
	<b>2011 Post Season Overview</b>

**Post-Season Primer – What every Parent needs to know**

The following document outlines some of the key processes to the All-Star and Post-Season process. San Ramon Little League (SRLL) has had a rich history of post-season, including hosting many successful tournaments over the years. The keys for parents are as follows:

- 1) **Complete Player Commitment Forms** (form and on-line survey) no later than **May 27<sup>th</sup>** – **this will insure your child gets on the ballot for consideration to one of the many teams.** The commitment to play on a San Ramon District All-Star or Tournament team is very important in the selection and the success of our teams. Please inform SRLL of your ability to make that commitment and/or any time that you may not be available.
  
- 2) **Sunday Sessions** – SRLL will be hosting Sunday Sessions for 9, 10, 11, and 12-year-olds who would like to be considered to play on an all-star or tourney team. This program is starting on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>, with May 29<sup>th</sup> being optional from 1pm to 3pm at Athans Downs.
  
- 3) **Prepare to get involved** – Whether it is helping prep fields for games, taking your turn at the snack shack, or announcing at one of our many post-season games, parents of selected all-stars should prepare themselves as well to be active with the experience. Details to follow.
  
- 4) **All-Star Fee** – In order to make it the most rewarding experience, we engage with TPC to do further training (mostly hitting) for our All-Stars and Tourney Teams. Given that investment couple with the overall experience, we ask that each player pay a \$125 fee to participate in All-Stars or Tourney Teams.

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### **Post-Season/All-Stars**

SRLI participates in the post-season with one International All-Star team for the following: 9/10, 10/11, 11/12 (Majors). We will also look at Tournament teams for 9, 10, 11, and 12-year old levels, depending on player and manager/coach interest. The International All-Star Teams will participate in a District tournament and will also be signed up for two (2) other tournaments. The Tournament teams will be signed up for three (3) tournaments each.


### **All-Star Manager Selection Process**

Regular Season Managers and Coaches of record are the only people in the league that can vie for a Post-Season Manager/Coaching post. Those folks that are interested give their names to the Divisional VPs and the President. In May, a special Board session is held and each team's Manager is selected. The primary variables for selection are coaching experience, post-season coaching experience, current year's performance, and ability to dedicate the necessary time.

### **All-Star Player Selection Process**

In early June, typically close to the end of the season, All-Star Players are selected. As part of the process, an affidavit is sent out to all eligible players to determine if they have the ability to dedicate enough time through the end of July (or through the end of August for the 11/12 year old team) to play on the team. Eligibility also is dependent on playing at least 60% of the regular season games, not participating on any other tournament teams, and having all necessary league boundary paperwork completed.

The selection process is based upon a combination of player, league manager voting (which gives us the first 10 players on the team) and then


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the All-Star Manager selecting the remaining players on the team. This process is usually complete by June 10<sup>th</sup>, but in line with Little League regulations cannot be announced until after **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. SRTL will post these names up at Athan Downs ballpark and on our web-site.

All-Star teams are typically age pure, but in some cases an All-Star manager may ask for a younger child to be considered for his team in the Manager voting process. If this is the case, the All-Star Manager needs consent from the parent to be considered for the higher level and then that child can be voted on by the players, regular season managers and or All-Star Manager.

### **District**

Each year for the 9/10, 10/11, and Major's International All-Star teams, the District has an All-Star tournament, which is a double elimination format. For the Major's team, this is the first in many steps to potentially represent their league in Williamsport, at the Little League World Series. For the 10 and 11-year-old teams, this is the first in many steps, to potentially go to a State-based tournament. The District tournament is hosted by one of the leagues in District 57 and typically moves around year-to-year. For the 9-year-old team, there is no official District tournament, so this All-Star team competes only in hosted tournaments.

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### **Tournaments**

Once the All-Star team is no longer eligible for the Little League tournaments, they can still register and participate in local tournaments. Typically these tournaments include 8-16 teams, ensure each team gets at least two games, and are played in the late June/Early July timeframe. The participating teams are from District 57 and other local Districts in the Bay Area.

### **San Ramon Little League Tournaments**


Each year, San Ramon Little League hosts a number of post-season tournaments for the different little league age group teams around the district and beyond. In order to make these successful, **each All-Star family must volunteer their time to run the tournaments. Typically, the each of the age groups families will be in charge of running their tournament.** In 2011, we will be hosting two tourneys, one each for the 9, 11-year-old teams.

### **All Star/Tournament Team Eligibility**

If you are interested in declaring your child's eligibility for postseason play, a parent or legal guardian must fill in this form to authorize their child to participate in post-season play on an All Star or Tournament Team. Forms must be completed on-line and in signed form no later than **May 27th, 2010.** A player must have been eligible to play in at least 60% of his team's regular season games to be eligible for all-stars.

### **Time Commitment**

Post-season play is a unique and rewarding experience for Little League players, as they play against many other teams in our district and throughout the Bay Area. The time commitment for these teams varies. 10s, 11s and 12s

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have a formal District 57 tourney Jun 25th through July 14th, and can advance to Sectional and Divisional play, for which out of the area travel would be required. In general, the time commitment is from June 15th through the first week of August, although the 12s, if wildly successful, could play through the Little League World Series at the end of August.


Once eliminated from any of the above tournaments, these teams will play in League sponsored tournaments through the end of July or the first week in August. The 9-year-old Tournament Team will play in several tournaments as well. These tournaments should be completed by the end of the first week of August.

Practice schedule is at the all-star manager's discretion, which could be as much as every non-game day.

In light of the significant time commitment, SRLI has adopted a policy that requires that each player be available for all scheduled tournaments and a majority of the practices. In years past, there were all-star teams that could not field a team due to player absence. If a player misses three consecutive games due to issues other than injury or sickness or other extenuating circumstances, the manager can request his permanent replacement on the team. All exceptions will be handled on a case-by-case basis with final approval by the League President.

### **Birth Certificates-Very Important**

**An original birth certificate or certified copy with an original seal is required for play on the 9/10, 10/11, and 11/12-year-old All Star Teams.** These certificates will be needed by June 16th, and are used by the District to verify age and will be returned to the family before the start of any tournament. A player unable to submit an original or certified copy will be unable to play in the Official Little League Tournaments. A copy is permitted for the 9s.

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### **Playing Time**


Playing time is controlled by Little League Rules for Tournament Play or by the League sponsoring the tournament, and is different from regular season. In particular, the District tournament and some of the invitational tournaments will play 9 man batting orders, with minimum play rules of one at-bat or one inning in the field for each player. The all-star manager will determine player rotation, positions, playing time and batting order. The manager is responsible to assure that all rules regarding playing time and pitching rotation are complied with. Parents should expect that some players will get only the minimum amount of playing time in some all-star games, particularly in the official District tournaments.

### **All-Star Fee**

In order to continue the player development of children in our league, the board has put together a unique training program from TPC, focused on hitting. Therefore, we will ask each All-Star family (child) to contribute \$125 to offset up to half of the cost of the program. There is no exception. (All Star Substitute Players are also subject to this fee)

### **Campaigning**

SRLI has zero tolerance for any player, coach, manager, League official, or parent campaigning for a player or interfering in the player selection process. If approved by SRLI's Board, any player, coach or manager interfering in any way with this process may become ineligible for tournament play.

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**Unavailability Declaration**

The fact that a player may be unavailable during the dates listed below will not disqualify that player from consideration for an All Star or Tournament Team. It is vital that the league be aware of dates that players are unavailable so that a manager can plan accordingly. Therefore, please be sure all possible vacation, camp, or other dates have been listed before submitting this form.