

2019 TOURNAMENT (“ALL-STAR”) INFORMATION

Each year, Joplin Little League enters “All-Star” teams play in the annual Little League tournaments against other Little Leagues in the same age division. It is a lot of fun, players get as much if not more baseball instruction as they did in the regular season, and there is only a minimal \$20 additional participation fee required for your child to participate. *(JLL covers the uniform cost, and parents cover the cost of the fitted hat.)*

JLL is required to field separate American and National Division All-Star teams for each age group that uses divisional play (Majors and Minors). Our league’s priority is to put the most competitive team on the field for both divisions. Since there are likely more applicants than roster spots, applicants are not guaranteed to be selected. Applying lets the league know you are interested in playing and have met and understand the criteria for playing. JLL uses a voting-based selection process. In addition to the vote, all players must meet residency and age requirements and must provide documentation once named to a team as well as the percentage of regular season games played. Please see those sections below.

Teams are based on age and regular season division. JLL will field two teams each for 8/9/10’s and Majors (10/11/12), and one Senior League team.

The commitment for All-Stars is more intense than the regular season. It could continue until late July for 8/9/10’s or August for Majors and Senior League teams if they continue to advance. All players are expected to attend as many practices and games as possible. Practice schedules are pending but could be up to 5 days a week, beginning as early as June 1. District tournaments start approximately June 24 for Senior League and July 8 for Majors and end approximately 2 weeks later. The winner of the District Tournament goes to the State Tournament (all divisions). The State Tournament can be anywhere in the State and will end approximately July 31st. The winning team at State (Majors and above only), may advance to Regionals, Sectionals, and the Little League World Series in August. There are no “set” dates or times for the games, as each tournament is double elimination. Win or loss determines your next game time. There may be travel involved within or out of state. While the league set aside limited funds to help defer the cost, there may be some out of pocket expenses, as well as fundraisers if additional money is needed. Players may also be responsible for providing proper uniform pants.

With exceptions for players participating in high school baseball and those with approved Medical Waivers, players must have played at least 60% of the season on a regular Joplin Little League team in order to qualify to play All Stars. Players must meet all eligibility criteria established by Little League International. Joplin Little League is required to confirm eligibility by obtaining residence eligibility and proof of age documentation from each player. It is absolutely critical that we get this from each player as soon as players are named to teams, or the team could be disqualified.

To be included on the voting ballot for an All-Star team: Submit a completed and signed (player and parent) 2019 All-Star Application and a signed Parent Pledge, found on page 6 and 7, respectively, of this document.

RESIDENCE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Players must reside within the boundaries of Joplin Little League OR attend a school whose physical location is within the boundaries of the League.

OPTION #1 (easiest option for most people):

If you attend a school within the Joplin Little League boundary, the easiest way to document your residence eligibility is via the official **"Little League School Enrollment Verification Form."** If you complete this form you do NOT need to provide any other documents for residency verification. *(If you already completed this form prior to or at the beginning of this season, we should have it on file, and you do not need to do it again unless your school enrollment has changed.)* This form **MUST** be signed by a principal or administrator of the school that you attend to be valid.

OPTION #2 (more involved option):

If you do not attend a school within the Joplin Little League boundary, you will need one document from each **GROUP** below, which must be submitted to the Player Agent as evidence of the player meeting this requirement.

- **Check that the paperwork is issued within the dates below and the address is listed on the paper as well as the parent's name.**
- If your player has multiple households in JLL boundaries, please **make sure that all documents come from the same address.**
- Please make sure if school records are part of your documentation, you live within the boundary as well. If you do not live within JLL boundaries, please see the Player Agent right away.

Documents must be dated between February 1, 2018 and February 1, 2019. Documents dated after February 1, 2019, will not be accepted. Those that do not have the address or names printed will also be rejected.

Group I

1. Driver's License
2. School records
3. Vehicle records
4. Employment records
5. Insurance documents

Group II

1. Welfare/childcare records
2. Federal records
3. State records
4. Local (municipal) records
5. Support payment records
6. Homeowner or tenant records
7. Military records

Group III

1. Voter's Registration
2. Utility Bills (i.e. gas, electric, water/sewer, phone, mobile phone, heating, water disposal)
3. Financial records
4. Medical Records
5. Internet, cable or satellite TV records

PROOF OF AGE REQUIREMENTS

The best acceptable proof of age document is a CERTIFIED copy of the birth certificate, or birth registration card with seal. Passports, foreign or domestic, will NOT be accepted. Certified copies or originals only will be accepted. Players must provide a certified copy of the Birth Certificate each year for review by Missouri District 2, even if they provided it in prior years. This will be returned to you at the end of the Tournament Season. Photocopies are not acceptable. If you are not able to obtain one of these documents, contact the Player Agent as soon as possible for a listing of acceptable alternatives.

This information will be gathered up by your team's All Star manager and delivered to the player agent. If you have any questions, please ask your coach or call the Player Agent, Becca White, 417-483-0746 or playeragent@joplinlittleleague.org.

VOTING PROCESS

All voting will take place using paper ballots. One Senior League team ballot will be distributed to the manager of each Senior League team, one Majors team ballot will be distributed to the manager of each Majors team, and one 10u team ballot will be distributed to the managers of each Minors team. Managers and Assistant Coaches are to confer on player ballots before each Manager returns his ballot. Managers may vote for no more than 13 candidates. There is no minimum to the number of votes per ballot, and managers/coaches may vote for players on their own regular season team.

Senior League players will each receive a Senior League ballot, and Majors players will also each receive a Majors ballot, and these players will have the opportunity to vote during this period. They may vote for no more than 13 candidates, including themselves and teammates.

All ballots will be submitted to the League President and/or Player Agent. Every Senior League, and Majors player and every Senior League, Majors, and Minors Manager gets one ballot. Votes for the Senior League and Majors teams will be weighted 34% for the players' vote and 66% for the Managers' vote. Votes for the 10u team will be 100% from managers. Votes will be counted by the JLL President, Player Agent, respective Division commissioners, and the All-Stars Coordinator.

Any ballot returned with more than 13 votes will be thrown out and not counted.

Each All-Star team will be created by the combination of the 10 "voted" players and 2-4 "manager selection" players as follows:

1. The Senior League All-Star team will be the top ten voted candidates from the Senior League team ballot and two to four Manager selections. Manager selections may be any candidate ranked between 11th and 15th place on the Senior League weighted results. Manager selections are subject to Board approval that this process was properly followed.

2. The Majors All-Star team will be the top ten voted candidates from the Majors team ballot and two to four Manager selections. Manager selections may be any candidate ranked between 11th and 15th place on the Majors weighted results. Manager selections are subject to Board approval that this process was properly followed.
3. The 10u All-Star team will be the top 10 voted candidates from the 10u team ballot, and two to four manager selections. Manager selections may be any candidate ranked between 11th and 15th place on the 10u weighted results. Manager selections are subject to Board approval that this process was properly followed.
4. If a vacancy arises, and the manager decides to fill it, the manager must pick from within the top 15 places. Choosing the next highest ranked player is encouraged. Replacement players will be subject to Board approval.
5. The manager may not terminate a player's participation without approval of the Board.
6. Tie-breaker: In the event there is no difference in the weighted tally among multiple players spanning the top ten, the results of the players' vote will break the tie.

Voting results are considered confidential. All voting ballots will be destroyed after they are tallied and reviewed by the the All-Star Coordinator, Player Agent, President, and Division commissioner. The President, at his sole discretion, may share voting results with respective All-Star managers if this information is requested by the manager to assist with manager player selections, and the President deems this information will be reasonably helpful. The President reserves the right to deny access to All Star team voting results to any person for any reason as defined by the President.

MANAGER SELECTION

The managers of the All-Star teams must be regular season managers or coaches from their respective divisions. To be eligible for manager, the candidate must have a child ranked in the top 13 vote-getters in their division or must not have a child eligible for JLL All-Stars. A regular season manager or coach wishing to apply for All-Star Manager will notify the President personally or via email by May 24. The All-Star Managers will be decided by votes from the managers and parents in their respective divisions and by decision of the Manager Selection Committee as follows:

1. Managers of their respective divisions will have one vote each to cast for All-Star Manager.
 - a. Managers will vote within their own division
 - b. Managers may vote for themselves
2. Parents of All-Star player candidates will have one vote to cast for an All-Star manager candidate for their child's division (prior to team selections).

DEADLINE: MAY 24, 2019

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- a. Parents will receive the All-Star Manager ballot by email. The parent submitting the application for their child will receive the manager ballot and is encouraged to confer with the other parent.
 - b. Parents who are also All-Star Manager candidates will not receive a parent voting ballot and will vote only as managers as described above.
 - c. Any ballot with more than one selection will be disqualified.
3. The Manager Selection Committee will use the results of the Manager and Parent vote to inform their decision on the All-Star Manager selection.
- a. The All-Star committee will be made up of the League President, Division Commissioner, Player Agent, and Umpire-in-Chief or an alternate board member.

ASSISTANT COACH SELECTION

All-Star managers will select Assistant Coaches from among managers and coaches in their respective divisions. To be eligible for Assistant Coach, a candidate must have a child ranking in the top 15 players from the All-Star Team selection process or must not have a child eligible for JLL All-Stars.

FINAL CERTIFICATION BY THE BOARD

Votes will be tallied and documented. The All-Stars Coordinator will present the selection results to the JLL Board for certification that the process outlined above has been followed and both player and manager votes are valid.

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The JLL Board will designate a time to announce the All-Star Teams in conjunction with a date specified by Little League International. All-Star Managers, coaches, and players for each All-Star Team will be listed on the JLL website and Facebook page.

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2019 ALL-STAR APPLICATION

Player Application for Little League Tournament Team

Joplin Little League

Please read the All-Star information in this document, then complete this form and sign the applications. Applications and parent pledge should be turned into Player Agent Becca White via email (playeragent@joplinlittleleague.org) or in person by the end of the day **May 24, 2019**.

Player Information	
Full Name	Nickname(s)
Date of Birth	League Age
Parent/Guardian Phone Number	Parent/Guardian Email Address
Regular Season Division	Regular Season Coach
Parent Name(s)	
Possible Conflicts (practices and tournament games)	

League age: <http://tinyurl.com/LeagueAge>

I, the player named above, am eligible to play for Joplin Little League based on my address or school attendance. I have participated in 60% or more of the regular season games for my division, named above. If named to the All-Star team, I understand that I need to be available for all practices, that may begin as early as June 1st, as well as all District 2 All-Star Tournament games. This is a double elimination tournament with a guarantee of 2 games, hopefully more in July. Should the team go on to State, or farther, I will be available to play at each tournament thereafter as my team advances. I also understand that if I play in any other organized sports during this time, my commitment to Joplin Little League, my teammates, and my coaches comes first.

I personally promise to support my team by playing to my best ability at all times and by always being positive and respectful towards my teammates. I will respect the coaches, umpires, and the opposing team.

_____	_____
Player Printed Name	Player Signature
_____	_____
Parent Printed Name	Parent Signature

Date	

PARENT PLEDGE

By my signature below, I give my consent for _____ to become a candidate for selection to an All-Star Tournament team. I have read and countersigned the application of the player and confirm the availability for practices and ALL game times.

I have read "2019 All-Star Information." I will promptly provide all required documentation if my child is selected.

My player has no scheduled vacations, other sports, camps, or any other commitments that will interfere with their attendance at practices and ALL games. My player is available for practices beginning as early as June 1st and all games beginning as early as June 24th through July 18th or beyond if my team goes to regional, sectional, or World Series tournaments. All-Star Tournaments are double elimination. The commitment ends when the team has lost two games. The team who wins District 2 goes on to State. Winners of Missouri State Major and Senior Division tournaments go on to play in Regional and World Series tournaments.

I understand that the goal is to win the tournament. Playing time in tournament play is at the manager's discretion as governed by Little League rules. I understand that my child may play positions other than those played during the regular season. I understand that my child may not play as much as during regular season.

I understand the tournament start dates differ for each division each year. For 2019, tournament start dates vary from from June 24 to July 8. This will affect when the commitment will be completed. I will contact the league or my coach if conflicts arise.

I have read the Joplin Little League Code of Conduct. I understand and make the further commitment that if my child becomes a member of the team, I will give my child's coaches full control of my child during games and practices. I will not at any time criticize or argue with the coaches, umpires, or any tournament official. If I have a grievance concerning the tournament team conduct, I will immediately take it to the Player Agent, President, or the Joplin Little League Board of Directors.

I understand and agree that any violation of these rules by me, other family members, or by someone attending with me may result in the violator's removal from further attendance at any All-Star Game or Practice.

Parent / Guardian _____ Date: _____

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