

2025 All Star Coach Instructions and Information

Congratulations on being selected as an All-Star coach for Warrior Baseball in 2025. Our All-Star teams represent the park and tournaments throughout the summer, and we know that you will help to carry on our long tradition of success.

This sheet contains information on logistics, uniforms, fundraising, and other important topics. Keep in mind that some items have deadlines that must be adhered to in order to ensure a smooth process.

Roster and Uniforms

The all-star ranking list is included in this packet. The top 6 players from the ranking list must be offered a spot on the Nationals roster. The nationals coach may choose whomever he wants for the remainder of the roster. Any players ranked 7-12 who are not on the Nationals team must be offered a spot on the Americans team, if there is one. The Nationals coach has up to 48 hours from receiving the list needs to select up to 12 players. He should communicate with the age group director and/or Americans coach regarding any players he asked and let the Americans coach know when they can start selecting the second team. See the Local Rules for more specific information on selecting teams. Multi-age divisions also should consult with the age-group director/local rules regarding age group selection criteria (e.g. Minors and Majors).

Depending on the age group, the enclosed list may be ordered by ranking, or the players within each group (1-6, 7-12, 13-18, etc.) may be listed alphabetically. **Under no circumstances is the list to be shared with anyone, including assistant coaches, players, or spouses.** Sharing this information inevitably creates conflicts as not every player can be selected for an all-star team and therefore some families will always be disappointed with the results. Any individual found to be sharing the ranking list during the selection process or all-star season will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors, up to and including removal as coach or restrictions on future ability to coach.

The park will order uniforms, with the team/players responsible for the costs (see costs/fundraising information below).

Please complete the roster sheet with uniform size information and return (text photo or email a copy) to Candice Carden NO LATER THAN 9:00 am on Tuesday, May 20. Hat sizes are XS, S/M, and L/XL. We understand that the Patriots teams may be unable to meet this deadline; however, all Nationals and Americans rosters MUST BE RECEIVED by May 20.

The player participation fee for participating in All-Stars is \$115.00. This includes the standard uniform package, coach uniforms, tournament entry fees, insurance, and field maintenance. All park all-star teams wear the same uniforms, in the team's appropriate color (blue, red, or light blue). The standard uniform package includes 2 jerseys, a hat, a belt, and socks. Teams will have the option to purchase an approved 3rd jersey directly from SuperSports at an additional expense. Teams may also choose to purchase helmets, bat bags, or other accessories at their own expense.

SuperSports All Stars Team Store website: <https://kentuckallstars2025.itemorder.com>

Rosters must be approved by the age group director and the league! Players must have played in the appropriate age group in order to be eligible for All-Stars

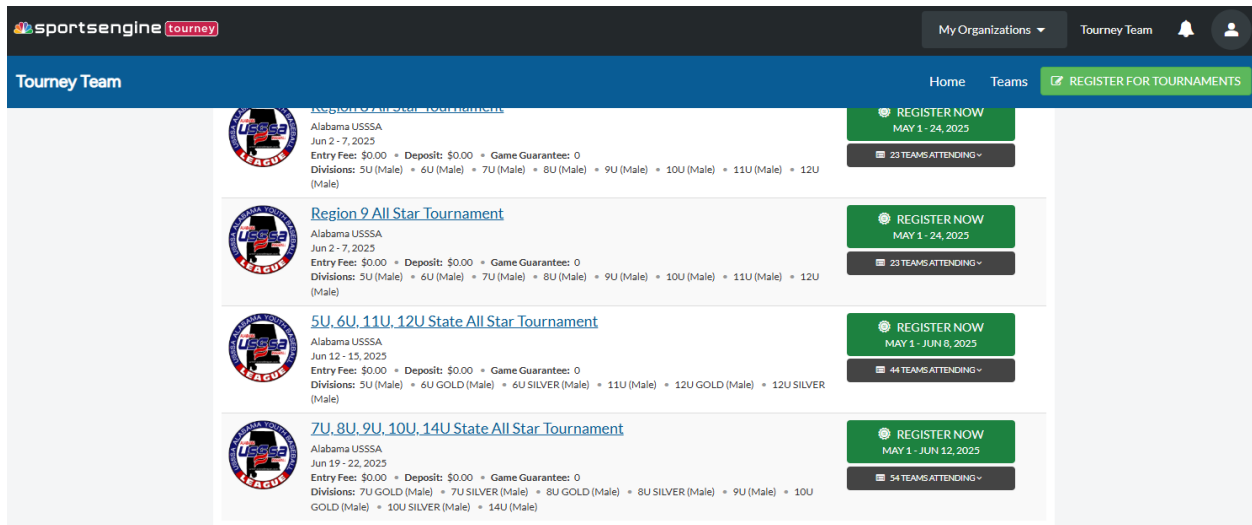
Sanction

Go to the USSSA Rec League website at www.ussaleague.com. The website has information regarding the schedule and how to sanction your team. Click on the “Sanction your Team” button and follow the instructions. You may need to create an account if you have not previously managed a team. Use the following template to name your team:

Northport [Age] [Team]

For example, the 12u Nationals should use the name: Northport 12u Nationals, while the 7-year-old Americans would be named: Northport 7u Americans.

Once you have created your team, register for the all-star tournaments by clicking the green “Register for Tournaments” button. We are in REGION 9, so you should register for the Region 9 All Star Tournament and the appropriate State Tournament for your age group. (Screenshot included below).



The screenshot shows the USSSA Rec League website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "My Organizations" and "Tourney Team" options. Below this, a blue header reads "Tourney Team" with a "REGISTER FOR TOURNAMENTS" button. The main content area lists four tournaments:

- Alabama USSSA** (Jun 2-7, 2025): Entry Fee: \$0.00, Deposit: \$0.00, Game Guarantee: 0. Divisions: 5U (Male) + 6U (Male) + 7U (Male) + 8U (Male) + 9U (Male) + 10U (Male) + 11U (Male) + 12U (Male). 23 TEAMS ATTENDING.
- Region 9 All Star Tournament** (Jun 2-7, 2025): Entry Fee: \$0.00, Deposit: \$0.00, Game Guarantee: 0. Divisions: 5U (Male) + 6U (Male) + 7U (Male) + 8U (Male) + 9U (Male) + 10U (Male) + 11U (Male) + 12U (Male). 23 TEAMS ATTENDING.
- 5U, 6U, 11U, 12U State All Star Tournament** (Jun 12-15, 2025): Entry Fee: \$0.00, Deposit: \$0.00, Game Guarantee: 0. Divisions: 5U (Male) + 6U GOLD (Male) + 6U SILVER (Male) + 11U (Male) + 12U GOLD (Male) + 12U SILVER (Male). 44 TEAMS ATTENDING.
- 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 14U State All Star Tournament** (Jun 19-22, 2025): Entry Fee: \$0.00, Deposit: \$0.00, Game Guarantee: 0. Divisions: 7U GOLD (Male) + 7U SILVER (Male) + 8U GOLD (Male) + 8U SILVER (Male) + 9U (Male) + 10U GOLD (Male) + 10U SILVER (Male) + 14U (Male). 54 TEAMS ATTENDING.

Schedule

Regional: June 2-7

5u, 6u, 11u, 12u State: June 12-15

7u, 8u, 9u, 10u State: June 19-22

These dates are available on the USSSA Rec League website. While Regional Tournaments are scheduled to end on a Saturday, you should assume that you will play Sunday either due to the number of teams and/or rain. For the State Tournaments, the final 4 teams are scheduled on Sunday; however, rain or other factors may result in additional teams playing on Sunday.

World Series: July 8-13 (Baton Rouge, LA; separate registration process)

Fees

The park will cover any charges for the regional and state tournaments, as well as necessary insurance coverage for tournament entry. For 2025, the park will also cover the World Series entry fee.

Individual teams/players are responsible for player participation fee, any other equipment, items, or expenses such as banners, travel costs, lodging/food costs, or any other costs associated with All-Star participation.

Fundraising

The Park will organize a fundraiser raffle in 2025, with a variety of prizes available. Tickets will be \$20. This has been very successful the last several years and allowed all teams to cover the cost of their uniforms and World Series entry fee. Many teams raise significantly more money using this method, helping families to defray travel and other expenses. Assuming the player participation fee and additional jerseys or equipment totaling \$2,500 per team, teams can cover those expenses by selling approximately 125 raffle tickets, or 10-15 tickets per player. Teams keep any additional money raised as part of the raffle, and they are encouraged to sell as many tickets as possible. 200 Tickets are provided with this packet or will be provided this week, and more may be requested at any time. The drawing for the raffle will occur on June 17, 2025. Tickets must be turned in by June 16th. Do not have individual player's raffle tickets paid for via Venmo to the park. The park's Venmo should be used only for larger donations (see below).

In addition to the park-wide fundraiser, Warrior Baseball is a registered 501(C)3 organization and is permitted to receive tax deductible charitable donations. Common methods of fundraising include team activities such as car washes as well as sponsorships or advertisements on team banners. Fundraising proceeds can be submitted via check, cash, or Venmo. We ask that you do not submit a large number of small donations (e.g. \$5 or \$10 donations) through the park's fundraising process as it takes significant time to process donations less than \$50. If you collected cash from a number of small donations/proceeds, you can collate it into one submission, or distribute/spend it internally as appropriate without going through park.

Due to the volume of donations received, we require that teams complete a fundraising log when submitting funds to ensure they are credited to the appropriate team. The included 2025 All Star Fundraising Log **MUST BE TURNED** in with any donations/checks. No Funds will be disbursed to a team without this form.

Checks/Cash:

Teams receiving checks should ensure that the check is made out to "Warrior Baseball" and must ensure that the check memo clearly specifies the appropriate team (e.g. "7u Nationals"). Even if a particular player is identified as having facilitated the donation, the team must also be identified since all fundraising proceeds must be received on behalf of the organization or team and cannot be earmarked solely for a specific individual.

Teams should fill out the Fundraising Log included with this packet, identifying the name and amount of all check and cash donations. Approximately 1 day per week will be identified where teams may bring any accumulated fundraised donations. The park will provide a check to the Head Coach or other designated member to cover any expenses. No checks will be cut to a team until their fundraising exceeds the player participation cost for the team. The park will withhold the following amounts to cover the player participation fee (which includes the uniforms and other necessary all-star overhead expenses):

<u># of Players</u>	<u>Cost</u>
10	\$1,150
11	\$1,265
12	\$1,380

The head coach or designated team official is responsible for distributing the fundraising in an appropriate manner. For any team fundraisers, it is most common for teams to distribute the funds equally across all players/coaches; however, the team is ultimately responsible for the method and manner of distribution. Teams should keep a record of their expenses in case it is necessary to reconcile expenses and ensure that the fundraising did not exceed expenses. For teams with larger fundraising totals (exceeding \$5,000 after uniform expenses), Warrior Baseball may require additional documentation and/or explanation prior to releasing funds.

Venmo/Square

Donations can also be made through the Park's Venmo account. Donations MUST CLEARLY SPECIFY THE TEAM to which they are directed. Teams should also fill out and turn in the included Venmo donation log identifying any donations they were given via Venmo. Descriptions such as "all stars" or a picture of a baseball will be treated as being donated to the park and **will not** be reimbursed to a team. Donations through Venmo/square will be reimbursed at reduced amount of 95% in order to cover the processing fee that we are charged by Square/Venmo.

The park's Venmo is **@warriorbaseballkentuck**

Notes

The team should make one payment (or have the total amount withheld from the fundraising proceeds) for the player participation fees. Do not have players individually pay the park for this fee. Teams are strongly encouraged to use the raffle to cover this fee, and many teams raised significantly more money using this raffle. It provides an easy fundraising method with minimal logistical work for individual teams/families. One team individual should be responsible for collecting proceeds from players (via Venmo, cash, check), and then the team should make one payment for the player participation fee total (or have that total withheld from reimbursement from the park for donations).

There is no need to turn in cash beyond that required to cover the player participation fees for the team. The individual organizing fundraising for the team can disburse that directly for expenses.

Teams may also choose to register as a separate organization and handle fundraising themselves. They will still be responsible for reimbursing the park for uniforms or other required costs.

Receipts

The park has a form that teams may use to serve as a receipt for charitable contributions in situations where a receipt is required or requested by the donor. (Note that generally, donations under \$250 do not require a written receipt under IRS guidelines.) The head coach or designated team official should complete the receipt form at the time the donation is received and provide it to the requesting donor.

Communication

The park will create and maintain a group of head coaches/responsible team officials. You should monitor that group for important information and announcements as the information in this packet may change. Contact your age group director or a board member for general questions. Questions regarding uniforms should go to Candice Carden. Questions regarding fundraising should go to Ross Grimes.

Roster Selection Process Overview (5u-10u age groups)

Required Selections:

- All players in top 6 must be invited to Nationals
- Remaining players in top 12 after Nationals team has been chosen must be invited to Americans
- Remaining players in top 18 after Americans team has been chosen must be invited to Patriots

Remaining Selections:

- Coach discretion after required invitations, if any. Coach can select up to total roster size of 12 players (12 players not required, many teams select 10 or 11 players). Additional players may be added after all teams in the age group have filled roster.
- Upon request, the league may provide information on any players outside top 24 who received at least 2 votes, in order to facilitate the selection process.

Players who Decline Invitation:

- A player who declines an all-star team invitation may not participate on another team unless released by the coach who initially invited that player.
- EXCEPTION: A head coach who has all-star team selection priority and who has selected to coach the Americans team (or who is next in line and chooses to coach the Americans team). This only applies to the head coach's child, not any assistant coaches (whether or not they were head coaches during the season)

World Series Participation:

- To be selected as the Nationals or Americans manager, the coach must be willing to participate in the World Series. The team as a group may decide not to participate due to lack of entries or competitive reasons (majority vote of the team, one vote per player family); however, the coach must be willing to go if the team chooses to participate.

Player Participation:

- For any all-star team, at least 9 players (kid pitch) or 10 players (coach pitch) must be able to participate in at least 2 of the 3 tournaments (regional, state, World Series), and coaches are encouraged to invite players who can participate in all of the tournaments. A player or players who can only participate in one tournament may be added as additional selections beyond the minimum number.
- If it becomes necessary to add a player due to withdrawal (e.g. injury or illness), teams should coordinate with the age group director regarding adding a player. The added player must be eligible and must have participated in the age group's regular season.

Coaches:

- Assistant coaches must be eligible to coach a league team (but do not have to have been a head or assistant coach during the season) and must be able to pass a background check
- 4 coach jerseys/hats are provided as part of the team uniform package. Additional coaches' items must be ordered from SuperSports via the team store.

Roster Selection Process Overview (Little League, 11-12u)

The same guidelines listed above apply to the Little League, 12u, and 11u teams with the following exceptions:

Little League Required Selections:

- The top 6 players in the Majors group who are Little League eligible must be invited to the Little League team. See the league regarding rules regarding players who decline to play Little League in favor of a Nationals team. The Little League team must have 12 players on the roster.

11u and 12u Required Selections:

- After the Little League roster is set, new lists for 11u and 12u Majors players are created which exclude players selected to Little League. The top 6 players on those lists must be offered a spot on the Nationals teams for their age group.
- For 12u: Remaining players in the top 12 must be selected to the Americans
- For 11u: Remaining players in the top 12 must be selected to the Americans, as well as the top 4 players on the Minors 11u list.

Remaining Selections:

- 12u (Americans only): Minors players may not be selected unless all players in the top 24 have been previously offered a place on an all-star team and only with Board approval.
- 11u: Coach selections for both the Nationals and Americans teams can come from *either* the Majors or the Minors division.