



# Allendale Little League

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## WELCOME TO ALLENDALE LITTLE LEAGUE ALLSTARS

Your child's manager would like to nominate your son/daughter for the All-stars. The division managers will be voting on the All-star teams in the near future. We feel that it is very important that you fully understand what is expected from an All-star and his/her parents. Please read this letter carefully before making any decision regarding your child's nomination. After reading this, please complete the attached form and return it to your manager. In no way will your decision effect any future All-star nomination. This is an honor that should make both player and parents feel satisfied that all of their hard work is being recognized with a possible selection to the team.

The All-star Tournament is exciting and fun for players and parents. For those of you who have had players on All-star teams in the past, you know how competitive and exciting the games can be. All-stars is a much higher level of competition than the regular season or the Team Tournament.

The higher level of play experienced in the All-star tournament requires a greater level of commitment on the part of the players and their parents, and really needs to be the primary commitment for both the player and the parents. This may mean changing plans for vacations or sports camps. Please carefully consider if you are willing to make this commitment. All players are **required to attend all practices, meetings, and games**, except during Team Tournament when their team is playing a game. While Allendale Little League has always avoided playing on Sunday, Little League International will use Sundays as a game day. We respect the different views of people on this issue, and if you will not play on Sunday it will not automatically eliminate your child from the team, but we need to know who is able to play to make sure that we can always field a team. If there were 6 kids on the team that will not play on Sunday, obviously we could not play.

Depending on the success of your team, your participation in the tournament could last into August. When a team advances to the State level and beyond, it involves travel and overnight lodging where that level of the tournament is being held. Unfortunately, we cannot cover expenses for the players. Travel, lodging and food are the parent's responsibility. Housing is usually offered for the players if you advance beyond the State level. If you advance beyond the district level and are unable to attend, find another parent to be responsible for your child, as the manager cannot be responsible for the lodging and supervision of all of the players.

Now comes the difficult part. While we want all players to learn, have fun, and demonstrate good sportsmanship, All-star games are played to win. While there is minimum playing time required at the 9/10 through Junior level, the playing time is not mandated to be equal. Managers and coaches are encouraged to give as many players as much playing time as possible and most do the best they can to accomplish that. However, it is normal for some players to get more playing time than others. The single largest complaint we hear about All-stars concerns playing time. Managers and coaches look for certain strengths in players for various positions, and there are always parents who disagree with their decision.

Everyone must realize that the primary goal in All-stars is for the team to win, and personal goals and egos must be secondary to that goal. We are not trying to paint a bleak picture of All-stars, but you must understand the competitive nature of the Tournament. We are certain the players and parents will have a great time during your All-star Tournament.

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF THE ALL-STARS**



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PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO YOUR MANAGER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

I have read the attached letter and understand what is expected from an All-Star player and their parents.

You have my permission to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the All-Star Tournament.

Thank you for considering my child, but we must decline this year's All-Star nomination.

Dates my child will be unavailable: \_\_\_\_\_

My child will play on Sunday: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if my child fails to attend the practices and games, he/she may be permanently replaced on the team at coach's discretion.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_