



2024 ALL-STARS INFORMATION

May 2024

Dear Blaze Parents,

We hope the BLL season is going well for you and your player(s). Now that we're in early May, it's time for you and your player to consider participating and trying out for the WA District 8 All-Stars Tournament. This is an exciting and intense period of practice and play for our all-star level players, managers/coaches and league that culminates into a fun and competitive tournament in late June/early July. Simultaneously, the rest of US and International Little Leagues are playing, leading up to the nationally televised games in August (Little League World Series).

Please also review the [Ballard Little League All-Star Section](#) for additional info including the **required** documents for each player before the tournament begins.

COMPETITIVE NATURE, ELIGIBILITY AND TIME COMMITMENT

Participating in All-Stars is a far more competitive level of Little League than regular season play. Only those players that coaches feel are ready for this higher level of competition will make the teams. All-Stars is not only more competitive, but it requires significant time commitment from the player **and family** as All-Star players must attend the vast majority of practices and all games unless there is a compelling reason for an excused absence (e.g. illness or injury). Other sports or tournaments (such as select softball, soccer or basketball tournaments) are not considered excused. Families should anticipate a combination of as many as 5 practices/scrimmage games per week leading up to the tournament in July. For those that want to commit, it's an incredible experience.

Teams are usually limited to 12 players with the possibility of up to 14. There is a continuous batting order rule, which will require all players to bat in the lineup.

The league is considering fielding teams in three different age groups:

- **8/9/10U Team:** Open to any player age 8, 9 or 10 as of December 31, 2023 who have played in at least 8 regular season games.

- **9/10/11U Team:** Open to any player ages 9, 10 or 11 as of December 31, 2023 who have played in at least 8 regular season games.
- **LL Majors Division:** Any player league age 10, 11 or 12 as of December 31, 2023 who have played in at least 8 regular season games.
- **LL Juniors Division:** Any player league age 12, 13, or 14 as of December 31, 2023 who have played in at least 8 regular season games.

REGISTRATION

After players have received notice they've been selected for an all star team, the player must be registered by Wednesday, May 22nd. Register online [here](#).

There is no charge to participate, but players and parents both must commit their intent to attending the vast majority of practices and games during registration and provide their own transportation to games (teams will very often carpool.)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Little League Int'l and District 8 have strict document requirements to clear each player for participation in All-Stars. **BLL will need an original birth certificate and proof of residence prior to the commencement of All-Star practices.** For more info please visit the [Little League Tournament Resources](#).

TIMELINE

Tryout Times – All Tryouts Held at Gilman

- **Players league age 8, 9, & 10 - Sunday May 19th at 11am**
- **Players league age 11 & 12 - Sunday May 19th at 11am**
- **Players league age 13 & 14 - Sunday May 19th at 4:30pm**

Specific details for each age group's tryout will be provided by coaches closer to the date of the tryouts. All-Star teams will be announced very soon after tryouts. Every player who signs up will be called or emailed, whether they made the team or not.

All Stars Tournament location will be Woodinville. The tournament END dates are listed below:

- The 10u tournament will end by Monday, July 8th
- The 11u, 12u & 14u tournaments will end by Wednesday June 26th

Once the dates and locations are finalized, coaches will communicate out to their respective teams and you will find them updated on [Washington District 8's website](#).

All tournaments are double-elimination tournaments and typically run for 5-8 days. The winner of each tournament progresses to the State tournaments held at various locations throughout Washington.

We are committed to making the 2024 All-Stars experience a positive learning experience for all participants.

Thank you for your consideration!

Best,
BLL Board and Blaze Coaches