



Dear TLL Parents,

We're right around the corner from selecting our 2021 All-Star Teams! The All-Star draft is scheduled to take place on May 25th. This year we will have 7 All-Star teams:

- (1) Junior All Star Team**
- (1) Intermediate (50/70) All Star Team**
- (1) 12 Year Old All-Star Team**
- (1) 11 Year Old All-Star Team**
- (2) 8-10 Year Old All-Star Teams**

**\*Note:** we also select 2 teams in the training division and they will play 2 games on a date to be determined. The information below does not pertain to the selection of players on these teams.

All players league age 8 and older, that have played at least 8 games with Torrance Little League (TLL), are eligible to be drafted onto an all-star team. For some of you, this is will be your first experience dealing with all stars and we want to give you a little background regarding this experience.

The purpose is to field the best players to compete in the all-star Tournament. To have your child be selected to play on an all-star team is quite an honor. He/she is being recognized as being part of the best players at TLL. If your child is selected onto a team, you and your child will need to be prepared for the responsibilities that come along with it. Practices will likely be 6 days a week and ~ 3 hours a day. Once the games start, they will be played 2 to 3 times a week, with practices in between the games. There is also financial considerations for All-Star apparel and souvenirs, and depending on how far the team advances, there could be travel and lodging accommodations that also need to be considered. The only team that can have a chance to play in the Little League World Series is the 12 year old team.

If your child is selected it is important to consider the impact of any scheduled family vacations or other events that may be planned for the summer. If your child's team does well and advances past the District level they could still be playing baseball into August.

As you can imagine having your child be part of the All-Star experience is a wonderful thing, but it could also potentially impact the family with regards to summer plans or financial obligations. We recognize that it is a hard decision to make and for this reason we want to give you, the parent, the option to opt-out from the All-Star Draft. If you feel that their selection would cause a hardship to your family due to prior commitments, financial or whatever reason please opt-out. It will be easier than if your child is first selected to a team, and you as a parent then have to be the "bad guy" telling them that they cannot be on the team. Also, understand that if you opt-out your child from the All-Star draft, the league will keep it anonymous.

**If you want your child to opt out from all-star team consideration, you must email the President at [president@thetll.com](mailto:president@thetll.com) by the end of day Saturday May 22nd. Please use all-star opt-out in the subject line.**

We look forward to a very successful 2021 all-star experience for all involved.

Best regards,

*Matt Crew*

President  
Torrance Little League

