



FY2024-2025 All-Star and TOPS Commitment Policy

Policy	All-Star & TOPS Eligibility and Selection
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1. Policy Overview

Little Leagues select All-Star teams on an annual basis to participate in Little League International Sponsored Tournaments. The three groups that are selected for CHLL are: 10/11/12 Year-Old (Little League Baseball) Division, 9/10/11 Year-Old Division, and 8/9/10 Year-Old Division. Leagues within District 3 may also host a post season Tournament (Tournament of Players - TOPS) for 8 and 9 year olds with Local Rules.

Little League's objective during the regular season is to include all Players with a primary focus on skills development. In the post season, the focus shifts to a more limited number of Players selected to All-Star / Tournament teams for Tournament play. Tournament play introduces the challenge of competition with the primary focus being to advance in Tournament play. Positive sportsmanship is expected of Players, Coaches and all spectators during the regular and post seasons.

In All-Star Tournament Play, the mandatory play rules are different and vary depending on the roster size from a minimum of six outs in the field and one at bat to just one at bat and no field play required. It is the All-Star Manager's responsibility to field the best possible team, for the most innings, to win games and advance in the All-Star Tournaments.

This All-Star Policy was developed to be transparent to the CHLL community as to how CHLL selects its All-Star teams. As summarized below, CHLL's All-Star Player and Manager selection process is a collaborative effort between the All-Star Committee, CHLL's Board, regular season Managers and a Player vote (Majors and Minors only). In addition, regular season performance statistics are considered.

The All-Star Committee will identify and recommend the All-Star Players and Managers to the CHLL Board for the ultimate responsibility of approval.

All rules that pertain to All-Star Tournament play at any level that are outlined by Little League Baseball, Inc., either in the Official Regulations & Playing Rules, the Operations Manual, or any other Official Publication, will supersede any policy. The following policy outlines the eligibility and selection criteria for Players and Managers and the selection process for both.

2. Player Eligibility

- A. A Player must have played in at least 8 of the scheduled games during the season to be eligible (i.e. a Player who joined the team mid-season, or who was ill or injured and did not play in at least 8 of the games, would not be eligible). The league may make exceptions for injuries that are verified by a doctor's note and were the reason for games missed.
- B. Parents and Players must sign the "All-Star Commitment Form" prior to a Player being considered for the All-Star team. Parents and Players must commit to be available for practices and games from May 15th through July 31 for at least District, State and Regional Play. Please note that if any Team advances beyond these tournaments the practices and games will continue throughout August until the Little League World Series.
- C. A Player must not have two or more formal disciplinary actions during the season (i.e. ejected from a game by an Official for unsportsmanlike conduct or benched by a Manager for unsportsmanlike conduct). The Division Coordinator will ensure that this rule is strictly enforced. Removal due to accidental bat throwing is not a disciplinary action.
- D. The Parent's code of conduct applies throughout the season including playoffs and All-Star Tournaments. A

violation of the Parent's code of conduct may be grounds for a Player to be ineligible for selection.

E. Ages / division experience:

- 1) 10/11/12 Year-Old (Little League Baseball) Division All-Star Team – must have played on a Majors team during current season and must be league age 10, 11 or 12.
- 2) 9/10/11 Year-Old Division All-Star Team – must be league age 9, 10 or 11 during the season.
- 3) 8/9/10 Year-Old Division All-Star Team – must be league age 8, 9 or 10 during the season.
- 4) TOPS – must be league age 8 or 9 during the season and not selected to any All-Star Team

NOTE: A Player may be considered for more than one of the above teams, but, except in special circumstances, a Player may only play on one team.

F. Mandatory documentation requirements due upon request by CHLL include but may not be limited to:

- 1) A valid original birth certificate AND
- 2) Three proofs of residency within league boundaries OR
- 3) Approved school boundary waiver OR
- 4) District Administrator approved II(d) waiver

3. Specific All-Star Teams

- A. CHLL's Board of Directors will determine the number and division of the All Star Teams that CHLL will field in any given year.
- B. CHLL may field All-Star teams in the following age groups at the conclusion of the regular season:
 - 1) 10/11/12 Year Old (Little League Baseball) All-Star Team
 - 2) 9/10/11 Year-Old All-Star Team
 - 3) 8/9/10 Year-Old All-Star Team
 - 4) Tournament of Players (TOPS)
- C. Composition of Teams
The number of players on each All-Star Team shall be determined during the selection process by the All-Star Selection Committee (see Committee composition below) with the number ranging from 11-14.
- D. Statement of Purpose/Obligation of All-Star Managers
The goal of the All-Star Managers is to manage All-Star teams at each age group for the purpose of winning as many games as possible in the All-Star Tournaments while creating a positive experience for all Players. It is the obligation and responsibility of the All-Star Manager at each age group to manage the group of Players selected by CHLL to achieve the goal of advancing as far as possible in a positive and confidence building environment.

4. All-Star Selection Committees

- A. All-Star Selection Committees shall be formed for each age group's All-Star team and shall be comprised of some or all of the following persons:
 - 1) President
 - 2) Vice-President
 - 3) Treasurer
 - 4) Secretary
 - 5) Division Coordinators
 - 6) Player Agent
 - 7) Coaching Coordinator
 - 8) Board Member
- B. Conflict of Interest: Any CHLL Board Member or Committee member who is also a candidate for an All-Star Manager or Coach position may not vote in the specific election in which he/she is a candidate or be present for any discussion debate on his/her candidacy. Any person (excluding the President) with a Player under consideration for an All-Star Team or TOPS may not be a member of the All-Star Committee for the team that the Player is under consideration.
- C. Commitment Forms

- 1) Every Player, Manager and Coach who desires to be eligible for selection onto an All-Star team must sign an All-Star Commitment Form which will be distributed to the Players in the league prior to the conclusion of the regular season. The Commitment Form must be returned by the specified date.
- 2) Any Player, Manager and Coach who cannot adhere to the commitment requirements may be considered for eligibility to be selected for an All-Star team on a case by case basis by a majority vote of the All-Star Selection Committee of the appropriate age group.

5. All-Star Managers and Coaches Selection

A. Qualifications

- 1) Candidates for Manager and Coaches of All-Star teams must sign Commitment forms and fulfill Little League requirements. The Commitment form is due back by the date specified with commitment requiring that Managers and Coaches will be available for all (or as approved by CHLL All-Star Selection Committee) practices and games from May 15 through July 31 (or until the team completes Tournament play). Each candidate shall declare which age group(s) he/she is available to serve as a Manager or Coach.
- 2) The Manager and Coaches of all All-Star teams will be selected from the qualified Managers and Coaches in the Majors or Minors division. Managers may be asked to attend an interview with the All-Star Selection Committee.
- 3) League Presidents may be eligible to be selected as Tournament team Manager or Coach with written approval from their respective District Administrator.

B. All-Star Manager Selection Process

- 1) The All-Star Selection Committee for the 10/11/12 Year-Old (Little League Baseball), 9/10/11 Year-Old, 8/9/10 Year-Old and TOPS All-Star Teams shall, by majority vote, after discussion, select the Managers of these All-Star Teams.
- 2) A pool of Coaches will then be selected from the remaining pool of candidates by the CHLL All-Star Committee and following player selection, the Manager will nominate 2 Coaches to the CHLL All-Star Committee for approval.
- 3) The All-Star Selection Committee shall, by majority vote, after discussion, approve the nominations submitted by the Managers for the available Coaching positions (2 per team).

6. All-Star Team Player Selection Process

The selection of Players for All-Star teams will be the final decision of the All-Star Committee and can utilize input from various sources including, but not limited to: Player vote (Majors and Minors), Manager rankings and season statistics.

- A. Majors Players and Majors Managers will vote for a specified number of Players in their division of play. The ballot for the Players vote will include all eligible players from the Majors Divisions. All ballots will be returned to the President or designated representative on a specified voting night. Ballot voting will request:
 - 1) Managers to rank their players in the respective league age group and/or division.
 - 2) Players to select (no ranking) 5 players from their division on each Team.
- B. CHLL understands that Little League International has a stated preference to include as many Players as possible in the All-Star experience and has adjusted rules in recent years to make this more accommodating to managing successful teams.
- C. A selection meeting will be held with the All-Star Selection Committee to select all teams:
 - 1) For the 10/11/12 Year-Old (Little League Baseball) All-Star team, the top 4 Players from the Majors Player's vote (% of ballots named) will be added to the 10/11/12 Year-Old (Little League Baseball) All-Star Team. If there is a tie for 4th place, the Manager will recommend the tie breaker to the All-Star Committee for final approval.
 - 2) Regular season Managers from the Majors and Minors divisions may be asked to present their eligible Players to the Committee to discuss their season performance (observed and statistical), skill sets and which team they would help the best. Managers are required to make all season statistics available to the committee and to bring those to the selection meeting.
 - 3) Based on all of the above input, the All-Star Selection Committee will then select the remaining Players for the Majors team and Players for the other team(s).
 - 4) The All-Star and TOPS Managers will then make a recommendation for the final roster size (12, 13 or 14) and the names of the final Players (depending upon roster size) to the Committee for review and

approval.

- D. The All-Star Committee will be responsible for reviewing all input and recommendations to make the final selection and approval of the teams. All decisions from the All-Star Committee will be final.

7. Removal of a Tournament Player

- A. The All-Star Manager has the right to remove a Player from the All-Star team, only under certain circumstances. The Manager should establish and distribute to all Players those rules that pertain to his team. Failure of a Player to conform to these rules can be grounds for removal from the team.
- B. Violation of the parent's code of conduct by a parent may be grounds to remove a Player from his team.
- C. Should a Manager feel it necessary to remove a Player from the team he must inform the League President, Division Coordinator, and Board of Directors in writing. The Manager shall list all pertinent details, and reasons for requesting removal. Upon review and approval by the CHLL All-Star Committee, a member of the Committee will notify the Manager. The Division Coordinator and/or Manager will inform the Player.

8. Family Volunteer Commitment

Each season Cactus Horizon Little League offers to host one or more tournaments. A part of the commitment process is for the families of Players on any All-Star team to volunteer their services for at least one game during hosted tournaments at CHLL fields. This may include: scorekeeping, pitch count, concessions or field setup / cleanup. After teams are announced a volunteer signup process will begin with each family signing up for a minimum of one game.

9. Fees

A \$150 fee will be requested from each Player selected to the All-Star Team to cover costs of uniforms, tournament fees, field rental fees and associated expenses (specific items to be determined). Additional All-Star related items may be available for purchase to Players and families (prices to be determined when available). A \$75 fee for Players in the TOPS tournament will also be requested. Consistent with Little League policy, the inability to pay these fees will not prohibit a player from participating on the All-Star team.

10. President's Vote

In any situation that calls for a vote by either the entire CHLL Board of Directors or a committee thereof and the original vote (which includes the President's vote) results in a tie, then the President's vote shall be the tie breaking vote.

11. Selection Criteria

Players and Managers are selected based on criteria that allows for the best possible representation of Cactus Horizon Little League in the All-Star tournaments. Selection criteria are based not only on performance but on character, commitment and team dynamics.