



## **All-Star Eligibility and Selection Process** *Baseball and Softball*

### **Eligibility**

Eligible players are any player who has participated as an eligible player in 60% of the regular season games as of June 15<sup>th</sup> and attended half of the tryouts offered by each player's respective division at the beginning of the season. The tryout requirement may be waived for individual player(s) with approval of the Board.

*Exception: A player who is unable to participate in a number of local league regular season games because of participation in a school baseball program will receive an adjustment on the minimum participation in games. (Example of the Exception: Team played 20 regular season games before June 15, and a player missed 10 games because of participation in a school baseball program, that player is required to have participated in only six regular season games.)*

Players may indicate a personal preference for the team(s) they wish to be considered for. However, MCLL reserves the right to place players on the team that best serves the league's ability to field competitive teams.

### **Divisions that make up the All-Star team for Baseball and Softball:**

- 8, 9 and 10 year olds from Majors or Minors (*commonly referred to as the **10 year old All-Star team***)
- 9, 10 and 11 year olds from Majors or Minors\* (*commonly referred to as the **11 year old All-Star team***)
- 10, 11 and 12 year olds from Majors only (*commonly referred to as the **12 year old All-Star team***)
- 11, 12 and 13 year olds from Intermediate (*commonly referred to as the **Intermediate All-Star team***)
- 12, 13 and 14 year olds from Juniors or Seniors (*commonly referred to as the **Juniors All-Star team***)
- 14, 15 and 16 year olds from Big League, Juniors or Seniors (*commonly referred to as the **Seniors All-Star team***)
- 15, 16, 17 and 18 year olds from Big League or Senior League (*commonly referred to as the **Big League All-Star team***)

**Player Commitment:** The All-Star commitment runs from early June to potentially mid-August. Players are expected to attend six practices a week (or as scheduled by the manager) before the start of tournaments and will attend all games. Any potential conflicts known in advance **MUST** be noted on the All Star application. Conflicts that occur after the application is submitted must be sent via e-mail to [playeragent@millcreeklittleleague.com](mailto:playeragent@millcreeklittleleague.com). *Players who miss All-Star games or practices may be removed from the team by the manager with approval from the President.*

**Manager Selection:** Managers and coaches must have been a manager or coach on the team roster of the division (as defined by Little League International) for which they are applying during the regular season. (For example, the manager of the 11/12 All-Star baseball and softball teams and also the 10/11 baseball team must have been a manager or coach in the Majors Division. For 9/10 baseball and softball and 10/11 softball, the manager must have been a manager or coach in the Majors or Minors divisions.) Candidates will provide a letter of interest in managing an All-Star team when requested by the VP of the corresponding division. The All-Star manager selection committee, made up of the Vice President of the corresponding Division and other board members as designated by the President (unless one of the committee members has applied to be the team manager), will recommend a manager selection to the

President. If the President is a manager candidate, he or she will be excused from the All-Star manager selection committee and the VP of the corresponding division will select the committee. After the All-Star teams are named, the manager will submit his or her request of two coaches to the President. The President will then select and appoint two coaches to each All-Star team. All managers and coaches are subject to Board approval.

**Player Selection for the 12 year old All-Star team:** By May 15th the Player Agent will prepare ballots which contain the names of all eligible players for the 12 year old All Star team. The Player Agent will conduct the voting process for the players and managers in the Majors division as follows:

1. Voting by the players and managers will only occur when there are 3 or more Majors teams. If there are 2 or less, the teams will be formed by the All-Star player selection committee.
2. Majors players will vote a maximum of 5 players on the ballot provided and cannot vote for anyone on their own team. The voting process, which will usually take place during the MCLL Majors tournament, will be clearly explained to the players by the Player Agent. The ballots will be placed in an envelope and sealed by the Player Agent. The manager of each team will sign across the seal of the envelope containing his or her team's ballots.
3. The votes will be counted no sooner than 1 hour prior to the Majors managers voting meeting (as defined in No. 4) by 2 people who do not have a vested interest in this team (their child is not on the ballot and they are not a manager of the team). This may be the Player Agent, President or other Board members as needed.
4. The 5 players who received the most votes are the first on the team. *Exception: In the case that an 11-year-old player is selected by the player vote, the All-Star committee may move the player to the 11 team.*
5. In the case of a tie for the final position(s), the maximum number of players named to the team as a result of a tie will be 6. If more players than that are involved in a tie, the players involved in the tie will be ranked during the managers voting meeting. The compiled rankings will be counted by two board members, and 6 will be named to the team. (For example, if there are three players tied for fifth in the voting, managers will rank the three players tied for fifth, and the top two will be named to the team.) In the case that the managers voting also leads to a tie, all players involved in the tie as a result of the managers' rankings will be named to the team.
6. Managers of the corresponding Majors division will vote for the number of players required to bring the total number of players, including those selected by the players, to 8 at a meeting conducted by the Player Agent. Prior to the vote, managers should provide written or typed information to the Player Agent by a specified date to distribute to the other managers for consideration. At the meeting, the players named to the team by player vote will be revealed to voting managers. Managers will be shown the players' top 20 compiled ranking for informational purposes. Managers will vote for the specified number of players as defined above without discussing individual players from the ballot during the meeting. In the case of a tie, each manager will submit a ranking of the players involved in the tie.
7. The final decision regarding how many players the team will carry and who the final picks are will be determined by the All-Star player selection committee, which will consist the President, the league Player Agent and the VP and All-Star managers of the corresponding division. Any member of the committee may recuse him/herself from the committee, and any member of the committee may be excused by the President due to a stated conflict-of-interest. The President may be excused by agreement of the league Player Agent and the VP of the corresponding division. The President will resolve all disputes. If the President has been excused, the Player Agent (if on the committee) will resolve disputes. If the President and the Player Agent are not on the committee, the VP will resolve disputes. For informational purposes, the committee will be shown the players' Top 20 compiled ranking and the managers' Top 15 ranking.

### **Player Selection for the 11 year old All-Star team:**

1. If there are 5 or more Majors teams, there will be a separate ballot for the 11 year old All-Star team. If there are 4 or less Majors teams, the 11 year old team will be formed by the All-Star player selection committee.
2. By May 15th the Player Agent will prepare ballots which contain the names of all eligible players from the Majors division for the 11 year old All-Star team (if there are 5 or more Majors teams). The Player Agent will conduct the voting process for the players in the Majors division only. Majors players will vote for a maximum of 5 players on the ballot provided and cannot vote for anyone on their own team. The voting process will be clearly explained to the players by the Player Agent. The ballots will be placed in an envelope and sealed by the Player Agent. The manager of each team will sign across the seal of the envelope containing his or her team's ballots.
3. The votes will be counted no sooner than 1 hour prior to the Majors managers voting meeting (as defined in No. 4) by 2 people who do not have a vested interest in this team (their child is not on the ballot and they are not a manager of the team). This may be the Player Agent, President or other Board members as needed.
4. The 5 players who received the most votes are the first on the team. *Exception: In the case that a 10-year-old player is selected by the player vote, the All-Star committee may move the player to the 10 year old team.* In the case of a tie for the final position(s), the maximum number of players named to the team as a result of a tie will be 6. If more players than that are involved in a tie, the players involved in the tie will be ranked during the managers voting meeting. The compiled rankings will be counted by two board members, and 6 will be named to the team. In the case that the managers voting also leads to a tie, all players involved in the tie as a result of the managers' rankings will be named to the team.
5. Step 4a will be followed when there are 5 or more Major teams. Step 4b will be followed when there are 4 or less Majors teams.
  - a. When there are 5 or more Majors teams, there will be no tryout for the 11 year old team. Managers of the corresponding Majors division will vote for the number of players required to bring the total number of players, including those selected by the players, to 8 at a meeting conducted by the Player Agent. Prior to the vote, managers should provide written or typed information to the Player Agent by a specified date to distribute to the other managers for consideration. At the meeting, the players named to the team by player vote will be revealed to voting managers. Managers will vote for the specified number of players as defined above without discussing individual players from the ballot during the meeting. In the case of a tie, each manager will submit a ranking of the players involved in the tie.
    - i. The final decision regarding how many players the team will carry and who the final picks are will be determined by the All-Star player selection committee, which will consist the President, the league Player Agent and the VP and All-Star managers of the corresponding division. Any member of the committee may recuse him/herself from the committee, and any member of the committee may be excused by the President due to a stated conflict-of-interest. The President may be excused by agreement of the league Player Agent and the VP of the corresponding division. The President will resolve all disputes. If the President has been excused, the Player Agent (if on the committee) will resolves disputes. If the President and the Player Agent are not on the committee, the VP will resolve disputes. For informational purposes, the committee will be shown the players' Top 20 compiled ranking and the managers' Top 15 ranking.

- b. When there are 4 or less Majors teams, open tryouts for all **eligible** 10 and 11 year old players will be held at a specific time and place. Players from only the Majors and Minors divisions will be allowed to try out. All players interested in making this All-Star team must attend the tryout, unless an exception has been approved by a vote of the board. A 10 year old player is eligible for the 10, 11 and 12 year old All-Star teams. Information will be provided to all parents of tryout participants explaining that tryouts are only one part of the All-Star selection process, and tryout results are not likely to supersede an entire regular-season's body of work.
  - i. The final decision regarding how many players the team will carry and who the final picks are will be determined by the All-Star player selection committee, which will consist the President, the league Player Agent and the VP and All-Star managers of the corresponding division. Any member of the committee may recuse him/herself from the committee, and any member of the committee may be excused by the President due to a stated conflict-of-interest. The President may be excused by agreement of the league Player Agent and the VP of the corresponding division. The President will resolve all disputes. If the President has been excused, the Player Agent (if on the committee) will resolves disputes. If the President and the Player Agent are not on the committee, the VP will resolve disputes. For informational purposes, the committee will be shown the players' Top 20 compiled ranking and the managers' Top 15 ranking.

#### **Player Selection for the 10 year old All-Star team:**

1. Open tryout(s) for all **eligible** 8, 9 and 10 year old baseball and softball players will be held at a specific time and place. Players from only the Majors and Minors divisions will be allowed to try out. All players interested in making this All-Star team must attend the tryout(s), unless an exception has been approved by a vote of the board. A 10 year old player is eligible for the 10, 11 and 12 year old All-Star teams. Players age 9 are eligible for the 10 and 11 year old teams. Players age 8 are eligible for the 10 year old team. Information will be provided to all parents of tryout participants explaining that tryouts are only one part of the All-Star selection process, and tryout results are not likely to supersede an entire regular-season's body of work.
2. The final decision regarding how many players the team will carry and who the final picks are will be determined by the All-Star player selection committee, which will consist the President, the league Player Agent and the VP and All-Star managers of the corresponding division. Any member of the committee may recuse him/herself from the committee, and any member of the committee may be excused by the President due to a stated conflict-of-interest. The President may be excused by agreement of the league Player Agent and the VP of the corresponding division. The President will resolve all disputes. If the President has been excused, the Player Agent (if on the committee) will resolves disputes. If the President and the Player Agent are not on the committee, the VP will resolve disputes. For informational purposes, the committee will be shown the players' Top 20 compiled ranking and the managers' Top 15 ranking.

#### **Exception to the All Star Selection Process:**

It is the intent of Mill Creek Little League to field All-Star teams for every age group. However, the President, Vice President of the corresponding division and the Player Agent may combine one or more age groups when it is deemed necessary.