

8.0 Tournament Teams

Atlee Little League is committed to making the All-Star (District 5 and Invitational), selection process as transparent, accountable and inclusive as possible. In all circumstances, the League will attempt to field teams for all post season eligible divisions. If for some reason a team cannot be fielded, then this decision must be voted on and approved by majority vote of the Atlee Board of Directors.

8.1 All-Star Executive Committee

The All-Star selection process will be managed for each division by its All-Star Executive Committee. The All-Star Executive Committee will consist of three voting members and a record-keeper:

- The voting members will consist of the following individuals
 - The VP of Baseball (Or Softball)
 - The All-Star Director
 - Respective Division Directors for all D5/Invitational eligible divisions
- The record-keeper will be the League Secretary or their proxy. Their role will be to keep accurate notes of all proceedings
- For example – for Majors All-Star baseball teams, the All-Star Executive Committee would consist of the following individuals:
 - The VP of Baseball
 - The All-Star Director
 - The Majors Baseball Division Director
 - The record keeper (non-voting)
- For example – for Majors All-Star softball team, the All-Star Executive Committee would consist of the following individuals:
 - The VP of Softball
 - The All-Star Director
 - The Majors Softball Division Director
 - The record keeper (non-voting)
- In cases in which there is a conflict of interest, the member will recuse themselves: and, the Atlee Little League Board will select a replacement committee member. Reasons for recusal will include:
 - The committee members has a child playing in the division under consideration

8.2 All league players of the appropriate age, who have met eligibility requirements per the Little League rulebook will be eligible, including those players who have played up into a higher age division.

8.2a The parent/guardian of any player wishing to be considered for the All-Star teams must declare by June 1st. Atlee will provide a form to parents/guardians by May 1st, to complete in order to declare their interest. The parent/guardian(s) declaration is no guarantee that said child will be chosen for their respective division All-Star team. Atlee will provide notifications to parents/guardian of all deadlines.

8.3 All-Star Manager Selection

The All-Star Executive Committee will have the deciding vote on the final list of managers and coaches.

- A) Any regular season manager/coach interested in managing the All-Star or tournament team in their respective age group, must declare their intention to their Division Director by June 1st of the current season.

- B) No manager or coach shall miss more than three (3) practices and no games for the duration of the tournament unless ill or injured. A form letter must be signed by all managers and coaches stating that they understand this requirement. All practice schedules will be drawn up by the team manager in conjunction with the Atlee All-Star Executive Committee. All practices that are scheduled will be considered mandatory.
- C) **Manager selection:**
- All managers in all divisions will be selected using the same process
 - The All-Star Executive Committee will interview manager candidates starting on or about June 1st.
 - Any manager or coach from the Little League season will be able to nominate themselves for manager positions. The manager or coach must:
 - Be a Little League member in good standing financially
 - Must have the ability to represent themselves and the league well: any season ejections will be considered a strong disqualifier for candidacy
 - Manager candidates will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
 - Atlee Little League history, including any feedback received from parents
 - Baseball/softball knowledge/credentials
 - Player knowledge
 - Input from non-All-Star coaches and managers (through a vote or direct communication)
 - Personal commitment to the task
 - The All-Star Executive Committee will select managers by majority vote of the Committee.
 - Final votes on the managers will take place after player selection – and, all candidates will be notified before the final manager vote if their daughter/son did not make a team.
 - All-Star Executive Committee members will recuse themselves from voting on any manager candidate in one of the following circumstances, but will be asked for his/her opinions:
 - they participate with the manager candidate in a Little League capacity
 - they participate with the manager candidate in a travel ball capacity
 - If a committee member must recuse themselves, the Atlee Little League Board will select a replacement committee member.
 - Minutes from All-Star Executive Committee deliberations will be recorded: and, will be distributed to other Atlee Board members, if deemed appropriate by the Atlee Executive Board.

8.4 All-Star Player Selection (District 5 and Invitational)

- Each regular season manager will be presented with a ballot with the names of every eligible player listed alphabetically by team.
- Each person voting will be instructed to vote for players that they feel will best represent Atlee Little League. The All-Star Executive Committee will have the deciding vote on the final list of approved players, managers, and coaches. Each person voting will be instructed to vote for no more than the number of players designated for such team. Although, all players from the age group will be on the ballot, managers may only vote for players that were discussed as the most deserving at the All-Star meeting amongst the managers. In addition, each manager voting will be required to put their name on their ballot in the event of any question from the Atlee All-Star Executive Committee. No other instructions will be given. Ballots with more than said votes and/or no name will be discarded.
- The managers of each division will decide by majority vote to have 12 or 13 players on the respective roster.

8.5 All-Star Team Voting

- A) (Senior/Junior/Little League) Atlee Little League All-Star team players will be voted for by the managers in their respective divisions. Votes from each group will be counted separately by members of the Atlee All-Star Executive Board. The said number of players receiving the most manager votes will receive one (1), "All-Star Team Vote." If there is a tie for the last place on the team then all tied players will receive one (1) "All-Star Team Vote." The said players receiving the most "All-Star Team Votes" (3 being the maximum possible) will be presented to the Atlee All-Star Executive Committee for approval.

8.6 Tournament Team Voting

- A) Atlee Little League All-Star tournament team players and manager shall follow the same guidelines set forth for the D-5 teams.
- B) 8 year old and 9 year old tournament team players and manager shall follow the same guidelines set forth for the D-5 teams. If eligible players for these teams played up in higher age divisions, then input from impartial higher division managers or coaches should be passed on to the voting managers and coaches.
- C) In order to provide the best possible information at the time of voting. Managers will now be required to do the following:
- Following each game, the team managers will submit three names from the opposing teams' players that they feel earned selection to the all-star team based on play, ability, and sportsmanship. They will also document as to why they were chosen. If for some reason they feel that three players should not be chosen, then they may enter dashes in the player name slot. The Atlee All-Star Executive Committee will include this information in their deliberations
 - These votes will be submitted along with pitch counts for each game to the division director. The division director shall maintain a running tally of all votes. This information will be used in an effort to provide each manager with more knowledge about each player in the division.

- 8.7 The All-Star manager will have the ability to select the final **TWO** participants on the All-Star team roster. The final two selections for that team will be selected by the manager from the players who finished in the eleventh through fourteenth place in voting. Ties are included. For invitational teams, the same process will be followed, but they will selecting their twelfth and thirteenth slots on their roster. The thirteenth selection is optional at the discretion of the manager. In each case, the All-Star manager must advise the Atlee All-Star Executive Committee stating the reasons for their selection(s).

- 8.8 For the Minor 8 and Minor 9 Baseball All-Star teams, coaches may discuss taking only one invitational team in the event there are fifty players or less for that specific age group. This must be discussed and voted on by the managers in that division, otherwise, two teams will be created.

- 8.9 Voting for All-Star teams are considered extremely confidential. Only those people designated to count the votes should see the results of the balloting. In reporting to the Atlee Little League Board of Directors, the Atlee All-Star Executive Committee should not disclose the votes received by individual players or the ranking of the players by votes received. If any other person needs information about the All-Star voting, all participants should disclose as little information about the details of the voting as possible.

- 8.10 The approved manager of each tournament team will be allowed to select the number of coaches allowed by the applicable tournament from those approved managers and coaches who are eligible to manage such team.

8.11 The respective Division Director shall notify the players selected and approved to represent Atlee Little League as its All-Star team no later than June 15th, but will make every attempt to confirm the final roster by June 15th so that practice can start as soon as possible. The Division Director should call the selected manager first, if possible, to setup the first practice time and place. The respective Division Director will ask a parent or guardian of the selected players to verbally commit to the practice and game requirements. If a player cannot commit to these requirements, the first alternate would be added to the team roster. No more than two alternate players including ties will be contacted unless the All-Star team would have less than nine players or the All-Star manager would like to consider additional alternates. Once the Division Director has notified all of the All-Star team players, he/she may notify the All-Star team manager of the entire roster for his/her team. After notifying a manager/player of his/her selection to the team, the Division Director should:

- A) Notify the player or parent who was selected as team manager, the player fee, the tournament dates and when the first practice will take place.
- B) Ask for a commitment to the player fee. (This is for league expenses such as entry fees, equipment, utilities, player's jerseys, hats, and other expenses.)
- C) Ask for commitment to practices and tournament dates.

8.12 Tournament team players must commit that they will miss no more than three (3) scheduled practices or a single game for the duration of the tournament, unless ill or injured. A form letter must be signed by the player and the parent/guardian stating that this requirement is understood. A player that is removed from or that leaves a team prior to the end of the District tournament or Invitational tournament may forfeit the right to participate on an Atlee Little League tournament team the next year he/she returns to league play. (Subject to the decision of the Atlee Little League Board of Directors).