

# **Mattawan Little League All-Star and Extended Season Selection Process**

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Attachment 2**

The Player Agents will oversee the All-Star selection process.

## **Manager/Coaches Selection:**

The Player Agents will determine the date for selection of the All-Star Managers. The selection date will be communicated by the Player Agents to the Division Directors eligible for All-Star play (i.e., A, AA, AAA, Majors, 5070, Juniors, Seniors and Big League). Division Directors will be responsible for communicating the selection date to all respective Managers and Coaches. Official Managers and one official Coach from each team (i.e. those registered through Little League Headquarters) are eligible to participate in the All-Star Manager selection process.

The managers shall be selected from the following Divisions:

- 7-8 AA or A Baseball Divisions and Minor Softball Division
- 9-10 AAA Baseball Division and Little Major Softball Division
- 10-11 Major Baseball Division and Major Softball Division
- 11-12 Major Baseball Division and Major Softball Division
- 12-13 50/70 Baseball Division

The Player Agents will prepare All-Star Manager Nomination ballots, distribute to respective Managers and Coaches on the specified date and time as determined by the Player Agents. All official Managers and Coaches will be listed on the nomination ballot. Managers/Coaches electing to withdraw their name from the All-Star Manager Selection process must directly notify the Player Agents at least one week prior to the All-Star selection date so that their name can be removed from the nomination ballot. Exceptions to this need to occur prior to the nomination process and with Player Agent and Director notifications.

Through the nomination process, Managers and Coaches will nominate three Managers/Coaches from their respective Division for All-Star Manager. Nomination ballots shall be returned directly to the Player Agent. The Player Agent, Division Director, and Vice President will determine three individuals eligible for All-Star Manager selection based upon the three Managers/Coaches with the highest number of nominations. Final ballots with three names nominated for All-Star Manager will be prepared by the Player Agents and distributed to all Managers and Coaches. The Manager/Coach with the highest number of votes shall be recommended to the League President for All-Star Manager for the respective Division. The League President will consider this recommendation when making his/her appointments for Board approval. This process will take place in a short time frame (less than 30 minutes).

In the event that an All-Star Manager has not volunteered or accepted the responsibility for a respective Division, the Vice President, Player Agent and Division Director of Baseball and/or Softball shall align and seek outside nominations and follow the Little League International "Official Regulations and Playing Rules" under Tournament Organization for Managers/Coaches. If an All-Star Manager has volunteered, but however does not meet the Little League International "Official Regulations and Playing Rules" under Tournament Organization for Managers/Coaches, then a waiver shall be processed by the

President, via “Charter Committee / Waivers of Rules and Regulations” and forwarded expeditiously. The District 15 Administrator shall be notified by the President immediately of said situation and the implications if waiver is not approved.

After the team (i.e. players) is selected, then the All-Star Manager shall select two All-Star Coaches from the list of official Managers and Coaches. The managers and coaches shall be regular season team managers and/or coaches. The coaches need to follow Little League International “Official Regulations and Playing Rules” under Tournament Organization for Managers/Coaches.

Should the Player Agent be eligible for the All-Star selection process, ballots for the respective Division shall be returned to the Vice President. Should the Vice President also be eligible for the All-Star selection process, ballots for the respective Division shall be returned to the Player Agent. If both are eligible, the ballots for the respective Division shall be returned to the opposite Division Player Agent and or Vice President. If they are not available, then the ballots will be returned to the President.

### **Player Selection:**

The All-Star Manager shall determine the number of players for their respective All-Star team (in accordance with Little League International rules) through notification to the Player Agent. See Little League Tournament Official Regulations and Playing Rules annually for changes. Mattawan Little League’s policy on manager, coach and player availability prior to and during All-Star play is as follows: It is expected that those individuals are accepting the responsibility and commitment for participation in post-season play. The participation for post-season play is much higher than that of regular season. It is expected that those participating be available for all practices, games and meetings. It is understood that there may be occasions where those individuals may not be available due to unforeseen circumstances and will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the All-Star Manager. However, it is not reasonable or acceptable for individuals who have scheduled vacations during tryouts, practice or tournament play to be considered for post-season play. In these situations, participation in post-season play should not be granted unless extenuating circumstances are understood / approved by the All-Star Manager, Player Agent and respective VP prior to consideration for post-season tryouts or participation. Participation in post-season play is to be made available to those individuals that have made the commitment to the league and accepted their individual responsibilities. Otherwise, they need to respectfully decline to afford another individual the opportunity. Players and families need to be committed to putting in a lot of time after the regular season to prepare for and play in the All-Star season. The All-Star Manager will make the league’s policy known before the start of tryouts.

Mattawan Little League will pay All-Star team entry fees for each team throughout the tournament. However, all other expenses related to uniforms, meals, travel and miscellaneous expenses are the responsibilities of the players and families of each specific team. The specific expenses will vary from team to team based on numerous factors (uniform selection, length in tournament, game locations, etc.).

Mattawan Little League will enter teams in the “Extended Season” and All-Stars according to eligibility standards set forth by Little League International. Players must meet Little League International eligibility guidelines. Teams will be structured as follows:

7-8: MLL will enter up to 3 teams to the Extended Season tournament. Players will be selected from the A and AA Baseball Divisions and Minor Softball Division and be 7-8 years old by league age as determined by LLI.

9-10: MLL may only enter 1 team to the All-Star tournament. Players will be selected from the AAA Baseball Division and Little Major Softball Division and must be 9-10 years old by league age as determined by LLI.

10-11: MLL may only enter 1 team to the All-Star tournament. Players will be selected from the AAA and Major Baseball Divisions and Little Major and Major Softball Divisions and must be 10-11 years old by league age as determined by LLI.

Little League Division (AKA 11-12 or Major Division): MLL may only enter 1 team to the All-Star tournament. Players will be selected from the Major Baseball and Major Softball Divisions and must be 11-12 years old by league age as determined by LLI. With the introduction of 50/70 Baseball Division that allows for dual registration of players in Majors and 50/70 Baseball Divisions.

50/70: MLL may only enter 1 team to the All-Star tournament. Players must be eligible for the 50/70 Division. Players may not play in both the 50/70 and 11-12 tournaments.

Some players are eligible for more than 1 All-Star team. The teams will pick in the following order: 50/70, 11-12, 9-10 and 10-11.

All players that meet the age, regular season play, league boundaries and registration requirements will be eligible to try out for the All-Star team in the appropriate age Division. Any player not selected by a team to tryout may ask his/her regular season Manager for extra consideration. These situations need to be discussed with Division Director, Player Agent and All-Star Manager prior to allowing tryout.

The Player Agent will announce the date of All-Star tryouts to Division Directors. Division Directors, based upon agreement with the Players Agent, will establish a time for their respective Division tryouts. The number of players to tryout in each Division will be dependent upon the actual number of players in each Division.

- 7-8 Extended Season will have open tryouts.
- 9-10, 10-11 and 11-12 teams will limit tryouts to the top 50 players as determined by the managers and coaches. This process will use the online ratings system with a statistical normalization process to be completed by the Player Agent, Division Director and respective VP.
- Juniors / Seniors (13 & 16 year olds) – Players nominate three players / Coaches one player
- Big League (16-18 year olds) – Typically, this team is recruited from within District – Low Numbers

Exceptions shall be minimized, and if approved, documented in writing by the Player Agent.

Division Directors are responsible for communicating the date, time and number of players eligible to their respective Managers and Coaches at least two weeks prior to try-outs. Regular Season Managers are responsible for notifying all players of the All-Star tryout date, time and number of players eligible for the All-Star team. ALL PLAYERS SHALL RECEIVE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION of the tryouts from their Manager at least one week prior to try-outs.

The Player Agents are expected to be present at all All-Star tryouts with the respective VP as an alternate or another Player Agent. The All-Star Manager and Division Director will run the tryouts with assistance from Regular Season Managers. Each team will provide one Manager and one official Coach to evaluate and nominate the players at the tryout sessions. Each player trying out for the All-Star team must tryout

in his or her regular season uniform. The Division Director will compile a list of players trying out; breaking it down by team color and number. Managers and Coaches evaluating the players will be given a copy of the list to be used as a ballot.

Players will be evaluated based upon their skills/abilities in the following areas: 1) Throwing; 2) Infield Pop-Ups; 3) Outfield Fly Balls; 4) Grounders; 5) Hitting; 6) Bunting; 7) Running, and 8) Sliding. Pitchers and Catchers shall also be evaluated. The selection process shall mirror the year end evaluation in format. Based upon the outcome only the highest ranked players will be selected to the team. This number will be determined by the total number of players being selected for the All-Star team minus the 2 Managers' picks.

Regular season Managers and Coaches not attending at least 75% of the tryout will not be eligible to provide an evaluation. Depending upon the makeup of the All-Star Team, an All-Star Manager may find the team is in need of specific attributes not already on the team (i.e. pitching, catching, speed, hitting etc.) and will need to augment accordingly. The Player Agent, Division Director, and Vice President are there to ensure all efforts are objective and defensible.

If a player is unable to attend the regular tryout due to extenuating circumstances, the All-Star Manager may provide an individual tryout, but is not required to do so. The Player Agent must be involved in said situation / special tryout.

Players injured during the All-Star selection process shall be provided with the opportunity to complete try-outs within 24 hours after the initial tryouts, if physically able. The Player Agent will announce teams by posting the All-Star team listing at the Mattawan Little League fields and on the Mattawan Little League website ([www.eteamz.com/mattawanLL](http://www.eteamz.com/mattawanLL)) within 48 hours after the initial tryouts.

### **Parent Volunteers**

Each parent of a player selected to a Mattawan All-Star team will be required to perform volunteer work at least once during the All-Star games played at the Mattawan Little League fields. The Player Agents and All-Star Managers will communicate this requirement to parents at the meeting held immediately prior to All-Star try-outs. Parents allowing their child to try-out for an All-Star team agree to the volunteer requirements as outlined above. Refusal on the part of the parent to volunteer when called upon during Mattawan All-Star games, will result in their child being ineligible for All-Star tryouts the following season unless extenuating circumstances apply. Excusing a parent from volunteer work during All-Stars due to extenuating circumstances can only be approved by the League President.