



Northeast Seattle Little League Baseball All Stars



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OVERVIEW

Little League All Stars is an opportunity for highly skilled players to develop their skills, meet new friends, represent their community, and experience a competitive and well-run tournament. Players improve with additional practices and playing with and against the finest baseball players in the District. There is no additional registration fee for participating on an All Star team. The Little League All Star Tournament is an exciting and memorable experience and opportunities exist for many ages. Participants of the following league ages are considered eligible for the specified teams:

- The 8/10 Team: 8, 9 and 10-year-olds who played in the NESLL Major, National or American
- The 9/11 Team: 9, 10 and 11-year-olds who played in NESLL Major or National Divisions
- Major Division Team: 11 and 12-year-olds who played in the NESLL Major Division
- Junior Division Team: All ages who played Juniors for NESLL
- Senior Division Team: All ages who played Seniors for NESLL

Players, managers and coaches are selected for the team in accordance with NESLL Board policy, which can be reviewed on our website www.nesll.net. All interested and eligible players must submit this All Star Application Form as described below.

ELIGIBILITY

1. All Applicants must reside within the boundaries of Northeast Seattle Little League or have been granted out of boundary waivers by District 8.
2. All Applicants must have played in at least sixty percent (60%) of the regular season games the players' team played.
3. All Applicants must be available for all practices, practice games, District Tournament and State Tournament, or through August 31 for Major Division team (see the detailed schedule below).

QUALITY

All Star players exhibit the following qualities:

- Exemplifies good sportsmanship and team spirit when winning or losing
- Demonstrates the highest and most consistent ability to execute the fundamental skills of the game
- Demonstrates commitment to an intensive schedule of practice and games throughout the entire tournament period
- Often skilled at more than one position

SCHEDULE

Player Selection and Practice

All Star teams are selected and will be announced after the Championship Saturday. Practices may begin immediately following the announcement and will continue during the All Star season. Practice generally runs 5 to 6 days per week for approximately 2 hours and also in the weekend for practice games leading up to the tournament.

District 8 (D8) Tournament

Please see the attached district tournament schedule. Each team will participate in a District 8 double elimination All Star tournament. Games can be any evening during the week or anytime on a Saturday or Sunday.

State/Regional Tournament

The winning teams of each tournament advance to the State Tournament; this is the highest level in which the 8/10 and 9/11 year-old teams advance. Please see the attached district tournament schedule. Other divisions can continue to advance through the regional tournament all the way to the Little League World Series. Regional tournaments the Little League World Series runs through August.



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SELECTION PROCESS

Please note that no player will automatically make an All Star Team. Submitting the All Star application does not mean that players are assured of a position on one of the teams; it simply lets the league know that the players wish to be considered and will commit to being available throughout the practices and games during All Star Season. All Star player selection is independent from the All Star Manager/Coach selection. All Star Manager/Coach cannot assure any player of a position in the All Star team.

Players are selected to the All Star team as described below.

Prior to the announcement of the All Star teams, regular season managers meet in person and select most of the players for each All Star team. The selection process is consensus-based and is facilitated by the Player Agent in accordance with Little League Rules and NESLL Local Rules. The objective is to fairly and impartially select the most skilled, available and competitive team possible to represent NESLL in tournament play. Selection is conducted in a manner that preserves the confidentiality of the decision-making process and best serves the interests of fair and impartial selection.

Generally, the Player Agent compiles a list of All Star applicants. Managers then rate and rank order the applicants. The Player Agent calculates the managers' rankings and uses these rankings to facilitate a discussion. The process is somewhat analogous to the selection of the NCAA Basketball Tournament teams. The most debate is about players or teams on the "bubble." NESLL managers usually achieve unanimity on the top 6-8 players, but there is much debate about who should fill the next 5-7 slots.

Forming the All Star teams is a difficult task. Some players are better at hitting, others at fielding and others at pitching. Adding to the variance, a player may have a great game against one team, a poor game against another team, and play another team once or not at all because of rainouts or cancellation. Please be assured that the managers, with the assistance of the Player Agent, conscientiously strive to fairly and objectively select the best possible team.

Major (11/12 Year Old) and 9/11 All Star Team

Using the consensus-driven process described above the regular season Major Division managers select the players for each of these two All Star teams (Majors and 9/11s). The Player Agent facilitates a meeting of Major Division Managers and use a "rating and ranking" process to select players for the team. After the 10th All Star player is chosen, the appointed All Star Manager of each team may advise the managers on positions not adequately represented in the chosen player list (if any); the managers then select the final two (2) to four (4) players for the team. All Star Managers appointed in early May will visit games and watch the applying players in game situations.

8/10 Year old All Star Team

All 8 and 10 year-old players are eligible, regardless of which Division they played in during the regular season. However, players are typically selected from the Major and National Division. It is rare for an American Division player to be selected. [Majors Division managers can select any players regardless of their age, who played in the Majors Division for Major or 9/11 All Star Team.](#)

The Player Agent then facilitates a meeting of National Division Managers and use a "rating and ranking" process to select players for the 8/10 All Star Team. Using the consensus-driven process described above the regular season managers select the players for the team. After the 10th All Star player is chosen, the appointed All Star Manager advises the managers on positions not adequately represented in the chosen player list; the managers then select the final two (2) to four (4) players for the team. All Star Managers appointed in early May will visit games and watch the applying players in game situations.

SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Selected All Star players will likely be notified on Monday, June 12th.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE FIRST TWO (2) PAGES BEFORE YOU START THE PLAYER APPLICATION FORM ON PAGES 3 & 4.



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All Star Player Application Form

Last name	First name	Gender
Address	City	Zip Code
E-mail	League Age	Birth Date
Day Phone	Evening Phone	Mobile Phone
Regular Season Division:	Regular Season Team	Coach

PLAYER COMMITMENT

If I am selected this will be my highest athletic priority and I will attend any All Star practice, practice game or tournament game rather than another sporting event whether it be select baseball and basketball, soccer, swimming or any other sport.

DISCLOSURE OF ANY OTHER SPORTS COMMITMENT

1. Will you play any select or other sport this summer (e.g., select baseball, select basketball, select soccer or swimming)?
2. If so, identify the sport and the team:
3. If so, will you and your parents notify the coaches of your other teams that All Star Baseball is your first priority this summer and you will attend any All Star game, practice or practice game in the case of any conflict? [If your answer is anything other than "YES", please explain.]
4. While my All Star Team may not advance through District to State or Regional tournaments, I agree not to schedule vacation, summer camps, sporting events (select sports or Hoopfest) or other activities that will interfere with my ability to attend practices and games during the tournament period. If you cannot commit to the entire tournament period (from the player selection announcement through end of the baseball All Star season or August 31st for Major Division team), list all dates which you are not available below.

Day or Period	Reason for Unavailability

5. **Failure to attend any All Star event (whether practice or game) due to an undisclosed conflict may be grounds for suspension from the All Star team.**
6. I understand that if selected, I may play a position that is not my preferred position and I may play one (1) at bat per game. If that is the decision of my manager and coaches, I will accept that decision without complaint.

Player Candidate Signature: _____ Date: _____



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PARENT COMMITMENT:

1. I have read and understand the All Star Selection Process as explained in pages 1 and 2 of this document, and I have discussed it with my All Star Team candidate. He or she has also read and understands the selection process.
2. My All Star Team applicant lives within the boundaries of Northeast Seattle Little League or has been granted an out of boundary waiver by District 8.
3. I hereby grant approval for my child to participate in all tournament activities and agree to make my child available for all activities throughout the District 8 tournament and all subsequent tournaments for which the All Star Team qualifies.
4. I understand that failure to attend any All Star event (whether practice or game) due to an undisclosed conflict may be grounds for suspension from the All Star team.
5. I understand that while the chances of the All Star Team advancing through District, State and Regional levels are remote, I agree to not schedule vacation or other activities that will interfere with my child's ability to attend practices and games during the tournament period. If my child also plays select baseball, select soccer, select basketball (including Hoopfest), swimming or any other sport from the All Star player selection announcement until the end of the All Star season, I will advise the other coach that the NESLL All Star Team is the highest athletic priority and in the case of conflict, my child will participate in the NESLL All Star events.
6. I understand that NESLL only funds team tournament fees, pins, uniforms and required baseball equipment, but does not reimburse for other related expenses, including personalized uniforms and jackets, hotel and travel. If my child becomes unavailable for any reason, other than short-term illness, I understand that his/her position on the team roster may be forfeited.
7. I understand that if selected, my child may play a position that is not his or her preferred position and may play one (1) at bat per game. I have discussed this possibility with my child so that he or she will be prepared to accept the manager and coaches' decision without complaint.
8. I understand that if I have two children eligible for the same All Star, there is a very real probability that only one of my children may be chosen as a result of the Qualities outlined on page 1. I agree that if only one of my children is chosen to participate in All Stars, the selected child will fully meet the All Star commitments as outlined above.
9. I understand that if selected, I will participate and commit to volunteer NESLL hosting All Star tournament, as assigned by the league. **For this year, NESLL is hosting a District tournament.** Please see the attached district tournament schedule.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Little League Tournament Schedule 2018

District 8 WA Little League Tournaments (Tentative)

	Division	Start Date	End Date	Hosting League
BASEBALL	8/10 Baseball	6/23	7/2	Ballard
	9/11 Baseball	6/30	7/9	North Lake
	Little League Baseball	7/7	7/16	Northeast Seattle
	Junior Baseball	7/2	7/9	Shoreline
SOFTBALL	8/10 Softball	6/25	7/3	Queen Anne
	9/11 Softball	7/7	7/10	Queen Anne
	Little League Softball	6/16	6/26	North Bothell
	Junior Softball	6/16	6/26	North Bothell

WA State Little League Tournament Schedule (Tentative)

	Division	Start Date	Hosting District
BASEBALL	8/10 Baseball	7/7	District 1
	9/11 Baseball	7/14	District 7
	Little League Baseball	7/21	District 11
	Junior Baseball	7/14	District 12
SOFTBALL	8/10 Softball	7/7	District 13
	9/11 Softball	7/14	District 8
	Little League Softball	6/30	District 4
	Junior Softball	6/30	District 2