



ALL STAR SELECTION PROCESS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Browns River LL chooses players after the halfway point of each season to play on 3 All Star Teams: 8-10 year-olds (with some advanced 8 year olds in the past), 10-11 year-olds, and 11-12 year-olds. The 9-10 and 11-12 teams play longer tournaments with pool play and double elimination rounds. These tournaments can last up to 2 weeks beginning in late June and into July. If the team advances to the State Tournament, an additional 2 weeks should be expected. It is a big commitment and any player that is selected and commits **MUST** be available for a minimum of the district and state tournaments (if team advances that far). Players that cannot commit to a potential month-long stretch of baseball are generally not recommended for All Star teams.

The 10-11 All Star team plays a shorter tournament in late June that consists of a 2 week double elimination tournament only. This is a good option for players/families **chosen** for the other/longer All Star Teams but just can't commit to such a long stretch. The 10-11 All Star Team is by no means a team of "leftovers." BRL stays committed to each All Star Team equally.

Coaches may add players unsure about their time commitment at their discretion.

Selection for Browns River All Stars is a multi-step process that begins with the selection of All Star Managers.

MANAGER SELECTION: Interested league managers and coaches submit their name to the BRL commissioner for consideration. This list of prospects is then sent to their peers (all managers and coaches) in their respective DIVISION for feedback and a vote.

The commissioner tallies the votes and informs the league's coaches of the popular choice. In the event of a tie, the commissioner submits the tie-breaking vote.

The **All Star Manager** then selects **TWO** additional coaches to round out the staff. No more/no less than THREE TOTAL COACHES (1 manager, 2 coaches) are required for All Star play. However, an unlimited number of coaches may assist in All Star practices OFF SITE of tournament. When tournament play begins, only the team's 3 Coaches may be on the field/in dugout. Any other coaches must REMAIN in the stands and REFRAIN from any coaching.

ALL STAR MANAGERS AND COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO CONFORM TO LITTLE LEAGUE RULES AND STIPULATIONS. Managers and coaches will meet with the commissioner and/or a previous All Star manager to go over All Star tournament rules, regulations, and expectations before All Star practice begins.

Any purposeful conduct that harms Browns River Little League or its players, intentional breaking of rules, cheating, personal misconduct, action that denigrates the game, or verbal abuse of volunteers, umpires, opposing coaches or players will result in the immediate removal of manager or coaching responsibilities for the remainder of the season.

When the All Star coaching staff is announced, player selection begins.

PLAYER SELECTION: All regular season head coaches, in consultation with their assistants, are asked to submit players from their teams for consideration to the All Star squads to the Manager and Coaches of the All Star teams and to the commissioner, and their reasons for selection if asked. **A (Little League USA rule) minimum of 12 and maximum of 14 players per team will be considered.** The All Star Manager and Coaches will then choose the roster based on these submissions. League managers and coaches may come together and discuss as a collaborative process if desired. However, **the All Star Managers will have final say on all roster decisions.**

Due to the small size of BRLL, the league is confident that all coaches are familiar with players in the league and are confident in their judgement of player skill and potential fits on All Star teams. The league believes an All Star tryout is unnecessary due to the small size of the player pool.

WHAT COACHES LOOK FOR IN AN ALL STAR: Managers and coaches will consider players' skills, talents, niche roles, and just as importantly, *coachability and attitude*. A gifted baseball player who doesn't listen to coaches, is a poor teammate, and/or displays bad sportsmanship will NOT make an all star team.

BRLL and the commissioner will back managers' and coaches' decisions most of the time. ***Parents' opinions of their children are often different than coaches' opinions.*** Expectations and opinions of a child's skill are subjective - there is no completely right or completely wrong evaluation of a child by BOTH parents and coaches.

As the managers and coaches have been voted to lead these teams by their peers (*and have volunteered their time and efforts all season to coach these kids*), **the league will most often support managers and coaches when making player decisions.** Although BRLL encourages open and frank discussions with coaches, parents, players, and board members, league officials (e.g. BRLL President, VP, Baseball Commissioner, etc) will usually **NOT** step in if a parent believes their child *should* be on a team but isn't, or if their child *isn't playing enough*, or isn't playing a position they think they should be playing.

The only time a commissioner or board member may step in is in cases of significant evidence of personal bias toward a player or family that goes beyond the bounds of baseball, threat of injury or harm to a child, misconduct by the coach, or any unsportsmanlike action outlined above in the manager conduct section.

Parents are encouraged to speak openly to the All Star Manager to relay concerns and thoughts about their children/players. The league "PLAYER AGENT" is another great resource to make your voice heard - he or she is the league advocate for your child. Please see the website for contact details - www.brownsriverlittleleague.com, or email brownsriverll@gmail.com for more info, questions, or concerns.

It is crucial that parents and kids understand that All Star play is different than regular season play and that equal playing time is not guaranteed, and rarely happens.

Playing Time: The Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules book mandates that, based on a 12 player roster, all players must play a minimum of one at bat and six consecutive defensive outs. For a 13-14 player roster, all players are required to have at least one at bat only.

Please understand that as All-Star play is a highly competitive season, this may be the most playing time that your child receives in any given game. Playing time will NOT be equal for all players and is at the sole discretion of the manager. BRLL and the commissioner will *typically* back the managers and coaches in their decisions unless an obvious bias exists.

Regular season is for equal playing time and building skills. The goal of All Star season is to win. The Managers and Coaches will try to build and field the best team possible in order to win these tournaments.

Your child may be selected because he/she fills a valuable role on the team. He may be a good pitcher but not as good at hitting. He may be a fast runner, or a terrific outfielder. The manager's job is to define these roles and fit the players in on the team as best as he can. Again, as a parent YOU WILL NOT ALWAYS AGREE WITH THE MANAGER. But the league will almost always back the manager's decision.

If you, as a parent, are uncomfortable with the idea of your child not playing every inning, or only playing an inning or 2, or only getting 1 at-bat per game, serious thought should be given to committing to All Stars.

Player Commitment: Players are expected to try as hard as they can to be at all practices and games. BRLL understands summer is a busy time for families - if you are going to miss a practice or a game, make sure the manager knows and okays it.

PLAYER ACCEPTANCE:

I have read the above process and responsibilities for Browns River Little League All Stars. I understand that the goal of All Stars is to win as a team, and that individual goals are set aside. I understand I may not play full games, or may play only sparingly. I will do my best to attend all practices & games unless excused by the manager.

Player Name: _____ Player Signature: _____

PARENT ACCEPTANCE:

I have read the above process and responsibilities for Browns River Little League All Stars. I understand that the goal of All Stars is to win as a team, and that individual goals are set aside. I understand my child may not play full games, or may play only sparingly. If I have concerns about playing time, I will have an honest conversation with the manager or coach(es). I will do my best to get my child to all practices & games unless excused by a coach.

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____