



ALL-STAR RULES HANDBOOK

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Westbury Little League All-Stars

Introduction

Westbury Little League is a member of Texas East Little League District 16. District 16, at the discretion of its board members, is solely responsible for choosing to host district level All-Star tournaments for individual age groups. Generally, District 16 hosts district level All-Star tournaments for 9, 10, 11, and 12-year-old All-Stars.

The decision to enter a team or teams into any district level All-Star tournament rests solely in the hands of the Westbury Little League board of directors. Generally, Westbury Little League enters one team into each district level tournament. Additionally, for age groups for which District 16 does not host district level All-Star tournaments, Westbury Little League may choose to enter a team or teams in the locally run Blue-Gray post season tournament.

Westbury Little League has a wonderful history of success in All-Star competition including the 1989 Texas State Championship and the 1966 Little League World Series Championship.

The Teams

The 12-year-old Little League All-Star team is selected from eligible 12-year-old Westbury Little League players.

The 11-year-old Little League All-Star team is selected from eligible 11-year-old Westbury Little League players.

The 10-year-old Little League All-Star team is selected from eligible 10-year-old Westbury Little League players.

The 9-year-old Little League All-Star team is selected from eligible 9-year-old Westbury Little League players.

The 8-year-old Blue-Gray All-Star team is selected from eligible 8-year-old Westbury Little League players.

The 7-year-old Blue-Gray All-Star team is selected from eligible 7-year-old Westbury Little League players.

Player Eligibility

Players are eligible for All-Star competition, Little League and/or Blue-Gray, provided they meet the criteria established by the:

- Little League Residency Eligibility Requirement
- Little League Participation in Other Programs

Additionally, eligibility is contingent on the player in question having participated in eight of his/her team's regular season games or 60% of his/her team's regular season games during the current season. Certain exceptions/waivers may be applied.

For more information, please see the Little League International Rule Book or contact the Westbury Little League VP of Baseball.

Player Availability

If your child is selected for an All-Star team, the 'contact rule' (which governs how many times they can practice or play in a week) is no longer in effect. It is not uncommon for All-Star teams to hold multiple practices per week and participate in several tournaments in order to prepare for district or national competitions.

It is important to remember that this level of commitment may not be suitable for everyone, as it requires a significant amount of time, energy, and dedication. However, for those who are passionate about the sport and committed to the team, it can be a rewarding experience to compete at a high level and represent Westbury Little League in All-Star competitions.

In order to be confirmed an All-Star a player must be able to attend seventy-five percent (75%) of all All-Star practices and be available for the entirety of the District 16 All-Star tournament or the entirety of the Blue-Gray tournament.

It is imperative that parents inform Westbury Little League, through our All-Star managers, if their son or daughter has been selected to an All-Star team but cannot commit to the player availability requirements.

Exceptions can be made for extenuating circumstances through application to the Westbury Little League Baseball Committee.

Playing on a Team for a Different Age Group

Players are not permitted to play for an All-Star team for an age group younger than theirs.

Players are permitted to play for an All-Star team for an age group older than theirs provided said player requests via the Westbury Little League VP of Baseball to have his or her name placed on the ballot of the older age group. This request must be made prior to the finalization of the various All-Star ballots. The Westbury Little League VP of Baseball will request such applications via the League's blast email system no later than three (3) days prior to the deadline.

Playing on Two All-Star Teams

Westbury Little League does not permit players to play on more than one All-Star team. If a player requests to be placed on an older All-Star ballot and is selected to that All-Star team as well as his or her age group's All-Star team then the player must choose one team for which to play. The player will be required to make his or her decision within 24 hours of notification.

Manager/Coach Eligibility

In order to manage or coach a Westbury Little League All-Star team one must have managed or coached a Westbury Little League spring season team in the current year. One does not have to have managed or coached in the division from which said All-Star team will be selected. For example, a Tadpole manager is eligible to be selected as the manager or coach for the 11-year-old Little League All-Star team.

To be considered for manager and/or coach of an All-Star team, eligible adult volunteers must make application to the Westbury Little League VP of Baseball before closing day of the spring season in question.

Managing/Coaching Two All-Star Teams

Westbury Little League does permit adult volunteers to manage and/or coach two All-Star teams provided they are available for all practices and games.

Player Selection Process for 9-12-Year-Old Little League All-Star Teams

For the 9-12-year-old Little League All-Star teams:

- Each manager of current spring season teams in the division in question shall vote for the 12 players he or she feels is most deserving of All-Star selection.
- The player agent of the division in question shall vote for 12 players he or she feels is most deserving of All-Star selection.

- Two official coaches from each current spring season team in the division in question shall vote for 12 players he or she feels is most deserving of All-Star selection.
- Each player of the baseball age in question shall vote for the 12 players he or she feels is the most deserving of All-Star selection.

For example, in order to select the 10-year-old Little League All-Star team each Minors division manager, two of his or her coaches, the Minors division player agent, and all current season baseball age 10 players shall vote for the 12 players each feel is most deserving of All-Star selection.

Please note: a player of a particular baseball age playing up or down during the spring season shall still vote for the 12 players he or she feels is most deserving even though said player has not played with his or her age group during the season.

Voting Rules for the 9-12-Year-Old Little League All-Star Teams

The Westbury Little League President, VP of Baseball, and division Player Agents shall collect, tabulate, and safe-keep all All-Star ballots.

Votes are weighted accordingly:

- Thirty-five percent (35%) for the collective player votes.
- Twenty percent (20%) for the collective coach's votes.
- Forty-five percent (45%) for the collective managers and player agent votes.

The top twelve (12) vote getters for each All-Star team shall comprise the All-Star team provided each meets the eligibility and availability requirements set forth in this document.

In the event that a player, having been selected to an All-Star team, is found to be ineligible or otherwise unable to participate the manager of the All-Star team in question will work with the baseball committee to replace that player.

Manager/Coach Selection Process for 9-12-Year-Old Little League All-Star Teams

The Westbury Little League Baseball Committee shall select the manager and two (2) official coaches for each 9-12-year-old Little League All-Star team. The Baseball Committee will either select from those adult volunteers that have applied for consideration or, in the event there are not enough eligible volunteers, choose from among those that have not volunteered.

Player Selection Process for the 7-8-Year-Old Blue-Gray All-Star Teams

For the 7-8-year-old Blue-Gray All-Star teams:

- Each manager of current spring season teams in the division in question shall vote for the 12 players he or she feels is most deserving of All-Star selection.

- The player agent of the division in question shall vote for 12 players he or she feels is most deserving of All-Star selection.

Voting Rules for the 7-8-Year-Old Little League All-Star Teams

The Westbury Little League President, VP of Baseball, and division Player Agents shall collect, tabulate, and safe-keep all All-Star ballots.

Votes are weighted accordingly:

- Equal weighting among the collective manager and player agent votes.

In the event that a player, having been selected to an All-Star team, is found to be ineligible or otherwise unable to participate the manager of the All-Star team in question will work with the baseball committee to replace that player.

Manager/Coach Selection Process for the 7-8-Year-Old Blue-Gray All-Star Teams

The Westbury Little League Baseball Committee shall select the manager and three (3) official coaches for each 7-8-year-old Blue-Gray All-Star team. The Baseball Committee will either select from those adult volunteers that have applied for consideration or, in the event there are not enough eligible volunteers, choose from among those that have not volunteered.

Pre-Voting Discussions of All-Stars

The Westbury Little League President, VP of Baseball, division player agent, and regular season managers shall meet prior to All-Star voting to discuss eligible players. Each meeting will be scheduled by the VP of Baseball and will be based on divisions. No division meetings will be held together. All information discussed shall be considered confidential between the participants.

All-Star Schedule

The exact dates for the aforementioned tournaments are not released until late April. Nevertheless, below is a tentative schedule that outlines what it is like to play on an All-Star team.

WLL Spring Season Ends: Mid May

All-Star Practice Begins: Immediately following end of WLL Spring Season

Prep Tournaments: The last two weeks of May. Possible Pool games during the week and then games on Saturday and Sunday.

Blue Gray Tournament (Lamar Little League, 7U-12U): Usually starts the first week of June and runs for 10-14 days. Weekday and weekend games.

District 16 All-Stars (9U – 12U): These tournament dates depend on the age group. 9U starts and ends earlier (Early to mid-June). 12U starts and ends later (Late June into July). 10U and 11U will be between those and will most likely overlap.