**Basic Overview of the Selection to All-Star Teams at Point Loma Little League**

Point Loma Little League is an all-volunteer enterprise that does their best to make sure that the regular season offers as much opportunity to play and experience baseball as possible. The PLLL Board implements numerous local rules that include significant increases in minimum playing time to make for a more enjoyable playing experience for all players throughout the season. We have 6 divisions spanning 4-15 year old children with each geared to accommodate players based on their age and ability of play.

The All-Star, Future-Star, and Little-Star Season is a separate season from the regular season. It is an opportunity for a higher level of play within the District Little League system. Players will have a significantly higher level of commitment and will compete against other All-Future-Little Star teams.

When it comes to these All-Star, Future-Star, and Little-Star Teams, it is the intent of the Point Loma Little League Board to field a team that will best represent our league in competition *and* character. As an all-volunteer Board, we do our best to field teams with both competition and character in mind.

The Little and Future stars are invitational tournament teams and are not All-Star Teams by definition of Little League or our District. The District does change the availability of some of the All-Star tournaments based upon operational and Little League International needs and requirements.

**The Teams we field (depending on enrollment):**

14 yo All Star (Juniors)

11-13 yo All-Star (Intermediate)

10-12 yo All-Star (Majors)

9-11 yo All-Star

8-10 yo All-Star (American)

9 yo Future-Star invitational tournament (AL)

7-9 yo Little-Star (2 teams for this invitational tournament) (NL)

All selection decisions regarding All/Future/Little-Star teams need to be made with these Board and District approved ideals in mind. Several characteristics permeate our selection process for players and managers for the All Stars team:

1. Skill-level and ability to compete
2. Attitude, hustle, team spirit, team leadership, and
3. Overall character, integrity, and sportsmanship
4. Residing in the boundary of Point Loma Little League

The selection process is based upon an anonymous vote of managers of the division followed by a meeting of the managers of that division to use the anonymous vote as a starting point for discussion. Further, the manager of each All/Future/Little-Star team is afforded selection of one player to the team. In addition, the 11-13 yo IL All-Star team deviates from this process slightly by additionally allowing 5 players to be selected by an anonymous vote by the players of the IL Division. All discussions regarding player candidacy are held in the strictest of confidence and remain private.

Eligibility will be confirmed with requisite paperwork signed and approved by PLLL and District 32.

**Timing:**

The All/Future-Little-Star team selection process will begin as late as possible while still allowing the Player Agent to submit paperwork to the District. The All/Future-Little-Star teams CANNOT be announced at any earlier date than is prescribed by Little League Rules each year and final approval by the District Administrator.

Announcement of Point Loma Little League All/Future-Little-Star teams currently takes place on the Sunday after Closing Ceremonies and are indicated with a “Star” on the outside of the door.

The All-Star practices typically begin immediately upon team selection and usually run 2 to 3 hours per day and can be up to 7 days a week up to the time of the tournament.

**Commitment Letters**

Point Loma Little League wishes to involve only parents and players who are committed to the hard work and practice time that are required to participate at this level of competition. The player and parent commitment to All/Future/Little-Stars must be a solid commitment. Tournament Players must bear in mind that their first commitment is to the PLLL team before any other Non-Little League team or to any other sports camps or sports teams during the All/Future/Little-Star Season. If your son/daughter is selected to an All-Star team, they will be receiving a commitment letter that all parents must read and agree to.

**Number of Players:**

Each All/Future/Little-Star team representing PLLL will consist of 12 to 14 players determined by the managers at the selection meeting.

The Board of Directors welcomes your input and are available for any questions you may have. If you would like to join the PLLL Board of Directors or help PLLL in any way, please contact any of our board members and get involved!