



2019 Encinitas National Little League - All Star Selection Process

The selection of our All-Star teams can be a highly competitive process. The intent of the ENLL Board is to field a team that will **best represent our league in both character and competition**. Teams are built based on talent, positional needs, and attitude. In general, players who do not make the cut fall short due to deficiencies in one or more of these three categories.

Manager Selection – The league president sends out an open request to managers and coaches in mid-April requesting self-nominations to manage an all-star team. In early May, the ENLL Board will meet to discuss the qualifications of each of the candidates and vote to select and approve the manager for each team. The eligibility of managers and coaches is determined by Little League Rules. The manager must have been previously approved as a manager/coach by the ENLL Board during this season.

All Star Applications – In the middle of May, the president will send out a league-wide email with all-star season information and request any players interested in evaluating for all-stars to submit a player questionnaire. If selected to an All-Star team the league asks for full commitment during the timeframe of 6/1 until the very last game. In 2015 one of our All-Star teams won two tournaments and played until 7/25. If you have plans during this timeframe in which the player will miss games and/or practices, that will play a strong factor if they will or will not be selected to the team. This can be a daily commitment with practices and games and it is important for quality and cohesiveness of the team that players all remain together through the tournament(s). If some dates cannot be made, this should be indicated on the all-star questionnaire. Questionnaires are due by **Wednesday, May 22nd**.

All-Star Parents Meeting – An informational meeting will be held at Park Dale Lane on Wed, May 29 at 7:00pm (or immediately following the end of games). During the meeting the league President will provide an overview of the process and expectations. The team Managers will then discuss their team philosophies, and answer questions.

Number of Players – Each All-Star team will consist of either 12 or 13 players. The number of players to be selected for each team is at the discretion of the team manager. If the team roster is reduced to 11 due to illness, injury, or other unforeseen circumstance, then a replacement player may be selected by the team Manager with approval from the league President.

Player Selection Process – By **Friday May 24th**, the league president will provide a list of players participating in evaluations to each respective manager, league rostered coach, and any adult umpire that has umpired every team for an age-group at least once. The managers and rostered coaches will be asked to submit by **Wednesday May 29th**, the top 13 players they feel have the following characteristics that are critical to the success of a tournament team:

- **Player skill-level and Baseball IQ**
- **Ability to compete under pressure**
- **Versatility of player to contribute in different positions on the field**
- **Attitude, hustle, team spirit, team leadership**
- **Overall character, integrity, and sportsmanship**

Coaches will also be asked to provide any additional comments to be considered by the selection committee. The coach's input will be tallied by the selection committee, with the top 7 overall eligible players being assigned to the team. In the event of a tie, the discretion of the selection committee and acting league president will be applied. The remaining roster will then be selected by the committee and all-star team manager.

Team Selection Order – The All-Star teams will be selected in the following order to create the strongest possible teams to represent ENLL.

- Juniors (14U)
- 12U
- 11U
- 10U

Confidentiality and Oversight – The process and meetings are facilitated by the league president, or another board member acting on behalf of the president. The results (rankings, comments, etc.) are only for the purposes of selecting the most competitive all-star team and are strictly confidential. The league president, all-star team manager, and members of the selection committee are explicitly forbidden from discussing any manager or player candidate rankings outside of the committee meetings.

Selection Committee – The League President and Team Manager will form a selection committee of three other people to observe evaluations and perform the team selection. The committee is made up of a combination of coaches, umpires, or parents who have observed the players during the regular season but do not have a player involved in the evaluation process.

All Star Evaluations – The manager of each all-star team will conduct an evaluation on June 1st. The format of the evaluation is at the discretion of each individual manager. In some cases, the manager and/or committee may issue a call-back to reduce the pool of players and take another look in whatever manner they feel is appropriate. At the completion of the team selection the league president will notify the teams via the league website, announced on June 1 or later per Little League rules.