

# Tassajara Valley Little League

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## All Star / Tournament Team Information

Tassajara Valley Little League is a member of California District 57. There are 12 local leagues that comprise District 57 including but not limited to Danville Little League, San Ramon Valley Little League, San Ramon Little League and Canyon Creek Little League.

Each year at the conclusion of the regular season each League is represented by a Junior's team, a Senior's team, an 11/12 year old team (Little League Baseball), a 10/11 year old team, and a 9/10 year old team who participates in the District 57 International All Star tournament. In addition to the District 57 tournament, the 9/10 team and 10/11 team may advance to a Divisional International All Star tournament. The Junior's, Senior's and the 11/12 year old team may advance to the Little League World Series.

During the summer, Tassajara Valley Little League will also be hosting a tournament and participating in tournaments hosted by other District 57 leagues. In the event that the Leagues receive sufficient qualified applicants and managers, a second "Tournament" team will be formed to participate in these events.

It is expected that every player selected to a Tassajara Valley All Star or Tournament team will commit to any postseason play necessary, including practices and games, throughout the Little League tournament period.

## Teams

### Seniors Team

- The best players in the division.
- Participates in the International Little League tournament. (Late June through mid August)
- May advance to a Little League World Series tournament.
- Optional – Plays in tournaments hosted by local leagues.

### Juniors Team

- The best players in the division.
- Participates in the International Little League tournament. (Late June through mid August)
- May advance to a Little League World Series tournament.
- Optional – Plays in tournaments hosted by local leagues.

### Little League Baseball Team (Majors)

- The best players in the division. (11/12 year old players who participated in the Majors Division)
- Participates in the International Little League tournament. (Late June through end of August)

- May advance to a Little League World Series tournament.
- Optional – Plays in tournaments hosted by local leagues.

#### 10/11 International All Star Team

- The best 10/11 year old players who participated in Majors or AAA.
- Participates in the International Little League tournament. (Late June through end of July)
- Optional – Plays in tournaments hosted by local leagues.

#### 9/10 International All Star Team

- The best 10/11 year old players who participated in Majors, AAA or AA.
- Participates in the International Little League tournament. (Late June through end of July)
- Optional – Plays in tournaments hosted by local leagues.

#### 11/12 Year Old Tournament Team

- The best remaining 11 and 12 year old All Star nominees.
- Plays in tournaments hosted by local leagues.

#### 10/11 Year Old Tournament Team

- The best remaining 10 and 11 year old All Star nominees.
- Plays in tournaments hosted by local leagues.

#### 9/10 Year Old Tournament Team

- The best remaining 9 and 10 year old All Star nominees.
- Plays in tournaments hosted by local leagues.

#### 9 Year Old Tournament Team

- The best remaining 9 year old All Star nominees.
- Plays in tournaments hosted by local leagues.

## Selection Process

### Managers and Coaches

The selection of the coaching staff is a very important step in the process. In order to be selected to manage or coach a team, the candidate must meet the eligibility requirements as specified in the Tournament Rules and Guidelines for Little League Baseball section found in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules.

The Coordinator for each division will administer the All-Star Manager selection process along with the Player Agent and President of the League. The selection process is as follows:

#### All Star / Tournament Team Managers

1. Candidates for manager nominate themselves completing the All Star Manager Application which includes their qualifications to be selected as the All Star Team manager.

2. The Coordinator, Player Agent and President review all the candidates and make a decision based on the information contained in the submitted applications. The selected manager is then approved by the Board of Directors.
3. All managers will be notified of their appointment at least one month in advance of the announcement of the International All Star and Tournament teams.

#### All-Star / Tournament Team Assistant Coach(es)

1. The All Star / Tournament team manager and the Coordinator will jointly nominate assistant coaches for approval by the Board of Directors.
2. If requested, nominees to be an assistant coach will provide a list of their qualifications and experience to the Board of Directors for their review.

NOTE: Any candidate not selected as a manager or coach of the International All Star team is expected to assume the role of manager for the respective Tournament team, if approved by the Board of Directors. If the candidate's son or daughter is selected to the International All Star team another candidate will be selected.

#### Eligible Players

Players are selected based on eligibility (age), availability and playing skills. The age criterion is defined as the player's age on April 30<sup>th</sup> of the current season for baseball. Players must be in "good standing" with the League and must have participated in at least 60 percent of the regular season games to be eligible. In order to be considered for a postseason team, each player must complete an application which includes a commitment statement to be present at all practices and games.

#### Players

The following All Star and Tournament team selection process will be administered by the Coordinator, Player Agent and President of the League.

#### International All Stars

1. Eligible players should complete an All Star Application and Commitment Form and return it to their regular season team manager no later than May 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - a) The All Star Application and Commitment Form includes specific information regarding practices and games which must be agreed to in order to be nominated for selection to an All Star or Tournament team.
2. Regular season managers will complete the required sections on each candidate's application and provide an assessment of each candidate on the team All Star Nomination form.
  - a) The manager or coaches children will be placed on the All Star Nomination form in the space provided at the bottom of the form.
3. Each team's manager will submit the completed applications and nomination form to the Division Coordinator no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. The nomination forms will be used to determine the pool of eligible players ranked according to the team manager's recommendation for selection to the International All Star team.

- a) Whenever players from different divisions during the regular season are nominated, consideration will be given to the players in the higher division but it will not be used as the sole determination of a player's skill and eligibility.
5. The Division Coordinator with the assistance of the Player Agent and President will review the regular season team manager rankings and refine the list of player candidates for the International All Star team based on their playing ability, availability and when necessary, input from other managers within their regular season division. The refined list shall include six (6) unanimous selections to the team based on the aforementioned criteria.
6. The list of player candidates, including the six (6) unanimous selections, will then be provided to the team manager for selection to the team. The manager will then select no less than six (6) additional and no more than eight (8) players for selection to the International All Star Team
7. Players will be notified of the selection to the International All Star Team no earlier than June 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### Tournament Team

1. Eligible players should complete an All Star Application and Commitment Form and return it to their regular season team manager no later than May 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - a) The All Star Application and Commitment Form includes specific information regarding practices and games which must be agreed to in order to be nominated for selection to an All Star or Tournament team.
2. Regular season managers will complete the required sections on each candidate's application and provide an assessment of each candidate on the team All Star Nomination form.
  - a) The manager or coaches children will be placed on the All Star Nomination form in the space provided at the bottom of the form.
3. Each team's manager will submit the completed applications and nomination form to the Division Coordinator no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. The nomination forms will be used to determine the pool of eligible players ranked according to the team manager's recommendation for selection to the Tournament Team.
  - a) Whenever players from different divisions during the regular season are nominated, consideration will be given to the players in the higher division but it will not be used as the sole determination of a player's skill and eligibility.
5. The Division Coordinator with the assistance of the Player Agent and President will combine those players not selected but nominated for the International All Star team with the regular season team manager recommendations for placement on the Tournament team. The remaining list of players will be ordered based on the regular season team manager rankings and the player's playing ability, availability and when necessary input from other managers within their regular season division. Any player nominated for the International All Star team but not selected shall be considered a unanimous pick for the Tournament Team provided the number of eligible players does not exceed eight (8).
6. The list of player candidates, including the unanimous selections, will then be provided to the team manager for selection to the team. The manager will then select additional players from the list to reach a minimum team roster of twelve (12) but no more than fourteen (14) players.
7. Players will be notified of the selection to Tournament Team no earlier than June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Tournament Schedule

Schedule information for International All Star's and local tournaments can be found on the District 57 website ([www.eteamz.com/ca57](http://www.eteamz.com/ca57)) under the "TOURNAMENTS" section.

## Participation Fee's

Participation fee's for post season play are subject to change, however it is the League's goal to maintain the fee at \$150.00 per player. The player will be provided a uniform which must be returned at the conclusion of the season. The player fee is used to offset the cost of tournament fees and should allow each team to participate in four (4) tournaments or roughly 12-18 games.

## Volunteer Commitment

The parents or guardians of each All Star / Tournament player are expected to complete a set number of volunteer hours depending on the needs of the League. Your team manager will provide further details at their parent meeting held shortly after the teams are announced.