

# Sno-Valley North Little League

## Softball All-Star Tournament Player Commitment Form 2016

Your daughter is interested in being considered for the 2016 Sno-Valley North Little League All-Star team. While it is an honor to be selected, all players & parents who choose to participate must understand and meet specific commitments that are required. They are as follows:

### 1. Proof of age and residency

If selected to the All-Star tournament team, I will produce an original government issued birth certificate or an original "Little League in Lieu of Birth Certificate" document by June 10th after notification of placement on the team roster. In addition and in accordance with Little League rules, the parent or guardian of the player will also need to provide documents to determine and verify proof of residency. The categories include driver's license, voter's registration, school records, welfare records, federal, state and local records, homeowner/tenant records, utility bills or others. **Originals must be shown and copies will need to be provided by June 10.** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, when requested, we will produce the required documentation.

### 2. Player Availability & Attendance

To be eligible to be selected onto the All-Star team, a player must be available for all practices and games unless excused by the team Manager. Practices are to begin after teams are announced, starting on June 6. **Expect that there will be a practice on June 6 and a parent meeting on June 6.** You should expect practices may be every day of the week up until the tournament, including Sundays (we have more practice time this year, so there will be days off). Games and practices will continue on throughout the All-Star Tournament until the team is eliminated. If there is more than one (1) **unexcused** absence from a game or practice, the player may be removed from the team. An excused absence would be a medical or family emergency. All other absences are unexcused, unless excused by the Manager or declared in advance (see # 3).

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ I understand the rules regarding attendance of practices and games.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ If selected, we will attend the players and parents meeting on June 2nd.

### 3. Tournament dates and locations

The 9-10 year old team is eligible to advance as far as the state tournament only. The district tournament for D9 starts on July 5. The winner of each district in the state advances to the state tournament. Teams that advance to the State tournament have from a few days to over a week of practices between Districts and then begin tournament play, which then lasts for just over a week. The 9/10 SB state tournament will start on July 17 and be located in southwest Washington. Dates for all of the tournaments are available at: <http://www.washdist9.org/> <http://www.littleleaguewa.org/> and <http://www.littleleague.org>

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I understand the dates of the tournaments and we will be available for all of them

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Yes, I understand, but we may have this conflict: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Any exceptions to player availability MUST be disclosed in advance.*

### 4. Tournament Mandatory Play Rules

The All Star Tournament has its own set of rules, including rules for mandatory play. Every player on the team roster shall participate in each game for a minimum play of one (1) at bat if there is a roster of 13 players and 1 at bat and 6 consecutive defensive outs if there are 12 players on the roster. In some cases this may be all the playing time they may get in a given game or throughout the tournament. All teams may have rosters of up to 12 or 13 players. This means that 3 or 4 players will be on the bench at all times and that 6 to 8 players will likely take turns sitting on the bench.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I understand the rules regarding mandatory playing time in tournament play and that it is possible based on roster size that my child may only play for the minimum of one at bat in a game.

## 5. Parent or Guardian Responsibilities

The All-Star tournament is a separate opportunity for players to continue playing baseball/softball after the regular Little League season is completed. Sno-Valley North Little League sponsors the Tournament Team. This sponsorship includes team equipment, balls and tournament fees. Parents and players are responsible for a portion of the expenses incurred by the team. **Each player must pay \$95 to help cover the costs for player uniforms (which the players keep). Payment is due by June 10<sup>th</sup>.** Payments will be made online with a credit card by registering on the [svnll.org](http://svnll.org) website. Cost is not to be a preventative factor for any player to participate. Therefore, if a player needs assistance, they simply need to approach any Board Member with their request for a scholarship.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ I understand the player responsibility for partial cost of uniforms.

Parents are also responsible for their attitudes and behavior toward coaches, players, their parents, spectators and the umpires. **Unruly and disruptive parents are the single greatest contributor to a negative All-Star experience for coaches, players and parents.** SVNLL expects parents to be supportive and encouraging throughout the All-Star season and during all practices & games. Many players experience their first brushes with significantly better competition, failure or sitting on a bench. These challenges can occur throughout the All-Star season and they require parents, coaches and teammates to work together to provide a supportive and encouraging environment. Nobody except players, the manager and coaches are permitted in the dugout during an All Star game.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that All-Stars is an honor for players to simply be on a team. I will help support my son/daughter, the team, the league and the coaches to make the All-Star experience a fun and memorable one. I will keep a positive attitude and will help encourage my child's attitude, enthusiasm and effort. I understand that my being disruptive can lead to me and or my child being asked to leave the team.

## 6. Team Eligibility/Options

Players must play 60% of regular season games in order to be eligible for All Stars. Teams must play 70% of scheduled games for players to be eligible for All Stars. Please indicate below the number of games your player played in the regular season, the team name and level, and the number of games the team played.

Regular Season Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Season Team level (Circle one)    AAA    Coast

Number of regular season games played by the team your player was on \_\_\_\_\_

Number of regular season games played by your player on their drafted/assigned team \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I understand that the above information that has been reported will be verified and could impact player eligibility.

## SUMMARY

I understand that Little League All-Stars is completely different from the regular season Little League experience. All-Star teams are comprised of only the top quality players from every league in our District. There will be more frequent and longer duration practices. Games are generally very competitive and played at a much higher level than regular season games. Playing rules regarding substitutions, minimum playing time & at bats, player behavior and parent/spectator interaction are also completely different. Players chosen to an All-Star team get a comprehensive coaching experience, regardless of their eventual playing time in games. Over 80% of players' time will be spent in practices and pre-game workouts. This is the time that ALL players participate in equally.

Having read all of the above and understanding such, I agree to the all the above statements and willingly submit this application to be considered for the Sno-Valley North All-Star Team.

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Little League Age \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Season Play Division \_\_\_\_\_

Player Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_