



## Rincon Valley Little League Sanctioned All-Star Teams Selection Process

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### Selection Policy and Basic Overview

As a league, Rincon Valley Little League (RVLL) strives to make sure that the regular season offers as much opportunity to play and experience baseball as possible. The League implements numerous local rules to make for a more enjoyable playing experience for ALL players. Our League has many different playing levels, each geared to accommodate players based on their age and ability of play.

The All-Star Season is a completely separate season from the regular season. It is an opportunity for a significantly higher level of play within the regional Little League system. Players will have a significantly higher level of commitment and will receive a higher level of instruction and to the ability to compete against other All-Star teams.

When it comes to All-Star teams, it is the intent of Rincon Valley Little League Board of Directors to field a team that will **BEST represent our league in competition and sportsmanship**. RVLL believes that it is important to include the players themselves in the selection process and that the process be transparent and fair to all kids. All of the baseball players need to have an opportunity to make the team regardless of popularity, school affiliation, parental influence, or manager prejudice. For those that are not selected for the team the details regarding their candidacy shall be held in the strictest of confidence and remain private.

All selection decisions regarding All-Star teams need to be made with these ideals in mind. Several characteristics permeate our selection process for players and managers for the All Stars team:

- ✓ Skill-level and ability to compete
- ✓ Attitude, hustle, team spirit and team leadership
- ✓ Overall character, integrity and sportsmanship

Winning is the objective of the game, but it is very important that we remember that Little League is a “Child Development Program” and that we are also about teaching life lessons, building and demonstrating the positive ideals and characteristics that we hope for all our children.

### General Selection Process and Procedure

#### **Timing:**

For 2018, the All-Star team selection process will begin on May 31st. The All-Star team CANNOT be announced at any earlier date than is prescribed by Little League Rules each year. In 2018, Little League International announced that all-star team selections could be announced on June 1st.

For 2018, the All-Star practices will begin as soon as June 2nd. Practices usually run 2 to 3 hours per day and can be up to 7 days a week up to tournament time.

The All-Star tournaments typically begin the first week of July (except upper divisions start around 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June). If a team were to win the District All-Star Tournament, the team would then move on to the Section 1 tournament and then the State Tournament (typically late July). The older teams also have a regional tournament (San Bernardino, CA) and the Little League World Series (Williamsport, PA) that takes place in early to late August.

#### **All-Star Selection Committee**

The all-star committee members will be determined by the League President. The committee typically consists of the President, Players' Agent, Vice-President, and Secretary.

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### Manager & Coach Selection Process

Managers or Coaches interested in managing All-Star teams need to contact the President, Commissioner, or an All-Star Committee member.

Manager selection criteria and eligibility, per little league rules:

- ✓ All-Star Managers shall be a Manager or Coach during the regular season for the level they wish to manage.
- ✓ Any regular season Manager or Coach may “manage down” and manage an All Star team at a lower level but managers may not “manage up” into a higher division or age group.
- ✓ The League President may not serve as an All Star Manager or Coach.
- ✓ A Manager or Coach that has participated in another youth baseball league may be eliminated from All Star participation if their participation in the other league is deemed “detrimental” to league operations.

The all-star committee will select a manager for each all-star team and present to the League Board of Directors for approval.

### Teams and age groups:

#### Senior Team

The Senior All-Star team will be made up of players who are league age 14, 15, or 16 and who played in the RVLL Senior division during the regular season.

#### Junior Team

The Junior All-Star team will be made up of players who are league age 14 and who played in the RVLL Junior division during the regular season.

#### 50/70 (Intermediate) Team

The 50/70 (Intermediate) All-Star team will be made up of players who are league age 13 and who played in the RVLL 50/70 division during the regular season.

#### 10-11-12 year-old (12U) Team

The 12U All-Star team will be made up of players who are league age 12. League Age 10 and 11 year olds are eligible but not likely chosen. Eligible players will have played in the RVLL Majors division during the regular season.

#### 9-10-11 year-old (11U) Team

The 11U All-Star team will be made up of players who are league age 11. League Age 9 and 10 year olds are eligible but not likely chosen. Eligible players will have played in the RVLL Majors division during the regular season.

#### 8-9-10 year-old (10U) Team

The 10U All-Star team will be made up of players who are league age 9 and 10. League Age 8 and 9 year olds are eligible but not likely chosen. Eligible players will have played in the RVLL Majors or Minors division during the regular season.

### Number of Players:

Each All-Star team representing RVLL will consist of 12 to 14 players. The All-Star Manager working with the All-Star Committee will select the number of players that will be rostered on the team. There are advantages in selecting 13 players, so it is highly recommended that teams will roster 13 players. Additionally, the All-Star Committee shall appoint a new player should the team need to replace a player due to injury, lack of commitment, ineligibility, or other unforeseen circumstance. Per Little League rules, some players may be eligible for multiple teams; however, an individual may only be selected or be allowed to practice with one All Star team.

### All-Star Player Selection Process

The process for selecting All-Star teams will involve several steps. As in years past, the Managers shall nominate individual players from their respective teams which is then voted on, discussed, and approved by All-Star Committee.

1. Nominations and Balloting: Every Manager will solicit all of the players on their team to identify those that are

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interested in having their name considered for the All-Star ballot. Each manager shall nominate players from their own team to be on the All-Star ballot. Managers can nominate players from other teams if not nominated by their own manager.

2. Vote Tally and Initial Player Selections: Each manager will vote for up to 9 players to be on each all-star team(s) for their respective division. Managers cannot vote for players that they nominate. The first nine players with the most votes will be placed on the initial All-Star roster for each team. The remaining 3 to 4 players will be picked by the All-Star Manager and approved by the All-Star Committee.
3. Try Outs: When deemed necessary, the All-Star Committee can call for "Try Outs" to manage issues surrounding fielding the most competitive team.
4. Confidentiality and Oversight: The process and meetings are facilitated by the RVLL President and assisted by the Player Agent. The selection results (number of votes, selection order, etc.) and Manager Deliberations about the prospective players are strictly confidential.
5. Player Notification: Once the roster is deemed final by the All-Star Committee, the All-Star Team Manager is asked to notify all team members as promptly as is possible. Managers of players not chosen will notify those players as soon as possible.
6. Final Roster: The All-Star Committee will submit a final roster to the Board of Directors for final approval. The Board of Directors' approval is considered a formality and will be by majority vote. The All-Star teams may practice prior to Board approval, however, Board approval is required before the District All-Star tournament begins.

### **Player and Parent Commitments:**

Each rostered player and their parent(s)/guardian must complete and sign the **All-Star Commitment Form**. This document explains the commitment necessary to be a part of the All-Star program. RVLL is striving to field the most competitive All-Star team possible, and assure that it is comprised of players and managers/coaches that represent the attitude and character we desire. With this in mind, RVLL wishes to involve only parents and players who are committed to the hard work and practice time that are required to participate at this level of competition.

The player and parent commitment to All-Stars must be a solid commitment. Tournament Players must bear in mind that their first commitment is to the RVLL team before any other Non-Little League team or to any other sports camps or sports teams during the All-Star Season.

In the past, Little League rules have expressly prohibited a player or manager/coach from being involved in any other youth baseball program during the All Star season. While Little League has officially rescinded this Little League rule regarding "dual participation" in 2008, the RVLL All-Star Committee has exercised its option and decided to continue to enforce this requirement and shall have the authority to suspend or eliminate a Player for repeatedly missing games or practices. All such changes shall be coordinated only with prior approval from the League President.