



Reston Herndon Little League All Star Rules and Procedures

Reston Herndon Little League intends to field three district all-star teams (Majors, 9-11 & 8-10) to compete in the Virginia District 4 All-Star Tournament. RHLL also intends to field four local all-star teams (12u, 11u, 10u, 9u) to compete in a local travel tournament. RHLL is dedicated to assembling the most competitive all-star teams possible, comprised of players and coaches who embody the values and character we strive to represent.

All-Star Committee:

The All-Star committee oversees the all-star player and coach selection process and meetings. This committee is chaired by the RHLL President and includes the following members:

- RHLL Vice President
- RHLL Player Agent(s)
- Majors Commissioner
- AAA Commissioner
- AA Commissioner

To ensure impartiality, committee members with a family relationship to an all-star eligible player must recuse themselves from discussion and voting on matters related to that player's division. In the case an all-star committee member cannot participate, a substitute RHLL board member may be voted in by the RHLL Board of Directors.

The all-star committee chair must be an RHLL board member without a family relationship to an all-star eligible player. Should the RHLL President not be eligible to chair the all-star committee, a vote by the RHLL Board of Directors will select a replacement from the existing all-star committee members and the President remains on the committee and recuse themselves as needed.

All-star Committee votes are won by a simple majority.

Coach Eligibility:

To be eligible to coach an all-star team, you must be a rostered manager or coach during the regular season and complete the all-star Eligibility Registration.

Player Eligibility:

Players are only eligible to participate on one all-star team. An exemption to this rule may be granted by the All-star Committee.

To be considered for a District or Local all-star team and be placed on the all-star ballot, players must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Participated in at least 60% of their team's regular season games at the Majors or AAA division. An Injury exemption may be granted by the All-star Committee and approved by the VA district 4 administrator.
2. Complete the all-star Eligibility Registration (no cost)
3. (For District All-stars ONLY) Players league-age 8-to-12 are eligible for selection to an district all-star team provided they meet the criteria established by the Little League® Residency, School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirement and "Player Participation In Other Programs rules or have a valid waiver from Little League.

The All-Star Eligibility Registration can be found on our website. This registration will collect important player information and most importantly, requires the acceptance of our **RHLL All Star Commitment Agreement**. This agreement outlines the level of commitment expected from our All-star families, as stated below.

RHLL All Star Commitment Agreement:

"Participation in RHLL All-stars is a significant commitment by the player and family. All-star players must attend all official team activities, practices, scrimmages, and games, unless there is a compelling reason for an absence (i.e., school event, medical appointment). Excused absences do not include family vacations, sports camps, and conflicts with other sports teams or tournaments. The league asks that all-star players postpone other sports teams until the completion of the all-star tournaments.

Tournament play requires our teams to work very hard to maximize talents and be competitive. Consequently, the teams will practice daily and will play scrimmages in the weeks prior to the start of their All-star tournaments. This is an immense commitment, and the players are required to make this team their priority, or they should reconsider their eligibility to be considered for selection. Players must commit to the team for as long as the team is victorious. District all-stars have the potential to last all the way through Regionals or their respective World Series tournament in August.

Families agree to volunteer to assist RHLL in hosting district all-star games.

If selected to a RHLL All-star Team, families will be responsible for paying to RHLL an All-Star Registration fee of \$150.00, which pays for a portion of the all-star uniform and costs associated with the team and the tournament. Families should also understand that other expenses, such as hotel and travel, may be incurred if the team advances out of district play."

All-star Manager Selection Process:

All coaches that have met the all-star eligibility criteria will have an opportunity to interview for district and local all-star teams. Interviews will be held by the all-star committee. Once all interviews have

been conducted the all-star commit will discuss and vote on their recommendations. Recommendations will then be made to and vote on by the RHLL Board of Directors.

All-star Player Selection Process:

Player Selection Meeting

The all-star selection meeting will be scheduled by the all-star committee chair and must give all invited parties one weeks' notice. Only the all-star committee, all-star managers, AAA and Majors Managers or replacements are invited to attend. Managers may seek approval (via vote) from the all-star Committee to send a rostered coach from their team as a replacement. No more than one coach or replacement from each division can be missing to begin the player selection process.

All-Star Teams will be selected in the following order:

1. District Majors All-stars (voted on by Majors Managers)
2. District 9-11 All-stars (voted on by Majors Managers)
3. District 8-10 All-stars (voted on by Majors/AAA Managers)
4. Local 12u (voted on by Majors Managers)
5. Local 11u (voted on by Majors Managers)
6. Local 10u (voted on by Majors/AAA Managers)
7. Local 9u (voted on by Majors/AAA Managers)

Teams will consist of 12 players. Local all-star teams may take more or less players with the approval of the all-star committee. The selection results (number of votes, selection order, etc.) and manager deliberations about the prospective players are strictly confidential.

Ballots:

Any player that has met the all-star eligibility criteria shall be placed on the ballot as a candidate. Players shall be listed in alphabetical order, by team. Votes shall be anonymous. Prior to voting in each round managers will have an opportunity to deliberate and discuss players on the ballot. All-star coaches will be given a chance to provide feedback after each round to ensure positional needs are being taken into consideration.

1st Round of Voting:

Coaches will participate in a paper ballot vote to select the 12-player all-star team. Here's how it works: Initial Vote: Coaches will receive a ballot with all eligible players and select 12 all-stars. Please note that when selecting the 8-10 All Stars, Majors coaches will only be eligible to vote when there are majors players eligible to be selected.

1. Unanimous Selection: Players chosen by all coaches will be automatically added to the all-star team.
2. Next Round: Players receiving at least one vote will be included on the ballot for the next round of voting.

Following Rounds of Voting:

To fill the remaining roster spots, coaches will receive a list of eligible players and participate in a series of voting rounds. Here's how the process works:

1. Initial Voting: Coaches will select the number of all-stars needed to fill the roster from the provided list.
2. Unanimous Selection: Players chosen by unanimous vote will be automatically added to the all-star team.
3. Subsequent Voting Rounds: Players receiving at least one vote will be included on the next ballot. However, if a voting round does not result in any new selections, only players with multiple votes will be listed on the following ballot.
4. Continued Voting: The voting rounds will continue until the all-star team roster is complete.

Stalemates

In the event of a stalemate in the all-star voting process, where no players are selected after multiple rounds, the All-star Committee may adopt the following procedures: The committee may vote to automatically select the player(s) with the most votes in subsequent rounds.

Tie-Breaking:

- Multiple Roster Spots: If two or more players are tied for votes and there are sufficient roster spots available, all tied players will be selected.
- Single Roster Spot: If there is a tie for a single roster spot, the All-star Manager will cast the tie-breaking vote.

All subsequent voting rounds will follow the stalemate resolution procedures.