

KAU Little League
Baseball All-Star Player and Coach Selection Process
League Ages 8 through 12
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GENERAL:

1. This process applies to KAU sponsored baseball All-Star tournament teams league ages 8 through 12.
2. Except as discussed below, all provisions of Little League International (LLI) Tournament Rules and Guidelines contained in the Official Regulations and Playing rules (current year) shall apply. In the case of 8-year old tournaments which are not LLI sanctioned, the local rules of that tournament shall supplement and govern.
3. Eligibility of players and managers/coaches, except as discussed below, is as defined in the LLI Tournament Rules and Guidelines contained in the Official regulations and playing rules. Managers / coaches nominating players for voting are responsible to ensure the nominee meets all criteria.
4. A minimum of 11 players must be on the official final roster ("the League / District approved affidavit"). The maximum number of rostered players is 14. The number of players participating in a tournament game may be less than the official roster only if the player(s) is unable to play due to injury, temporary or permanent family commitments, or similar circumstance. Managers are responsible for ensuring they can field a team at all tournament games.
5. The KAU Player Agent is responsible for administering the process. The Player Agent may use designees for select activities or designate a Board member in his absence at voting meetings, or to resolve interpretations of this process.

PLAYER SELECTION PROCESS

A. General Guidelines:

1. All Star tournament candidates are to be nominated and selected based on demonstrated playing ability, and to produce a team with the best chance of success in the tournament.
2. Due to tournament schedules, pitching and catcher roster depth is important. While nominees should generally be the best overall players, consideration should be given to nominating players with less overall skill but who excel at pitching or catching.
3. Nominations will be cast by regular season managers and coaches as outlined below. An "on-field live evaluation" of nominees is not required.
4. It is the duty of each manager and coach to observe all players from all teams throughout the season, as is reasonably possible. This observation occurs from games played, games umpired, and games otherwise watched by the managers. It is important for managers and coaches to be aware of this responsibility at the beginning and throughout the season so they can make an informed nomination and ultimate vote at the end of the season. It is recommended that Division coaches meet at about the half-way part of the season to discuss the play of individuals and point out "players to watch" so the coaches can make further assessments of players they may not have been aware of.
5. Player evaluations are to include those in regular season play, and any KAU sponsored games such as the 50/70 league, or District Travel teams for 9 through 12 year olds.

B. Player Age vs. Tournament Eligibility (specific to KAU tournament team selection)

a) Eligibility

- Players shall be eligible for their KAU league defined age group All-Star Team as follows:

Player Age	KAU Division	Tournament team eligibility⁽¹⁾
8	Minor "C"	8 Local
9	Minor "B"	9 District 28
10	Minor "A"	9/10 State or 10 /11 State
11	Majors	10/11 state or 11/12 international
12	Majors	11/12 international

(1) Per LLI rules, a player may only participate on one tournament team in a season. Double rostering is not permitted

b) Exceptions

- The Board will consider exceptions to All-Star eligibility as outlined in this document on a case by case basis, but only if in compliance with LLI Rules and Regulations.

C. Nomination to the All-Star Ballot

General:

1. The All-Star nominations and ballots are to remain confidential until names are released as described below. Managers / coaches or anyone in the League are not permitted to contact potential nominees in advance to determine their availability during the tournament season, nor to determine interest. Violation of this will result in the revocation of a manager / coaches standing as a member in KAU, and potentially other disciplinary action. LLI strictly prohibits the release of names of All-star roster / names before June 15th.
2. If a player's parent independently approaches a coach and informs them of their unavailability during tournament season, or make a request to not have their player considered for the nomination, such request shall be disclosed to the Player Agent before the submission of nomination ballots.
3. Only the players who actually make the All-Star team will be contacted to discuss the All-Star tournament schedule, game & practice commitment, the player's availability, and their acceptance or declination of the position on the All-Star Team.

MAJORS DIVISION:

The Majors Division comprises two player ages (11 and 12). The 11 year old players are eligible for two tournament teams as shown above. The first Team is the "International Team", comprised mostly of 12 year-old players. The second team is the 11 year-old state tournament team, comprised typically of 11 year-old players who participated in the Majors Division in the regular season, but can include 11 year olds and 10 year olds who played in the regular season Minor "A" division.

The Majors Division will have two All-Star Ballots. One ballot will be comprised of 12 year-old players and any 11 year-old players that a manager feels should be considered for the International Team. It is the intention of the All-star process to make the international team the best team in the

Little League Division, and managers must consider this when deciding if a player should play on the international team or 11-year old team. The other ballot will be comprised primarily of 11 year-old players, and any 10-year old players who are nominated as outlined below and received the required number of votes. If a player is nominated for the International Team but does not make it, he will automatically be placed on the nomination list for the 11 year-old All-Star Team.

Before June 1st, each Majors Manager may nominate up to 12 eligible players from the Majors Division for placement on the International All-Star Ballot. (It is not required to nominate the maximum of 12). Of these, a maximum of 4 may be from his own regular season team. Managers in the Minor "A" division or KAU sponsored 11 year old travel team may nominate up to two 11-year old players (per team) from those divisions for consideration on the international team ballot if they feel the skill level of those players would be comparable to the 11-year olds who played in the Majors Division. There is not a requirement to nominate any player, just the opportunity if the manager feels the tournament team would benefit from the player's skills relative to the peer players in the regular season Majors division. Nominations must be submitted to the Division Commissioner on the attached form with the Manager and coaches' signature as endorsement, or via e-mail with the coaches copied. In the case of e-mail transmission, coaches may object to the player nomination of the manager if they disagree. Disagreements will be resolved between the Player Agent and Manager, and the decision of the Player Agent will be binding and final.

Before June 1st, each Majors Manager may nominate up to 12 eligible players from the Majors Division for placement on the 11 year-old All-Star Ballot. (It is not required to nominate the maximum of 12). Of these, a maximum of 4 may be from his own regular season team. These players must be league defined 11 year-old players. If a player is also nominated for the international team, the player should also be placed on the 11 year old ballot with a note of the dual nomination to avoid missing a player's eligibility in the two step voting process. Managers in the Minor "A" division or KAU sponsored 10 year old travel team may nominate up to two 11-year old players and one 10-year old player (per team) from those divisions for consideration on the 10/11 state team ballot if they feel the skill level of those players would be comparable to the 11-year olds who played in the Majors Division. There is not a requirement to nominate any player, just the opportunity if the manager feels the tournament team would benefit from the player's skills relative to the peer players in the regular season Majors division. Nominations must be submitted to the Division Commissioner on the attached form with the Manager and coaches' signature as endorsement, or via e-mail with the coaches copied. In the case of e-mail transmission, coaches may object to the player nomination of the manager if they disagree. Disagreements will be resolved between the Player Agent and Manager, and the decision of the Player Agent will be binding and final

By June 3rd, the Division Commissioner shall aggregate the nominee list and submit to the League Player Agent, and include any exception requests for Board consideration, or any unique information that is not in accordance with this process. The League Player Agent will resolve any issue and prepare a voting ballot for each tournament team, and send the same to the Board for approval.

MINOR DIVISIONS (Minor A, Minor B & Minor C):

Before June 1st, each Minor Division Manager may nominate up to 12 eligible players from their regular season Division for placement on their Divisions' respective All-Star Ballot. (It is not

required to nominate the maximum of 12). Of these, a maximum of 4 may be from his own regular season team. Managers in the Minor "B" division or KAU sponsored 9 year old travel team may nominate up to two 9-year old players (per team) from that division for consideration on the 9/10 state team ballot if they feel the skill level of those players would be comparable to the 10-year olds who played in the Minor "A" regular season division. There is not a requirement to nominate any player, just the opportunity if the manager feels the tournament team would benefit from the player's skills relative to the peer players in the regular season Minor "A" division. Nominations must be submitted to the Division Commissioner on the attached form with the Manager and coaches' signature as endorsement, or via e-mail with the coaches copied. In the case of e-mail transmission, coaches may object to the player nomination of the manager if they disagree. Disagreements will be resolved between the Player Agent and Manager, and the decision of the Player Agent will be binding and final.

By June 3rd, the Division Commissioner shall aggregate the nominee list and submit to the League Player Agent using the attached form, and include any exception requests for Board consideration, or any unique information that is not in accordance with this process. The League Player agent will resolve any issue and prepare a voting ballot for each tournament team, and send the same to the Board for approval.

D). The Voting Process:

The Player Agent shall send the proposed voting ballots to the Board for approval by June 6th. Board members shall notify the President and Player Agent of any questions or objections by June 9th. The President and Player Agent shall resolve any discrepancies by June 10th and approve the ballots for release for voting.

The Commissioner for each Division shall schedule a voting meeting (described below) on June 11th or 12th. If the Commissioner cannot attend, he shall arrange for a Board member to participate on his behalf.

The League Player Agent or their designee (not a member of the voting pool) shall attend the vote for each Division, and serve as the Judge of Elections for the voting process.

Only regular season Managers and one of their coaches may cast a vote (total of two voting members per regular season team). If they are unable to attend the voting meeting, they may designate in writing to the Player Agent their proxy vote to another coach on their team. If not proxy is provided, then no votes will be counted for the missing coach. Only those present in person are eligible to vote.

The following table shows who may cast votes for each tournament level team. Lower division managers who have nominated players for consideration on the international team (Minor "A" or travel team 11's), 10/11 state team (Minor "A" or travel team 10's), or 9/10 state team (Minor "B" or travel team 9's), are not eligible to vote for their younger players nominated to play on the primarily older tournament teams.

Team	Authorized voting pool	
International	Major division managers and one coach from each team	
10/11 State	Major division managers and one coach from each team	
9/10 State	Minor A division managers and one coach from each team	
9 District	Minor B division managers and one coach from each team	
8 District	All Minor C managers	

- At the voting meeting, the official ballot will be circulated. Each manager and coach shall vote for 10 players on the provided ballot as described below.
- To facilitate producing the best team possible, the All-Star Manager is empowered to select players 11 through 14 (the number they determine they want for their roster). This allows managers to consider the direct voted player skill set and make ensuing selections based on talent needs (pitching, hitting, base running, fielding position, etc). Any selected player must come from the nomination ballot.
- There are no "Alternate Players" to be selected. Adding or deleting players after the team is selected may be done in accordance with Little League International Tournament Rules and Guidelines in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules. Any added players must be selected from the remaining names on the nomination ballot, unless extenuating circumstances prevent this in which case any player to be added is approved by the League President.
- Each manager will discuss their regular season players on the ballot. They should identify the player's key skills, any playing statistics that were kept, and why they deserve to be on the team. During the discussion, other coaches may ask questions or offer comments to supplement the Manager's comments. Managers from the lower divisions nominating players for a generally older age tournament team must attend the appropriate voting session to discuss why their player should be considered in the voting process.
- The Managers and coaches from each team of the respective division will then cast their votes. Each manager and coach must independently cast 10 votes for 10 different players.
- The completed ballots will be given to the Player Agent or their designee acting as Judge of Elections. The results of voting will remain confidential and be revealed only to the Board and All-star manager.

E) The approval and notification process:

- By June 13th, The Player Agent will tally the voting ballots and identify the 10 players receiving the most votes. These will be automatically placed on the roster for approval by the Board. If there is a tie between 2 or more players for the 10th spot, then these names will be sent to the division managers for a another round of voting until the 10th position is identified.
- Once the 10 players are identified, the Player Agent shall contact the All-star manager and reveal the results of voting. The All-star manager shall then identify his remaining selections to complete the roster for submission to the Board. These manager selections shall be shown on the ballot presented to the Board. No reasons must be provided by the manager for these selections, it is his /her decision only.
- Players who do not receive sufficient votes to make the team via the voting process will be listed in order of their votes received and retained for possible inclusion on the All-Star Team if one of the original 10 voted-in players plus the Manager selected players do not accept their position on the All-Star team, or vacates it.
- Final proposed rosters will be presented by the Player Agent to the Board for approval by June 14th. The Board shall approve the rosters after any adjustments are required. The approved rosters will be given to the All-star manager on June 15th.
- The All-Star Manager will contact the players & parents. Only the players who are on the Board approved roster will be contacted to discuss the All-Star tournament schedule, game & practice commitment, the player's availability, and their acceptance or decline of the roster position on the All-Star Team. If a player declines, the All-star manager can automatically move to select another player from the remaining names on the nomination ballot until the team roster is filled with committed players. The manager shall send a note to the Player Agent of any roster changes from the Board approved roster.

B) ALL-STAR MANAGER & COACH SELECTION PROCESS

1. Managers and coaches must be a regular season division manager or coach, or as nominated by the Board of KAU.
2. There will be one manager and at least one coach. A second coach may be selected by the manager subject to the LLI Tournament rules and guidelines for number of players in uniform at a game.
3. Individuals interested in being considered for All-Star manager or coach should write or email their request directly to Board President by May 20th. The Board President may also add names to the list if not submitted directly by a regular season manager or coach.
4. The Board President will propose Managers for each tournament level to the Board by June 1st. The Board shall cast votes, and any person receiving a majority of Board member votes will be approved. If a board majority vote is not achieved for nominees, the President shall propose a new nomination(s) for that division until all manager positions are filled.

5. All-star manager names shall be made known to the pool of all regular season managers and coaches by June 5th, in advance of the All-star voting process.
6. All-star managers will select their coach(es) from the pool of regular season managers and coaches. The selection is subject to approval by the Board president. Nominations must be submitted to the Board President by June 15th.

Attachment "A"
to the
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Schedule of events

Date	Event	Comment
May 20th	Individuals interested in being considered for All-Star manager or coach should write or email their request directly to Board President	The Board President may also add names to the list if not submitted directly by a regular season manager or coach
June 1st	The Board President will propose Managers for each tournament level to the Board	The Board shall cast votes of approval
June 1st	Each Manager sends the Division Commissioner <u>up to 12</u> nominated players from their own Division for placement on the All-Star Ballot. (in the Majors Division, two ballots are required from each manager - one for the international team, one for the 11-year old state tournament team)	Nominations must be submitted to Division Commissioner on the attached form with the Manager and coaches' signature as endorsement, or via e-mail with the coaches copied.
June 3rd	The Division Commissioner aggregates the nominee list and submits to the League Player Agent, using the attached form	
June 5th	All-star manager names made known to the pool of all regular season managers and coaches	
June 6th	Player Agent shall send the proposed voting ballots to the Board for approval	
June 9th	Board members shall notify the President and Player Agent of any questions or objections	
June 10th	The President and Player Agent shall resolve any discrepancies and approve the ballots for release for voting.	
June 11 th or 12 th .	Voting meetings conducted	
June 13th	The Player Agent tallies the voting ballots and identifies the 10 players receiving the most votes. The All-star manager shall then identify his remaining selections to complete the roster for submission to the Board	Tie-breaker votes are conducted between the Player Agent and division managers
June 14th	Final proposed rosters will be presented to the Board for approval by the Player Agent.	The Board shall approve the rosters after any adjustments are required.
June 15th	Release of Board approved roster to All-star manager and players contacted	
June 15th	Board president approves All-star manager coach nominations	
June 16th	Start of All-star practices	