

VSLL All-Star Team Selection

VSLL has a history of success when it comes to All-Stars. One question that always arises is “How are All-Stars selected?” In an effort to provide more transparency with our community and be consistent on how teams are formed, we have created this document so players, coaches, and the community have an understanding of how it all works. We have created an overall “All-Star Vision and Philosophy” for VSLL, an All-Star Committee, and an Internal Executive Board Oversight Committee (IEBOC) to oversee this process.

VSLL All-Star Philosophy and Vision

The objective of All-Stars is to reward players who have had success during the current little league season, which includes both on and off field attitudes and behaviors. Little League International showcases the Majors Division by heavily promoting the Little League World Series with extensive media coverage. VSLL is going to embrace this philosophy and view the Majors team as a “Showcase” team, as well. VSLL’s overall goal is to field the best teams possible in every eligible division.

Manager Selection

Candidates, who are interested in managing an All-Star team and have coached or managed during the current season, can apply by informing the Player Agent or President by Spring Break. Candidates should only apply to manage a team from their current division, and it is preferred (but not mandatory) that the 9/10 Gold manager comes from the Majors Division. The All-Star Committee is responsible for vetting and selecting All-Star managers.

Family Commitment

Selected players must be fully committed to playing All-Stars, which includes many practices and games and can result in limited summer vacations. Families need to be aware this is a special achievement requiring players commit and be present for the entire All-Star season. Families can expect to begin practicing immediately after the team is announced, which is after June 1st. For some divisions, district play can begin two weeks after practices start and finish up the first week in July. Sectionals, States, and Regionals are scheduled in the immediate following weeks for advancing teams with the World Series wrapping up in mid-August. There is a possibility a player will miss the start of the school year in Brevard County, if the team continues to advance.

If VSLL is selected to host any of the All-Star tournaments, All-Star families will be the first ones required to assist with field preparation, score keeping, pitch count and concessions. With all the teams in the tournament, volunteers will be asked from the families that are not playing during the same time their players are playing. Volunteers will be required to assist VSLL until all hosted games are completed. Families that don’t volunteer during this time could affect a player’s potential of being selected the following year for All-Stars.

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Managers are held responsible for the roster's full attendance. The only excused absence, without the President's approval, will be due to illness or injury. Managers may be suspended from the tournament, if the players do not attend. Managers for every team will be held to the same standards as the players when it comes to attendance.

The Board of Directors *may* impose a charge to each player selected to cover the cost of a uniform shirt, pants, socks, belt, and hat. This will assist the league to offset the large costs associated with fielding tournament teams.

VSLL Financial Commitment

Teams advancing past districts will incur costs including transportation, meals, and lodging. Fundraising for these teams should be handled by that team's players and parents. If funds are available, the VSLL Board of Directors can decide to help with the teams travel expenses. VSLL will commit to the following for each advancing team:

Districts and Sectionals – No financial assistance

States – VSLL will provide one meal for players and coaches only and if the games are played outside of Brevard County

Regionals – VSLL will provide \$300 per family

Nationals – Players families are responsible for fundraising. Little League Baseball and Softball does help with travel and lodging for coaches and players.

VSLL Majors, 9/11 and 8/10 Baseball All-Star Selection Process

Manager's Vote Meeting: The meetings will be scheduled no sooner than one week prior to the announcement of the 9/11 and 8/10 teams. This is in accordance to Little League Rules and will include the division manager, League President, Player Agent, and VP of the division. Majors managers will vote for the 10/12, 9/11, and 8/10 Gold Team. AAA managers will vote for 8/10 teams. If a manager can't be present, their votes can be turned in to the Player Agent. The manager vote and player vote will be tabulated openly, with the player vote equivalent to one manager vote.

Manager Vote: Major's managers **must vote for 9 players** for the 10/12 and 9/11 teams and can vote for the same player on both teams. Major's managers will vote for the 8/10 Gold team by voting "Yes" or "No" for each eligible player in the Majors Division. AAA managers will vote for 12 players and will rank them in order for the 8/10 team(s). Managers *can* vote for players who were on their team during the season.

Player Vote: Players in Majors will vote for *up to* 9 players for the 10/12 and 9/11 teams and 11s can be voted for inclusion on both teams. Players in the AAA division will vote for *up to* 12 players for the 8/10 team(s). The Player Vote must take place prior to the All-Star Voting Meetings and players cannot vote for players who were on their team during the regular season.

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Ten-year old's who play in Majors are not guaranteed a spot on any All-Star team and are eligible for any of the Major teams based on their ability.

Majors Team Selection: The top 9 vote getters for the 10/12 team are automatically placed on the roster. The manager will select 3 or 4 additional players to complete their roster. These players must be approved by the All-Star Committee. If the manager decides he/she wants to take an 10/11-year-old who was not one of the top 9 vote getters, they must obtain approval from the President and Player Agent or the IEBOC, if necessary, to make the determination.

Team Priority: The All-Star Committee will decide, on a yearly basis, which team to prioritize for baseball and softball based on the vision and philosophy of VSLL. Normal practice is to populate the 10/12 team first and the 8/10 Gold team second, which means any 10s voted or selected to that team cannot be placed on the 9/11 team. If the All-Star Committee decides to populate the 9/11 team second, then that team would have priority on any 10-year-olds voted to the 9/11 team.

8/10 Gold Team Selection: Since players can be selected from two divisions to populate this team, the selected 8/10 Gold Manager, VP of Majors, VP of AAA, and the Player Agent will assist the manager in selecting the 8/10 Gold Team. In order to remain consistent with other divisions, there will only be 9 automatic placements to this team. Eligible players, from the Majors Division receiving more than 2/3 of the manager vote, are ranked in order based on the number of votes received. If the list contains 9 or fewer players, then all players are automatically placed on the team, and the top vote getters from AAA will be placed until there are 9 players assigned to the 8/10 Gold Team. If the Majors list contains 10 or more players, then they are populated in order until there are 9 players automatically placed on the team with no AAA players automatically placed. The manager will then select the remaining 3 or 4 players to complete their roster from either Majors or AAA. The All-Star Committee will oversee the process or the IEBOC if necessary.

9/11 Team Selection: The top 9 vote getters (excluding any players already placed on an All-Star team) for the 9/11 team are automatically placed on the roster. The manager will select 3 or 4 additional players to complete their roster. If the manager decides they want to take a 10-year-old who was not one of the top 9 vote getters, they must get approval from President and Player Agent or the IEBOC, if necessary, to make the determination.

8/10 Green Team Selection: The manager of the 8/10 Green Team and the All-Star Committee should take into consideration the results from both the managers and players votes when selecting members for this team. The Green Team should be primarily made up of talented 8/9-year old's that have the potential to be the future of VSLL and would benefit from the valuable tournament experience. The All-Star Committee will determine if there is enough talent to enter the team into the tournament due to the expense to the league or the IEBOC, if necessary, to make the determination.

VSLI Juniors Baseball All-Star Selection Process

Managers Vote Meeting: A meeting will be scheduled with all division managers, the All-Star Committee and VP of the Division. All voting will take place in person. If a manager can't be present, then a ballot listing their All-Star selections can be turned in to the Player Agent. The All-Star Committee will oversee this process or the IEBOC if necessary.

Manager Vote: Junior's Managers will vote for *up to 9* players for the All-Star team including members of their own team.

Player Vote: Players will vote for *up to 9* players who were not on their team during the season. The player vote must take place prior to the All-Star Voting Meeting and will equate to one manager vote.

Voting Results: During the meeting, the votes will be tallied, players will be ranked in order based on the votes, and a list endorsing the top players will be created for the division.

Juniors Team Selection: Since players for this team can come from both the Seniors and Juniors division, this team will be selected by the All-Star Committee, manager, VP of the division, and All-Star Committee will use the endorsement list as a guide to populate the team by committee and should use the endorsement list as a guide for their selections. Players not on the endorsement list are still available to be selected by the committee. The IEBOC will oversee this process, if necessary.

Intermediate All-Star Team Selection Process

The Player Agent and VSLI President will decide if there is enough talent and interest to field an Intermediate All-Star team. The All-Star Committee and VP of the division will select a manager. Then a meeting will be hosted to select the players for the team roster by committee. All players selected must have played in the Intermediate Division (50/70) during the regular season. Players are selected from one of three divisions (Majors, Juniors and 50/70). Major and Junior players selected to an All-Star team are not eligible for the Intermediate All-Star team. The All-Star Committee will oversee the process or the IEBOC if necessary.

Seniors and Big League Baseball All-Star Teams

Since the Seniors Divisions does not have enough teams to justify voting, the selected manager, All-Star Committee, and VP of the division should form this team by committee, if there are enough players interested in playing. The All- Star Committee will oversee the process or the IEBOC if necessary.

Managers Vote Meeting: A meeting will be scheduled with all Major and Minor Softball managers, the All-Star Committee and VP of the division. All voting will take place in person. If a manager cannot attend, a ballot listing their All-Star selections can be turned in to the Player Agent. During the meeting, the results of the manager vote and player vote will be tabulated with the player vote equivalent to one manager vote.

Manager Vote: Major Softball managers can vote for *up to* 9 players for the All-Star team, including members of their own team. Minor Softball managers can vote for *up to* 9 players for the All-Star team, including members of their own team.

Player Vote: Players will vote for 5 players in their division. The Player Vote must take place prior to the All-Star Voting Meeting, and players cannot vote for players who were on their team during the regular season. If there are less than 3 teams, there will be no player vote.

Voting Results: During the meeting, the votes will be totaled, players will be ranked in order based on the votes, and a list endorsing the top players will be created for the division.

Majors Softball Team Selection: The top 9 vote getters for the 10/12 team are automatically placed on the roster. The manager will select 3 or 4 additional players to complete their roster. These players must be approved by the All-Star Committee. If the manager decides he/she wants to take an 10/11-year-old who was not one of the top 9 vote getters, they must obtain approval from the President and Player Agent or the IEBOC, if necessary, to make the determination.

9/11 Team Selection: The selected manager, VP of the division, and All-Star Committee will use the endorsement list as a guide to create the team by committee. Players not on the endorsement list are still available to be selected by the committee. The IEBOC will oversee this process, if necessary.

8/10 Team Selection: The manager of the 8/10 team and the All-Star Committee should take into consideration the results from both the managers and players votes when selecting members for this team. The team should be primarily made up of talented 8/10-year old's that have the potential to be the future of VSLL and would benefit from the valuable tournament experience.

Juniors Team Selection: Players for this team come from the Juniors division. The selected manager, VP of the division, and All-Star Committee will use the endorsement list as a guide to populate the team by committee and should use the endorsement list as a guide for their selections. Players not on the endorsement list are still available to be selected by the committee. The All- Star Committee will oversee the process or the IEBOC if necessary.

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SUMMARY

The intentions of these processes are to endorse good spirit of team selection, award the most talented players, and attempt to reach the highest level of success in the Little League Tournaments. The All-Star Committee approval for manager selection is to assist in avoiding “daddy-ball” selections, which eliminates the selection of players not having the talents and/or ability needed to be on a competitive, winning All-Star team. **All player selections and team assignments approved by the All-Star Committee or the IEBOC if necessary, will be final.** This process shall be reviewed, edited (if necessary) by the All-Star Committee and their final vote recommended to the VSLL Board of Directors for the final approval before the end of the calendar year.