

Madison Little League Boys' District All-Star and Summer Tournament Selection Process

I. Boys' District All-Star's Manager and Coach Selection

- a. The Boys' All-Star Coordinator begins the process by soliciting volunteers to manage or coach the 12U, 11U, and 10U District All-Star teams.
- b. Eligible candidates must have managed or coached in at least 60% of the MLL regular season (spring) games. All volunteer forms must already be in place.
- c. Regular season 1st & 2nd coaches are eligible to become managers for District All-Star teams.
- d. The Boys Committee plus Boys' All Star Coordinator will review volunteer list and approve all eligible candidates. The Boys Committee includes the MLL President, VP of Operations, Boys VP, Player Agent and Boys League Commissioners (Majors, AAA Minors & AA Minors).
- e. Regular season league managers, 1st coaches, commissioners and Boys Committee members vote on all approved candidates for District All-Star managers. Candidate with the most votes becomes team manager. For example:
 - i. Majors' managers and 1st coaches will vote for 12U All-Stars manager candidates.
 - ii. Both Majors and AAA managers and 1st coaches will vote for 11U All-Stars manager candidates only if an AAA coach is an eligible candidate.
 - iii. Both Majors and AAA managers and 1st coaches will vote for 10U All-Stars manager candidates only if a Majors coach is an eligible candidate.
- f. The selected District All-Star manager's child is automatically selected to the team. This needs to be strongly considered when voting for the manager.
- g. The selected District All-Star manager selects his District All-Star coaches from the approved list of candidates after the players are selected. Maximum one (1) manager and two (2) coaches per team. Additional volunteers may help during practices but must have volunteer forms submitted and approved.

II. Boys' Summer Tournament Manager and Coach Selection

- a. The Summer Coordinator begins process by soliciting volunteers to manage or coach the summer tournament teams.
- b. MLL approved manager and coach candidates not selected to a District All-Star team get strong consideration by the Summer Coordinator to manage or coach a Summer Tournament team. We highly discourage coaches trying to avoid District play to assemble a strong, single Non-District team. MLL wants the best players to play in the District All-Stars. After District All-Stars are completed, coaches would have the opportunity to play in Post Season All-Star tournaments such as Seabreeze in East Haven or Nutmeg in Danbury.
- c. Any adult that completes the proper volunteer forms can become a Summer Tournament team manager or coach. Summer Tournament coaches are not required to have volunteered during the MLL regular (spring) season.
- d. The Boys Committee plus Boys' All Star and Summer Coordinator will review volunteer list and approve eligible candidates.
- e. The Boys Committee plus All Star and Summer Coordinator will vote to select various team managers.
- f. The selected team managers will select their own coaches from the pool of approved candidates. Maximum one (1) manager and two (2) coaches per team. Additional volunteers may help during practices but must have volunteer forms submitted and approved.

III. Boys' District All-Star Player Selection

- a. Eligible players must have participated in 60% of MLL regular season (spring) games.

- b. Regular season Majors and AAA team managers must provide a nomination list of up to four (4) players from their team per age group (9YO, 10YO, 11YO, or 12YO) as potential All-Star candidates to the Boys' All-Star Coordinator whose regular season performance truly warrants All-Star consideration. Managers are highly encouraged to nominate four players. This list must include feedback describing each player's strengths (i.e. power hitter, contact hitter, hard thrower, control pitcher, excellent infielder, good catcher, etc.).
- c. In case a deserving player is mistakenly omitted from the manager's nomination list, the league commissioner or player agent can add them to the list. The list is to be inclusive.
- d. This list of player nominees is then sent back to all league managers and 1st coaches for their "mock" team selections. The managers and 1st coaches select 12 players to their own 'mock' team. These selection lists are sent to the Boys' All-Star Coordinator where they are collected and tallied. Individual selections are kept confidential and only the final tally will be presented to the selection committee.
- e. All league players are provided a link to select their own "mock" team of 12 players from a list of all league players. The tally is provided by the voting web site.
- f. Players must register through MLL web site.
- g. Since the player evaluation/try-outs are the third and last criteria for selection, it is only necessary to conduct one if the team is required to cut players. If it is determined a player evaluation/try-out is required, then the selected All-Star team managers, Boys' All-Star Coordinator, League Commissioners and other Executive Boys' Committee members will organize it for June 15th or 2 weeks before the first tournament game (soonest allowed by LL rules). Player participation in this evaluation is mandatory for player selection on to the team unless the All-Star team manager, All-Star coordinator, or player agent approves a formal exception.
- h. The selected All-Star team manager must meet with the Boys' All-Star Coordinator to review these three areas of criteria in this order of importance:
 - i. Player availability for practices proceeding and through the entire District 9 games. Games beyond the District 9 Championship are not as critical.
 - ii. Regular season performance (derived from regular season coaches' nomination list feedback, the two "mock" team tallies described above, and players season statistics taken from the MLL web site).
 - iii. Results of player evaluation/try-out (if necessary).
- i. The All-Star team manager picks a preliminary roster consisting of 11-14 players using the above described selection criteria.
- j. The All-Star team manager must present this roster to the MLL Executive Boys' Committee plus the Boys' All-Star Coordinator. This presentation should include a thorough explanation of why players were selected and why others were not selected. This committee then votes to approve player selections.
- k. Players **will not** be notified until after the Boys' MLL Executive Boys Committee plus Boys' All-Star Coordinator vote on and approve team selection. This must occur on or after June 15th (or two weeks prior to first District game).

IV. Boys' 9U Yalesville Player Selection

- a. Eligible players must have participated in MLL regular season (spring).
- b. Regular season AAA & AA team managers must provide a nomination list of up to four (4) players from their team (9 YO) as potential Yalesville candidates to the Boys' All-Star Coordinator whose regular season performance truly warrants All-Star consideration. Managers are highly encouraged to nominate four players. This list must include feedback describing each

player's strengths (i.e. power hitter, contact hitter, hard thrower, control pitcher, excellent infielder, good catcher, etc.).

- c. In case a deserving player is mistakenly omitted from the manager's nomination list, the league commissioner or player agent may add them.
- d. This list of player nominees is then sent back to all league managers and 1st coaches for their "mock" team selections. The managers and 1st coaches select 12 players to their own 'mock' team. These selection lists are sent to the Boys' All-Star Coordinator where they are collected and tallied. Individual selections are kept confidential and only the final tally will be presented to the selection committee.
- e. Players must register through MLL web site.
- f. The selected Yalesville team manager must meet with the Boys' All-Star Coordinator to review these three areas of criteria in this order of importance:
 - i. Player availability for practices proceeding and through the entire tournament games.
 - ii. Regular season performance (derived from regular season coaches' nomination list & "mock" team tally described above and individual's season statistics taken from the MLL web site).
 - iii. Results of player evaluation/try-out (if necessary).
- g. Since the player evaluation/try-outs are the third and last criteria for selection, it is only necessary to conduct one if the team is required to cut players. If it is determined a player evaluation/try-out is required, then the selected All-Star team managers, Boys' All-Star Coordinator, League Commissioners and other Executive Boys' Committee members will organize it for mid-June. Player participation in this evaluation is mandatory for player selection on to the team unless the All-Star team manager, All-Star coordinator, or player agent approves a formal exception.
- h. The Yalesville team manager's child is automatically selected to the team (must be considered when selecting manager).
- i. The Yalesville team manager picks a preliminary team consisting of 11-14 players using the above described selection criteria.
- j. The Yalesville team manager must present his team selection to the MLL Executive Boys' Committee plus the Boys' All-Star Coordinator. This presentation should include a thorough explanation of why players were selected and why others were not selected. This committee then votes to approve player selections.

V. Boys' Summer Tournament Player Selection

- a. Any child within the proper age group can participate (excluding District All-Star selections unless otherwise noted). Children are not required to have participated in spring baseball.
- b. Players must register through MLL web site.
- c. All children must be placed on a team. If you have an unmanageable number of players on a team (i.e. 16-18 players), try to recruit additional players to create another team. If it is not possible to recruit enough additional players to complete a team, then available team spots will be given to players in the order in which they registered.
- d. The selected team managers, their coaches, and the Summer Coordinator must determine if an evaluation is required to fairly distribute the players on to the various teams. An evaluation is not mandatory.
- e. The selected team managers and the Summer Coordinator fairly divide the players based on availability, ability, and age on to various teams. Typically this is accomplished with a draft. Stacking of teams is prohibited.
- f. Player drafts for the Madison Invitational 10U tournament and 8YO Kid-Pitch tournament will

be held in late June, after other tournaments are underway.

VI. Miscellaneous Considerations

- a. MLL places top priority on the 11-12 YO District All-Star team. Therefore, the highly skilled 11 YO's are encouraged to play up at the 11-12 YO level. However, if a 12 YO is closely rated to an 11 YO, the 12 YO should be selected. A basic rule of thumb is that the 11 YO cannot be a substitute player (top 6 player on a 12 player team). The second priority is on the 9-10 YO District All-Star team. District 9 has more town participation at this age group, and this age group can advance to a New England Regional final.
- b. The Summer Coordinator will manage practice schedules and field locations. Typically team managers can reserve practice slots 1 week in advance, with the Summer Coordinator working to ensure fairness. The following prioritization is presented as an example and may be changed by the Summer Coordinator as needed: the 11-12 YO All-Star District team gets first choice of available fields and practice times. 11-12 YO typically practices at JC Main. 10-11 YO gets second choice and typically practices at JC Aux. 9-10 YO gets third choice and typically practices at Nelson 1. Summer Tournament teams follow similar age preference.