

***2018 Ewa Beach  
Little League  
All-Stars***

Parent Information Meeting May 14, 2018

# Why are we all here tonight?

- 1. Get *potential* players pre-sized for uniform purchases
  - Note: getting sized does **NOT** mean a player will make an All Star team
- 2. Provide information to parents and players about the All Stars process
  - Manager and coach selection
  - Player selection
  - Expectations
  - Team Parents
  - Social Events
  - All Star Tournament Info
  - Timelines

*In the interest of everyone's time, please hold all questions until the end*

# What exactly is All Stars

- All Stars is Little League's post-season competitive tournament program
  - District tournaments – we are part of District 7 (all divisions)
  - State tournament (all divisions)
  - Regionals tournament (Majors only)
  - Little League World Series Williamsburg, PA (Majors only)

*Unlike the regular season where everyone plays, these tournaments are competitive in nature.*

*Each league puts their very best team on the field every game.*

# Why are All Stars so great?

## For Players

- Intensive practice time with highly skilled teammates
- Exposure to tournament settings
- Getting to know new teammates and make friends
- Keeping busy with friends and positive adult role models
- Hard work + baseball + dirt = FUN!

## For Parents

- Getting to know new families
- Support your player in new and creative ways
- Players are busy during the first few weeks of summer break

# What are the All Star Teams?

One Majors

- Can be comprised of 12, 11 and 10-year olds

One Minors

- Can be comprised of 10, 9 and 8-year olds

*Each team can have 12-14 players on the roster*

*Ages listed are “League Age” which may be different than actual age*

# How are Manager Selected?

- Regular season and extended season managers and coaches are eligible to self-nominate
  - Managers can coach down from regular season, but not up
- EBLL Board (only) has open discussion and will select the All Star Managers
- Once selected the Manager will recommend coaches to the EBLL Board (All assistant coaches must be approved by the Board)

# How are Teams Selected?

- Parents nominate their child (All Star Player Commitment form) by Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> (this is a hard deadline)
- Managers do any necessary “scouting” at games and/or checking in with regular season coaches
- Managers make a recommendation to the EBLL Board for player selection
- EBLL Board will make selection of final All Star roster and notify Manager.
- Manager will notify families and players

# Who are good candidates for All Stars?

Players who...

- Performed **above average** during the regular season
- Have a reputation for being **coachable**
- Can play multiple **infield and outfield** positions
- Keeps **calm and focused** in stressful situations
- **Love baseball**, know the rules, and understand strategy of the game
- Have a **positive attitude** about anything they are asked to do
- Demonstrate highest levels of **sportsmanship**
- Always give their **best effort**



# What's Involved in All Stars?

- Lots of intensive, focused practice time on and off the field
  - 5 to 6 practices per week (starts June 1<sup>st</sup>)
- All Star Tournaments
  - Minors Tournament at Pearl City Recreation Center
  - Majors Tournament at Corp Y2, Wapio

# Attendance and Cost

- **100% Attendance** is expected at practice
  - An excused absence is a 1) a family emergency or 2) an absence acknowledged in advance on the All Star Commitment Form. *Any unexcused absence may result in removal from the team and a bill for uniform costs.*
- EBLL will cover cost of uniform
  - Hat, personalized jersey, pants
- Team Parent
  - Family and Player social ever
  - Organize Team T-Shirts
  - Purchase additional hats



# Paperwork Requirements

For players selected to an All Star team, parents/guardians will need to immediately provide upon request:

- Original copy of Birth Certificate and a photo copy
- School Enrollment Form (easiest address verification) - or –  
Three proofs of residency from the three categories
- Medical Release Form

# All Star Timeline

- May 31<sup>st</sup> Team Selection
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – Team Meeting and Practice begins
- June 21<sup>st</sup> – Minors Tournament starts
- July 5<sup>th</sup> – Majors Tournament starts
- July 18<sup>th</sup> – Minors State Tournament starts
- July 20<sup>th</sup> – Majors State Tournament starts
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Majors Regional Tournament starts
- August 16<sup>th</sup> – Little League World Series Starts

# All Star Tournament Basics

- Double elimination (two losses and the team exits play)
- Usually one game per day
- Sportsmanship is vital
  - Zero tolerance with questioning/challenging umpires
  - Positive cheering for *OUR* team and players
  - No rooting against the other team or umpires
  - Yours guests need to understand these expectations too
- No contact with players or coaches
  - Turn the kids over to the coaches and go relax
  - You *cannot* come talk to the kids or coaches once they start warming up or during the game
  - Be proud of the team and cheer. If you have a question for the coach, pull them aside away from the team

# Playing Time in All Star Tournaments

Playing Time Rules in All Stars are *TOTALLY DIFFERENT* than the regular season

- Being selected is an honor and a privilege
  - Kids get most of their playing time at practice – this is the time when all players participate equally
  - In All Star tournament play, *your child is guaranteed one (1) at-bat per game*. Depending on team size, your child may get playing time for six (6) consecutive outs per game.
  - All Stars is about fielding the best possible team with the best chance of winning. Every team member is crucial, although not everyone will play a lot in games
  - Your child may be playing new positions for the first time

# Advice for Managing Expectations

## What is Helpful to Your Child

- Celebrate making the All Star team. It is a big deal!
- Encourage your player to work hard for the team in practice and games
- Remind you child that everyone plays and gets better during practice
- Provide support during the learning curve of a new position
- A positive attitude from parents and players goes a long, long way for the whole team

## And Not-so-Helpful to Your Child...

- Complaining in front of players and coaches
- Lobbying managers for playing time or playing at certain positions
- Criticism of managers, players, or other parents

# Next Steps

- Submit your Player Commitment Form tonight!
- Get pre-sized for a uniform tonight!
- Wait for a call on May 31<sup>st</sup>. All Star managers will contact players who make the team.
- For those selected, begin the Age and Residency paperwork requirements.



# ***QUESTIONS***

***Thank you for coming!***