

Zionsville Little League 2011 All Star Team Guidelines

Goal

All-Star teams exist to represent ZLL in district level and beyond tournaments leading to the Little League World Series for Major division teams. These teams must meet and follow all rules and guidelines provided by Little League International. The intent is to select the best team and manager to represent Zionsville Little League and our community in tournament play.

The All-Star experiences give players more opportunity to improve skills by continuing to play in tournaments against players with higher skill level. Participation in the Little League International sanctioned tournaments provides ZLL with the opportunity to showcase the quality of our baseball and softball programs. ZLL pays the entry fees for these tournaments. Participating on a ZLL All-Star team requires a commitment of up to an additional calendar month. This commitment typically begins on June 15th (or the conclusion of the regular season tournament) and may continue through the month of July depending on the performance and interest of the team to continue playing.

Formation of Teams

Team Selection Order

The All Stars teams will be selected in the following order:

1. 12 year-old 1st Team, named ***Zionsville 12 Green Eagles***
 - a. Team will be comprised of the best players, whether 11 or 12 years old with parents' consent to play.
2. 11 year old 1st Team, named ***Zionsville 11 Green Eagles***
3. Additional teams for players 11 and 12 years old will be added at the discretion of the league president
 - a. Preference will be given to 12 year olds for the 2nd Team, named ***Zionsville 12 White Eagles***. If there is insufficient interest with skilled 12 year-old players, this team roster can include 11 year-old players not selected for the 11 year-old 1st Team.
 - b. If sufficient interest and skills are present, a 2nd Team of 11 year old players may also be selected, named ***Zionsville 11 White Eagles***.
4. 10 year old 1st Team, ***Zionsville Green Eagles***
5. 9 year old 1st Team, ***Zionsville White Eagles***
 - a. Additional teams for players 9 and 10 years old will be added at the discretion of the league president
 - b. Preference will be given for 10 year-olds for the 3rd Team, named ***Zionsville Silver Eagles***. If there is insufficient interest with skilled 10

year-old players, this team roster can include 9 year old players not selected for the 9 year old 1st Team.

6. 8 year-old 1st Team, **Zionsville 8 Green Eagles**
 - a. Additional teams for players 8 years old will be added at the discretion of the league president
7. 7 year-old 1st Team, **Zionsville 7 Green Eagles**

Additional teams for players 7 years old will be added at the discretion of the league president.
8. 6 year-old 1st Team, **Zionsville 6 Green Eagles, if sufficient interest exists**

Player Nomination & Selection

Nomination and Selection Criteria

- Ability - Players are evaluated on the basis of their merit and achievements in the recreation league season
- Attitude - Players are screened based on their attitude on their team and within the recreation league season
- Availability - Player availability for the Little League tournament is also required
- Factors that are **NOT** used as criteria for nomination and selection
 - Parent involvement in the league in any capacity (board, manager, etc)
 - Player performance in other leagues, including the ZLL Sunday Showcase travel program
 - Player performance in other sports or activities

Nomination

All Star candidates will be officially nominated by their regular season league manager or assistant coach based on their performance during the regular season. Teams are encouraged to solicit input from their players when determining which players to nominate. Additionally, managers should be discussing potential candidates with their peers throughout the regular season.

A team may nominate as many players as they realistically think are potential All-Star candidates. The team's recreational league manager may bring up player concerns and must be prepared to confirm the player meets the minimum recreational league games playing requirement. Concerns may include player performance or attitude. These concerns will be discussed confidentially in the manager meeting.

The managers must obtain player availability via a parent's signed player affidavit. This affidavit includes specific dates a player will **not** be available to play due to conflicts and agreement to pay the ZLL All-Star fee of \$50 per player. This affidavit will be distributed to the managers during the recreation season. This signed affidavit is considered to be player's availability regardless of which team the player is nominated or selected to

play. A player who does not honor the commitment in the affidavit may be removed from an All-Star team at the discretion of the ZLL President. Players who do not honor their commitment in the availability affidavit will be discussed in any subsequent year before they are considered as a nominee for the All Star team in the present season.

Team Member Selection

The following people are asked to participate in the selection meetings:

1. Player Agent
2. Division Vice President
3. Recreation Team Managers from the respective division
4. One Assistant Coach from each recreation team from the respective division

Voting for players:

- Each Recreational team manager will present their player nominations
- Only Recreational team managers (or his/her assistant coach in the manager's absence) will vote for the selection of players.

Voting

Baseball

Major Managers will vote on 11 & 12 age group

AAA Managers will vote on 10 year olds

AA Managers will vote on 9 year olds

Single A Managers will vote on the 8 year olds

Rookie Managers will vote on the 7 year olds

Softball

Major Managers will vote on 11 & 12 age group

Minor Managers will vote on 9 & 10 age group

Rookie Managers will vote on 8 years olds

Each manager will vote on the top 12 players within their age group as noted above. Each player receiving a majority of votes is elected to the team (ex. with 6 managers, any player receiving 4 votes is elected). If 12 players did not carry a majority, a second vote will be held to fill out the team. The players receiving the most votes on the second ballot shall constitute the remainder of the 12 member team.

All-Star Team Manager Nomination & Selection

Nomination & Selection Criteria

- Must have served as a volunteer manager or coach in the current recreation league season.
- Must be in good standing with the league.
- Factors that are **not** a part of the selection process:
 - Involvement in the league in any other capacity (board, etc.)
 - Involvement in other sports or activities
 - Skill level of their child

Manager Selection Process

Each team manager will be selected by their respective league peers for each team immediately **following** the team roster selection process listed above. At the same meeting, the league President and respective Division Vice President will have final approval of the manager.

Nominations

An individual may nominate themselves if interested in the position. An individual may nominate others that they believe meet the criteria required of the manager.

Voting Procedure

- The managers will vote by written ballots
- A simple majority will determine the manager
- If a majority is not reached, any manager(s) not receiving votes and receiving the lowest number of votes are eliminated
- A second round of voting is completed, with this process repeating until a majority is achieved
- If the final vote ends in a tie, the final decision is made by the ZLL President

Team Uniforms and Equipment

Goal

The intent is to represent the league and community in a consistent, appealing manner over the course of several years.

League Responsibilities

- ZLL will order uniforms for each All Star team participating in a Little League sanctioned district or beyond tournament.
- The Uniform Coordinator, in consultation with the ZLL President, determines the uniform style to be worn by the All Star teams
- Uniforms for all all-star teams shall be identical at each age level, for example, if two 11 year old teams are selected they will have identical uniforms.
- ZLL will furnish hat, shirt, pants, belt and socks
- ZLL will provide an equipment bag specific to each All Star team

Non-District Tournaments

If the Little League district All Star teams selected according to the process outlined above chose to play in a non-Little League sanctioned tournament, the team is responsible for all expenses associated with these tournaments. The manager may choose to cover these expenses at their discretion so long as they are within Little League International guidelines. Examples may include allocation by player's family, donations, and sponsorships. Any fund raising activity, particularly involving children, must be reviewed by ZLL President before the activity can occur.

Non-District Teams

If a parent volunteer desires to establish a tournament team within the age levels outlined above or at another age level that does not qualify for Little League district or above play, they must obtain approval by ZLL President. They must follow the nomination and selection guidelines mentioned above, unless obtaining an approval for an exception by the ZLL President. All players must be from ZLL.