

## XVII. All-Star Selection Process:

The mission of the Salmon Creek Little League All-Star Selection Process is to FIRST: put forth the best possible 10-11-12 team. SECOND: put forth the best possible 8-9-10 team. This applies to Baseball and Softball. SCLL will make every effort to put the most qualified Managers, Coaches and Players on each All-Star roster in an effort to advance each team as far as possible in the All-Star International Tournament Games.

**PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:** Representing SCLL in the post season All-Star tournaments is an honor and privilege. All efforts will be made to ensure that the players selected to represent SCLL adhere to the highest standards of sportsmanship, integrity and represent the strongest skills and abilities in their respective age groups.

The Player Agent will ask all eligible players to express their Intent to Participate in All-Stars. By expressing their Intent to Participate, players (and families) are agreeing to the time and financial commitments required to participate in All-Stars. Only those players who have expressed their written Intent to Participate in All-Stars will be included on the All-Star player ballot.

- A. Ballot will list all eligible players who have expressed their Intent to Participate in All-Stars in writing. The following players are eligible for All-Stars based on the players league age:

8-9-10:	8, 9 or 10 year old playing AAA/Minors or Majors
9-10-11:	9, 10 or 11 year old playing AAA/Minors or Majors
10-11-12:	10, 11 or 12 year old playing Majors, Intermediate or SB Juniors
Juniors:	12, 13 or 14 year old playing Juniors or Seniors
Seniors:	13, 14, 15 or 16 year old playing Seniors or Juniors

- B. By season's end, players must have participated in 60% of the team's regular season games, as defined by Little League rules and regulations. Regular season games include the end of season tournament as these games are traditionally part of the SCLL season.

### **PLAYER INTENT TO PARTICIPATE**

The Player Agent or League Representative will distribute instructions for families to declare their Intent to Participate in All-Stars by the last Saturday in April. The Intent to Participate form will be posted on the SCLL website. Families will have a defined period of time (not less than two weeks) to elect whether or not to opt in or opt out of participating in the All-Star season. A player's Intent to Participate in All-Stars does not guarantee him or her a place on the All-Star team. Every effort will be made by SCLL to get a yes or no response from each All-Star eligible player through the Intent to Participate form.

Only those players who submit their written Intent to Participate in All-Stars through the Intent form by the designated deadline will be included on the All-Star player ballot.

## PLAYER SELECTION PROCESS

SCLL All-Star rosters will maintain a minimum of 12 players.

Majors division (baseball and softball) is the only division using a player vote to elect All-Star players.

The All-Star Manager will not be voted on until the initial 10-player roster is determined (with the exception of ties) at each All-Star division.

**10-11-12 (Baseball and Softball) Division:** Players in the SCLL SB and BB Major Division will vote for 10 All-Star Players to represent the 10-11-12 All-Star division from a ballot of eligible players who expressed their written Intent to Participate in All-Stars. The top five players from the player vote will be placed on the 10-11-12 All-Star team. In case of a tie for the final spot, the President or Player Agent will review the managers-coaches ballot and the player with the highest votes from the manager-coach ballots will be awarded the final spot. If a tie still exists, the appointed manager will break the tie to complete the initial 10-player roster.

Player selection will take place at a mandatory meeting to be held at a date determined by the President. Managers and coaches will select the All-Star players from a ballot that includes only the players who expressed their written Intent to Participate in All-Stars. All votes will be tallied by the President or Player Agent. The results of the vote will be kept by the President or Player agent until the completion of the Manager-Coach selection, at which time the results will only be shared with the appointed manager-coach for that team.

All efforts must be made to ensure that those involved in vote tallying process do not have a child/player involved in All-Stars.

The Player Agent or approved Board Member will distribute a ballot of eligible players who have expressed their written Intent to Participate in All-Stars. Managers and coaches will openly discuss the merits of each player on their team and ask questions as needed to understand the skills and abilities of each player candidate. **Coachability, sportsmanship, and playing ability should be discussed here for each player.**

At the conclusion of discussion, managers and coaches permitted to be included in the voting process will vote on **12 players** from ballot provided by placing an "X" next to the player's name.

The top 5 players from the manager-coach vote, not already on the team from the Player vote, will be placed on the 10-11-12 All-Star team. In the case of a tie the President or Player Agent will break the tie based on player votes. If a tie still exists, the All-Star Manager will break the tie to complete the initial 10-player roster.

Each All-Star Manager will select additional players to supplement the ten players already placed on the team via the Player vote completed by the Managers and Coaches permitted to be included in the voting process. Managers will add at least two additional players to their respective All-Star Team. No

alternates will be named. If an announced All-Star player cannot participate, the All-Star manager will select a replacement from the list of eligible players.

**8-9-10, 9-10-11, INTERMEDIATE, JUNIORS, SENIORS (Baseball and Softball):** Players will not vote to form these All-Star teams. The manager and named coach from each team in the respective divisions will vote for players. Attendance by a manager and coach from each team is required. If the Manager or Named coach is not available, the designated representative from that team must be approved by the President and/or Player Agent in advance of the vote.

The vote will take place at a mandatory meeting to be held at a date determined by the President. Managers and coaches will select the All-Star players from a ballot that includes only the players who expressed their written Intent to Participate in All-Stars. All votes will be tallied by the President or Player Agent. The results of the vote will be kept by the President or Player agent until the completion of the Manager-Coach selection, at which time the results will only be shared with the appointed manager-coach for that team.

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At the conclusion of discussion, managers and coaches will vote on **12 players** from ballot provided by placing an "X" next to the player's name. Voting will occur by the Manager and Named Coach from each team from the divisions as defined below:

Baseball:

- 8-9-10 Team: Players voted on by manager and one coach per AAA and Majors team.
- 9-10-11 Team: Players voted on by manager and one coach per Majors team.
- Intermediate, Juniors and Senior: Players voted on by manager and one coach per team in the represented division.

Softball:

- 8-9-10 Team: Players voted on by manager and one coach per Minor and Majors team
- 9-10-11 Team: Players voted on by manager and one coach per Majors team
- Juniors and Senior: Players voted on by manager and one coach per team in the represented division.

The top 10 players from the manager-coach vote will make the All-Star team. In the case of a tie the Manager breaks the tie from the top candidates.

**MANAGER ELIGIBILITY:** All approved SCLL Managers who have managed or coached for one full regular season (including the current season) at the Minors level or higher (AAA for Baseball, Minors for Softball) are eligible to serve as an All-Star Team Manager. To be eligible for selection, managers or coaches interested in being on the ballot must submit their name in writing and a completed “Intent to Manage All-Stars” form to the league President by the first Saturday in May.

All-Star Tournament Team Managers are entrusted to represent SCLL in the prestigious post-season tournaments. Candidates must first and foremost fit the model of the Little League Double-Goal Coach (focused on both winning games and teaching life lessons through baseball and softball), exhibiting a demeanor of respect and role-modeling at all times. Other considerations will include: the managers prior experience, rapport with players, parents and board members, organizational skills including demonstrated ability to understand and adhere to complex rules and protocol and continued learning through workshops, clinics and outside training.

Managers must be available to lead regular (often daily) practices with the All-Star team leading up to Post-Season tournaments, attend all required All-Star meetings and events (examples include but are not limited to D6 meetings, team affidavit signing, All-Star barbeque, pre-tournament and Opening Ceremony, etc.), and be available throughout the tournament season including both District, State and LL World Series tournaments.

**MANAGER SELECTION PROCESS:** Player voting will take place BEFORE the Manager vote, and player ballot results WILL NOT be announced in advance of the Manager vote. The league President will review all “Intent to Manage/Coach All-Stars” applications. The league President and SCLL Board will approve all All-Star Manager and Coach candidates that will be included on the All-Star Manager ballot. Managers and coaches eligible to participate in the All-Star Manager voting process will be notified, in writing, of the manager candidates.

The All-Star Manager will be selected by a vote of Managers and the named coaches (permitted to be in the All-Star vote) from each team in the following divisions (if the Manager or Named coach is not available, the designated representative from that team must be approved by the President and/or Player Agent in advance of the vote):

**Baseball:**

- 10-11-12 Team: Manager voted on by manager and one coach per Majors team.
- 8-9-10 Team: Manager voted on by manager and one coach per AAA and Majors team.
- 9-10-11 Team: Manager voted on by manager and one coach per Majors team.
- Intermediate, Juniors and Senior Manager voted on by manager and one coach per team in the represented division.

**Softball:**

- 10-11-12 Team: Manager voted on by manager and one coach per Majors team.
- 8-9-10 Team: Manager voted on by manager and one coach per Minor and Majors team
- Juniors and Senior Manager voted on by manager and one coach per team in the represented division.

The vote will take place at a mandatory meeting to be held at a date determined by the President. Managers and coaches will select the All-Star manager from a ballot that includes only the Manager and Coaches who have been approved by the President and the Board. The Manager must be present to be included in the vote. In the event of a tie, the two top candidates will be re-voted on by the managers and coaches (as described above). In the event of an additional tie, the President will cast one vote.

All efforts must be made to ensure that those involved in vote tallying process do not have a child/player involved in All-Stars.

- A) The appointed Manager will then choose up to two coaches who meet the Manager Eligibility as described in "Manager Eligibility". Managers must choose a coach who has completed their "Intent to Manage/Coach All-Stars" and been approved by The President and Board of Directors. Managers and coaches must meet Little League rules related to eligibility. See Regulation 17-Tournament Organization-Managers and Coaches
- B) Immediately following the appointment of the Manager and Coach, everyone except the Appointed Manager, coach, President and/or Player Agent will be dismissed. The appointed All-Star manager and coaches will select the final two, three or four players to complete the All-Star roster. The appointed Manager has the final say.
- C) The number of All-Star coaches and players will be in accordance with Little League Guidelines, See LL Rules, Regulation 17, Tournament Organization, and Tournament Eligibility Affidavit.
- D) SCLL may, but is not required to, provide a daily per diem to players and coaches traveling out of town (more than 60 miles) to a Little League sanctioned All-Star Competition (regional, state or LLWS). The amount of financial support SCLL provides is dependent on how many SCLL All-Star teams are traveling, the current financial condition of SCLL, and board approval. All-Star travel can be expensive. **SCLL ENCOURAGES ALL-STAR TEAMS TO CONDUCT LOCAL FUNDRAISING AS THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR ALL-STAR TRAVEL.**

#### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF TEAM(S)**

- A. All-Star voting will be completed and announced within the timeline established by Little League.
- B. Prior to the public announcement of team(s), All-Star voting results will be known only to the President, Player Agent, Board members involved in ballot counting, elected All-Star Managers and Coaches. Vote counts and manager-coach selections will remain confidential, and should only be known to President, Player agents and board members who participate in vote count. President may review vote count process, actual vote count, and ballots as needed.

- C. Every effort must be made to maintain confidentiality and discretion related to the All-Star player and manager-coach voting results. All managers and coaches must understand that this information must be kept completely confidential from everyone including spouses, children and friends.**
- D. The President and Board of Directors will establish the date to publically announce the All-Star team(s), depended on tournament dates and closing ceremony dates.
- E. All-Star players and manager-coaches will be published on the league website at midnight prior to the public announcement
- F. All-Star players and manager-coaches will be introduced to the league at Closing Ceremony. All All-Star players and managers-coaches are strongly encouraged to be present for this recognition.