



All Star Information & Outline:

As a league, Whitney Little League (WLL) strives to ensure the regular season offers as much opportunity to play and experience baseball as possible. The All-Star Season is a completely separate season from the regular season. It is an opportunity for a significantly higher level of play within the regional Little League system. Players will have a considerably higher level of commitment, and will receive an elevated level of instruction in order to compete against other Little League All-Star teams.

There are separate rules and guidelines for the Little League International Tournament. Many players will experience their first brushes with considerably better competition, failure, or sitting on the bench as opposed to possibly playing every inning as they may have during the regular season. Every player on the team roster shall participate for a minimum of six (6) consecutive defensive outs and one (1) at bat, unless the team has more than 12 players. In most cases this may be all the playing time they may get in a given game or throughout the tournament. This means that 3 to 4 players will be on the bench at all times and that 6 to 8 players will likely take turns sitting on the bench.

It is the intent of The WLL Board to field a team that will best represent our league in competition and character. WLL believes that it is important to include the players themselves in the selection process and that the process be transparent and fair to all kids. The players, managers and coaches vote for whom they feel should represent WLL based on performance during the regular season. This includes players who best represent WLL as athletes, teammates & Little Leaguers. To be eligible, a player must have played in 60% of all regular season games, be age eligible, and agree to the commitment as outlined below. The player then must register to be placed on the All-Star ballot. Simply being eligible for and registering for All Stars merely places the players name on the ballot. In no way does it reserve a spot on the All-Star team rosters. For those who are not selected for the team, the details regarding their candidacy shall be held in the strictest of confidence and SHALL remain private.

Registration shall take place on the league website in order for their name to be placed on the ballot.

All Star Commitment:

Each player & their respective family agrees and understands that simply registering for All Stars DOES NOT imply the player will automatically make the team. It simply means the family, and the player agree to the commitment as outlined, and the players name is placed on the ballot for consideration. WLL is striving to field the most competitive All Star team possible and assure that it is comprised of players and managers/coaches that represent the attitude and character that is demanded at Whitney

Little League. With this in mind, WLL wishes to involve only parents and players who are committed to the hard work and practice time that are required to participate at this level of competition. Tournament Players must bear in mind that their first commitment is to the All Star team. This means, if your child is selected, they WILL be expected to be present for EVERY scheduled game, unless excused by the All Star coaching staff, as well as attend & fully participate in a minimum of 80% of the scheduled practices. All-Star players are required to pay additional uniform fees if they are selected to a team. There may be additional volunteer assignments for families if your player is selected to a team. Depending on the success of the team, All-Stars can run deep into July, and beyond for the most successful teams. When declaring eligibility for All-Stars please consider other summer commitments and ensure you are available for the team the entire postseason. The player and parent commitment to All Stars must be a valid and solid commitment. If a player and their family make the commitment and later report they are unable to participate to the level as described, and previously committed to, the player may be removed from the roster by either the All Star coaching staff or the WLL Board

All-Star Teams:

All Star teams are assembled by the league age as defined by the Little League International Rulebook (green book). The WLL Board or the all-star committee may choose not to roster any divisional All Star team based on player participation in any division of play as defined below.

League age teams will be broken down as follows:

- Junior Division – Any player League age 12 to 14 with amateur status who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of the regular season games by the start of All Star Tournament Play in their respective District on a Little League baseball (Junior) Division team, with the exception of the school baseball season.
- 12 Year Old Division (Majors) – Any player League Age 10, 11 or 12 with amateur status who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of the regular season games by the start of All Star Tournament Play in their respective District on a Little League Baseball (Major) Division team, with the exception of the school baseball season.
- 8 to 10 Year Old Division (Minors) – Any player League Age 8, 9 or 10 with amateur status who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of the regular season games by the start of All Star Tournament Play in their respective Major or Minor Division team.
- 9 to 11 Year Old Division – Any player League Age 9, 10 or 11 with amateur status who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of the regular season games by the start of All Star Tournament Play in their respective Major or Minor Division team. This team will only be created if there enough participants to fill a minimum of 11 players after the 12 Year Old & 8 to 10 Year Old teams have been formed.

All Star Roster Selection Process:

1. Each rostered player in all WLL competitive divisions shall either register for all-star balloting after agreeing to the all-star commitment, or report to their respective manager that they will not be participating. All star registration shall open no later than the middle of the spring season and shall be completed no later than three (3) weeks prior to the completion of the spring season. All Star registration shall be completed online, or in person with an all-star committee member during an in person registration event. Once all-star registration has closed, the all-star committee, which shall consist of the league registrar, player agent & League president; shall confirm with each team manager to ensure each rostered player on their respective teams have either registered with the league for all-star balloting or has chosen not to within seven (7) days after registration is closed.

2. Once a list of eligible players has been created as outlined above for all star play by the all-star committee, a ballot shall be created with those players from the appropriate participating divisions by the registrar. A ballot will then be submitted to each registered player in their respective division no later than two (2) weeks prior to the end of the spring season. All registered players shall vote for four (4) players on their ballot in their respective division. The four (4) players, who tally the most votes, shall be automatically placed on their respective all-star team roster. The Player voting process shall be an independent anonymous and not have time constraints. This process is to be facilitated and directly overseen by the All Star committee. Each player ballot shall not include players on their own team, but shall only include eligible players on the opposing divisional teams in their respective divisions.

a. In the event the above described voting process results in any form a tie among more than four (4) players, the All Star manager and all-star committee shall determine the four (4) roster spots among those tied.

3. An additional 6 players will be voted on to each all-star team by the rostered managers and coaches of their respective division. This is to be conducted as follows:

a. The rostered Managers & Coaches of all competitive divisions shall all convene in private and nominate ten (10) players to be considered in the following sequence: Junior division, then the 12 year old roster then the 10-8 year old roster.

b. As previously stated, the 11 to 10 year old all-star team maybe rostered if enough participants are identified once the above rosters have been filled.

c. Any rostered manager or coach may nominate a player for their respective division group, with the exception of their own child.

i. Once the 12 year old all-star roster is determined, a division manager or coach may suggest an age eligible player for consideration to the 10-8 year old all-star roster if one exists from their respective division.

d. Each nomination shall be discussed and vetted by the voting body and the process will be facilitated by the player agent. Of the ten (10) nominations, six (6) players will be voted onto the All-Star roster by the respective divisional managers and coaches by a simple majority vote.

e. The remaining vacant All Star roster spots shall be determined and selected by the all-star coaching staff and approved by the WLL Board.

i. If an injury should occur to a player named on an All Star roster which precludes that player from maintaining the All Star commitment/agreement, the player may be replaced by the All Star coaching staff with a player who was nominated in the Manager & Coaches voting process. The injured player shall posthumously retain informal All Star team privileges (League awards & commendations).

ii. If a player who is rostered on a WLL all-star team and is later unable to participate for whatever reason, whether by injury, removal or change in obligation, the all-star fees will be fully reimbursed.