please note, that in order for an **11-year-old** player to be selected, they **must be ranked in this group of top 3.**

Final Selection and Alternates

- The **next top 7 manager-voted players make up the Manager's Pool** and will be reviewed at a **Managers' Meeting**, where additional players may be nominated for inclusion into the Managers Pool by managers and included at the sole discretion of the Majors player Agent.
- The **Majors player agent, league president, and All-Star manager** will determine the final roster up to 12, 13, or 14 players.
- The players who are not selected from the Managers Pool will form the **alternate pool.**
- If a rostered player is unable to compete, the All-Star manager and player agent

may jointly select a replacement from the **alternate pool**.

- If the alternate pool is exhausted, a replacement may be chosen from players outside of the alternate pool depending on team needs and player availability.

Palo Alto 11u All-Stars (12-14 Players)

Managers of Majors teams will rank eligible LL 11-year-old Majors players. Each player's cumulative ranking score will determine their overall All-Star rank, with the highest and lowest individual scores removed (similar to the ranking process for 12-year-olds).

PCL Managers will have the opportunity to nominate any 11-year-old PCL players for consideration. If nominations are made, the PCL and Majors player agents will work together to determine an appropriate ranking for those players.

- Players ranked **#1 through #10** will be automatically placed on the 11u All-Star team.
- All other players will enter a pool of candidates to be discussed at an All-Star Managers' meeting, which will take place **after** Majors Managers submit their rankings and any nominated PCL players have been ranked.
- The league may choose to hold tryouts and use evaluation scores for all players being considered for the 11u All-Star team.

Palo Alto 10u All-Stars (12-14 Players)

- The League will hold tryouts and provide evaluation scores for all eligible players being considered for the 9- and 10-year-old All-Stars
- The All-Star manager and coaches in conjunction with the Majors and PCL player agents will select the players for the All-Star team. Both evaluations and in season performance may be considered in selecting the players.

District 52 Super Bowl Tournament Teams

The President, Majors player agent, and PCL player agent will meet after the All-Star Player Participation Submission Deadline, to evaluate the pool of eligible players for All-Star and Super Bowl tournament teams and will determine whether the league will assemble teams to compete in either of the Super Bowl tournaments. They may consult the managers and coaches from the Majors and PCL divisions to aid in their decision.

Palo Alto Majors Super Bowl All-Stars (12-14 players)

- Priority for the Majors Super Bowl teams will be given to those 12 year olds that were ranked in top 25 of the Majors' Managers' 12 year old ranking, but were not selected for the 12u Little League All-Star team. Players will then be chosen in the order they placed in the forced ranking. Players from PCL are eligible to be selected for the Majors Super Bowl All-Stars.
- If the above pool of players is exhausted, then the Manager and the Major's player agent will consider any All-Star eligible Majors players that have not been placed on an All-Star team and select the players to fill the remaining spots on the team. The All-Star Manager and Majors player agent will have discretion to decide whether to have a roster of 12, 13, or 14 players.
- Note players selected the Majors Super Bowl All-Star team may also be included in the alternate pool for the 12u, 11u, or 10u All Star team.

Palo Alto Minors Super Bowl All-Stars (12-14 players)

- Only players in the PCL division will be considered for the PCL Super Bowl All-Stars team.
- PCL Managers will force rank eligible PCL players from #1 through #30 ("PCL Manager Rankings"). Any player not appearing on a Manager's ranking will be assigned a ranking of 31 for that manager's rankings.
- The PCL Manager Rankings will be used to determine each eligible player's Super Bowl Rank, which is equal to the sum of the PCL Manager Rankings, with the lowest and highest rankings dismissed.
- The PCL player agent and PCL Managers will hold a meeting to discuss the PCL Super Bowl eligible players and determine whether to enter a team.
- The roster of the PCL Super Bowl team will be based solely on each player's PCL Super Bowl Rank. The PCL Super Bowl Manager and the PCL player agent will decide whether the team will have 12, 13, or 14 players, if a team is fielded at all.