

CANYON DEL ORO (CDO) LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAMS

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection Policy and Basic Overview

It is the intent of CDO Little League to make this selection process available to all families of the league. We as a league make all effort for players at all ages to experience the game of baseball during the regular season. At the conclusion of the regular little league season, every chartered league is given the opportunity to enter selected teams into the all-star season tournament. This document serves as the selection process that is to initiate as we near the end of the regular season.

There are several opportunities for little league players within our league to represent CDO Little League at the district level, regional, and the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. That being said, it is expected that all families involved understand that there are significant differences between the regular and all-star season. The all-star season is an opportunity for a significantly higher level of play within the little league organization. All players/families selected to participate in the all-star season will require a higher level of commitment and will undergo demanding schedules along with higher level instruction deemed appropriate to be able to compete against other All-Star teams.

CDO Little League understands the necessity in continuing with the pillars that best represent Little League; courage, loyalty, and character. It is with this trademark that we will strive to field teams with players and coaches that **best represent our league**. With this in mind, we make sure to include the players and coaches in the selection process and that all our efforts with this process are transparent and fair to all players wishing to participate to represent CDO Little League in an all-star team. We feel that this process is suited well to give all players an opportunity to be selected to the team regardless of popularity, school affiliation, parental influence, or managerial prejudice.

The All-Star season selections will define teams that carry on with CDO Little League tradition keeping forward to the path of excellence that is exemplified in all players and managers for the All-Star teams:

- Baseball skill–level, physical and mental ability to compete
- Putting team first – teamwork, team leadership, team spirit, selfless level of play
- Character, attitude, hustle, effort, integrity, and sportsmanship

We as a league are determined to put forth all our effort in building up our youth using baseball as an avenue to teach and demonstrate these traits and characteristics. It is our wish to pursue this and we thank you in advance for your support.

Selection Process and Procedure

Player and Parent Commitment

Each family of an interested player will submit the name for consideration by completing an **All-Star Commitment** form. This document will be used to make the families aware of the schedule and commitment necessary to be a part of the All-Star program. CDO Little League has the intent in committing a team with players, managers/coaches with a dedication to the traits and characteristics we desire. It is at the discretion of the manager to undergo and evaluate the attendance of a player during scheduled team practices. Failure to attend practices without prior notice, and/or without a physician's note documenting illness/injury will be grounds for dismissal with approval from the CDO Little League board of directors.

Teams and Age Group Eligibility

Each team will be represented by 12-13 players, with the intent on having (1) manager, and (2) coaches per team.

Team 1

Little League (Major) Division – Any player League Age 10, 11, or 12 who participated on a Major Division team

Team 2

9-11 year old Division – Any player League Age 9, 10, or 11 who participated in the following regular season divisions:

1. Major Division
2. Minor - American Division
3. Minor - AAA Division

Team 3

8-10 year old Division – Any player League Age 8, 9, or 10 who participated in the following regular season divisions:

1. Minor – American Division
2. Minor – AAA Division

All-Star Player Selection Process

This process involves the participation of all players, managers, and (1) head coach for each division team currently participating in the regular season. Through confidential means of balloting all players will provide a selection of (5) five players, and another selection of (5) five players will be made through confidential balloting by the managers/coaches. The 11, 12, and 13th player will be determined by the selected manager of the all-star team. The principal behind this plan is to have key figures in the league determine and participate in fair and democratic selection of the tournament team. The following groups will participate in selecting tournament teams:

Group 1 – Players

Group 2 – Team Manager

Group 3 – Team Coach

Balloting: Players who have indicated interest in being considered for All-Star voting will be placed on the ballot as a candidate. Players will be deemed eligible to participate in (1) – (2) different all-star team ballots based on their current league age and regular season participation. In example, league age 11 players will have their names placed on the Major Division all-star team ballot and the 9-11 year old division all-star team ballot.

3-team ballots are required:

1. Little League (Major) Division 10-12 team ballot
2. Minor Division 9-11 team ballot
3. Minor Division 8-10 team ballot

Voting: All regular season little league players are allowed (5) votes for the candidates on their divisional ballot. It is expected that players will choose to vote for (5) players in **each** ballot where their name is approved for candidacy. All means and methods for initiating the votes will be as follows:

1. Team managers/coaches may not assist in the vote.
2. Parents may not assist in the vote.
3. Player voting is an independent and anonymous activity conducted on the field.
4. Player agent will be the host and facilitator for all on-field balloting activities

Initial player vote tally and selections: The first five (5) players by top vote getters across each ballot will be placed on the respective all-star team. There is a possibility that a player might be eligible and voted on different teams, i.e., league age 11 players. It is this initial selection of players that will determine the next step in the selection process where the next five (5) players are to be selected by the manager and (1) head coach for each respective division.

Manager/head coach voting tally: The second five (5) players will be voted on by the manager and (1) head coach for each regular season team participating in the CDO Little League program. The procedure is as follows:

1. Managers/coaches are provided a list of remaining players on each ballot.
2. Manager/coaches are required to select players in ranking order for **each** ballot where their players have candidacy
3. There is an observance of weighted average of those players 'playing up a division', i.e. league age 10 playing Major division
4. This ballot of ranked names will be strictly confidential and independently generated with player agent as facilitator
5. All managers/coaches will provide a list of 12 names in ranking order per divisional ballot
 - a. Majors division manager/coach: **12** names for the Majors division team, **12** names for the 9-11 minor division team
 - b. American division manager/coach: **12** names for the 9-11 minor division team, **12** names for the 8-10 minor division team
 - c. AAA division manager/coach: **12** names for the 8-10 minor division team
6. A point system tally facilitated by player agent is used to select the next highest rated (5) players for each respective ballot.

At the conclusion of ranking the players based on the manager/coach selection process, each team should have ten (10) players per team. It is then that the selected team manager for each all-star division team be given the opportunity to select the remaining 11, 12, and 13th player (manager choice). This will then conclude the all-star team player selection process.

All-Star Manager Selection Process

The team manager for the team must favor the ideologies that we as a league feel should permeate the teams representing CDO Little League. It is imperative that the selected manager be a mentor to the team, excel in sportsmanship, and prove strong knowledge on the official regulations, playing rules and policies established by Little League Baseball. There are several leagues that will use regular season standings and win-loss records in tournament play to aid in the selection of the all-star team manager. We feel this is detrimental to regular

season play as it will lead to unfavorable managerial decisions that will make the game about themselves and not about the individual players that represent the team. The selection process for the all-star manager will involve the following key figures in the league:

Group 1: Team manager (In-good standing)

Group 2: Team head coach (In-good standing)

These individuals will participate in a confidential ballot where selections for team manager will be made in ranking order.

Balloting: All current team managers and head coach in good-standing are eligible to participate as an all-star team manager. Names of the individuals will appear in the respective ballots where their eligibility is deemed appropriate based on their current division and the eligibility of their player according to their league age. From the noted eligibility requirements; managers and coaches will show up on more than one ballot, i.e. manager currently in Major division with a player age 11 is eligible for Little League (Major) Division and 9-11 year old Division teams.

Eligibility:

Team 1- Manager Eligibility

Little League (Major) Division – Any manager or head coach with player age 10, 11, or 12 player who participated on a Major Division team

Team 2- Manager Eligibility

9-11 year old Division – Any manager or head coach with player age 9, 10, or 11 who participated in the following regular season divisions:

1. Major Division
2. Minor - American Division
3. Minor - AAA Division

Team 3- Manager Eligibility

8-10 year old Division – Any manager or head coach with player age 8, 9, or 10 who participated in the following regular season divisions:

1. Minor – American Division
2. Minor – AAA Division

3-manager ballots are required:

1. Little League (Major) Division 10-12 team manager ballot
2. Minor Division 9-11 team manager ballot
3. Minor Division 8-10 team manager ballot

Voting: Each manager and (1) head coach per team is allowed (5) votes for the candidates on their divisional ballot. It is expected that players will choose to vote for (5) candidates in **each** ballot where their name is approved for candidacy. All means and methods for initiating the votes will be as follows:

1. Manger selection voting is an independent and anonymous activity conducted on the field.
2. Player agent and league president will be the hosts and facilitators for all on-field balloting activities
3. Manager/coaches are required to select (5) candidates in ranking order for **each** ballot where they have candidacy
4. A point system tally facilitated by player agent and a witness is used to select the highest rated (5) candidates for each ballot.

Initial manager vote tally and selections: The first five (5) ranked candidates are presented to the league president for review as it now becomes the duty of the president to notify the highest ranked candidate in order of divisions:

1. Little League (Major) Division 10-12 team
2. Minor Division 9-11 team
3. Minor Division 8-10 team

The league president will then notify the winning candidate of their awarded position. It is at this time that the candidate can exercise options as follows:

1. Accept team-manager position in their respective awarded division
2. Decline team-manager position.
3. If the candidate wishes to participate in a lower division, all three (3) requirements must be met:
 - a. Next candidate in-line at the higher division must be willing to take position
 - b. The lower division ranking selections must include the candidate in the top (2) of ranked selections
 - c. If there is a candidate ranked higher in that division ballot; older (by birthdate) player of manager will 'play up'
4. When the team-manager position is declined; the next ranked candidate in the selections will be notified
5. This process will continue until all (3) three all-star manager positions are filled
6. Coach positions (2) will be awarded by the selected manager from the selected players in the all-star pool.

Timing

Per Little League International rules and regulations, the release of names of players selected for the tournament team shall not be made before **June 1, 2017**. Practices will begin immediately upon team selection and it is expected that each practice run 2-3 hours in length. The days of practice will be at the discretion of the selected team manager.

District 5 all-star tournament games will commence Monday, June 19, 2017 and conclude on Friday, June 30, 2017. If a team were to win the District level tournament, then they will continue as a team in a State tournament (typically mid to late July). More information on state tournament schedules to follow.

The Little League (Major) Division has the opportunity to continue with the tournament at a regional level (San Bernardino, CA), and then the Little League World Series (Williamsport, PA) which is normally scheduled mid-to late August.