

Brandon Valley Little League All- Star Selection Process

It is an honor for players to represent Brandon Valley Little League during all-star and tournament team play. The players that exhibit the most talent, effort and sportsmanship will be given the most consideration to make the all-star team. It is a wonderful way for selected players to be rewarded for great seasons and to continue playing the game of baseball during the summer. During this time, the player's skills will be tested against great competition from surrounding communities. No matter whether the players win or lose their games, having fun, playing hard and representing Brandon Valley Little League in the best possible way remain the most important goals.

Brandon Valley Little League will choose its all-star team based on the following criteria.

1. **Eligibility:** The player needs to be age appropriate for the team he is chosen to participate on; be enrolled in league play; and must reside in the Brandon Valley School District. Each player will play with the age appropriate Little League All Star Team. Players will not be allowed to "opt up" to the Little League Intermediate All Star Team. If the players' age makes them 12u eligible the expectation is they play on 12u team.
2. **Availability:** The players selected for the all-star team are expected to participate in all practices and games. One excused absence will be granted for reasons other than sickness. If a player is notified about being selected to an all-star team, the parents should let the head coach know if vacations and other conflicts will prevent the player from participating.
 - a. The all-star team will be formed and notified after June 15 as defined in the Little League of America rules.
 - b. The all-star team will participate in the tournaments scheduled for the 12U Black travel team.
 - c. District play will take place in Valley Springs, SD. Currently, the district consists of Sioux Falls, Huron, I-90 Little League, Capital City Little League, Harrisburg and Brandon Valley. The district is assigned by the Little League of America regional office in Indianapolis, IN. The district champion will move onto the Dakota Regional tournament.
 - d. Dakota Regional play is held in Rapid City at the end of July. The Dakota Regional Tournament is a fluid situation and can change from year to year. Last season the Regional Tournament consisted of Fargo, two West River Teams and two East River Teams. The Dakota Regional champion will move onto the Midwest Regional tournament.
 - e. Midwest Regional play will be held the first weekend of August in Indianapolis, IN. The Midwest Regional champion will move onto the Little League World Series.
 - f. The Little League World Series will take place in Williamsport, PA starting in mid-August.

3. **Attitude/Effort:** Being an all-star is more than just having the talent to compete. It is also about the right attitude, being a good sport and a good teammate. Players not exhibiting a great attitude and effort will not be eligible to represent Brandon Valley Little League in all-star play.
4. **Invitation to All-Star Evaluations:** Each of the players in the Little League Intermediate division will vote for the top 3 players from their league team. Each season the BVBA will support a Little League Majors All Star Team. Numbers and interest will determine if the BVBA will support a Little League Intermediate All Star Team. Typically, the players are very accurate in their voting, but the Brandon Valley Baseball Association reserves the right to extend an invitation to additional players by comparing the player selections and league play. The additional invitations ensure this does not become a popularity contest and allows for the right amount of pitchers, catchers, outfielders, etc.
5. **Evaluation Criteria:** Players will be evaluated using the criteria and scoring models which are very similar to the travel team evaluations.
 - a. **Defensive Skills:** Groundball fielding percentage; throwing accuracy to first base; arm strength; and ability to catch a fly-ball.
 - b. **Batting Skills:** Contact percentage; line drive percentage; and bunting ability.
 - c. **Pitching Skills:** Strike percentage and velocity.
 - d. **General Skills:** Hustle during and between drills; ability to play multiple positions; and time from home to first base.
 - e. The second day of the tryout will be a scrimmage. Our team of evaluators will put the players in game situations and evaluate them on their performance.

At the end of the process, each player will receive a final score. The individual's score will be ranked against the other players participating in the evaluation. If the players total evaluation score ranks him fifth of all the players being evaluated, the player will receive a score of five for the evaluation portion of the process. All All Star evaluations are closed to the public.

6. **Coach Voting:** The Little League Intermediate head coaches and will rate each of the players selected to participate in the evaluation with the exception of the players on their Little League Intermediate team.

Each player will be given one point for each ranking by each coach and their final score will be an average. For example: If there are six league teams and a player is ranked 3, 2, 4, 6, 4, & 8. The high and low score will be removed. From the final four scores an average score will be determined. The player's coach voting score will account for one-half of the player's final score.

7. **All-Star Final Score:** The all-star final score will be an average of the coach voting and evaluation. For example, a 5 (evaluation score) and 3.6 (coaches rating) would result in a score of 8.6. That score (8.6) will be ranked against the rest of the players eligible for the all-star team. The top ten scores

will be selected for the Little League All-Star Team. The All Star Team Coach will have the option of selecting the final two or three players from the players remaining. The number of players selected by the coach will be determined by the number of players he determines to roster. The coach also has the option to take the top 12, 13 or 14 players scores from the evaluation process and coaches ratings.

8. **All-Star Team:** The all-star team will have no more than 14 players. The selected coach will decide if the roster consists of 12-14 players. When player selections are made for the Williamsport, PA eligible team, emphasis is put on fielding balanced teams with the right amount of pitchers, catchers, outfielders, etc. Two alternate players may also be selected.
9. **Head Coaches:** The selection of the Head Coach and assistant coaches for the all-star team is determined by the Director of Baseball.

Travel Teams after All-Star Little League Team Selection

Each season the Brandon Valley Little League will field four tournament teams but there is only one all-star team of 11/12 year olds that is Williamsport eligible and potentially a 13U Little League Intermediate All Star Team. Players from each of the four travel teams may be selected to play on the all-star team, so to minimize the disruption and to continue playing the game of baseball during the summer, adjustments will be made to the traveling teams as described below.

1. 11U Black (11 year old players – SD Class A Baseball Age Eligible)
 - A. Due to pre-registration in 11U tournaments, this team may only inherit players from the 11U Red team. In the event there are not enough 11 year old players to fill the open slots, the Coach may solicit league players too temporarily* join the team.
 - B. Players from this team are eligible to play on the 11U Black, 11U Red, 12U Red, or 12U Black team.
2. 11U Red (11 year old players – SD Class A Baseball Age Eligible)
 - A. Due to pre-registration in 11U tournaments, this team may only inherit players from the 11U Black team. In the event there are not enough 11 year old players to fill the open slots, the Coach may solicit league players too temporarily* join the team.
 - B. Players from this team are eligible to play on the 11U Red, 11U Black, 12U Red, or 12U Black team.
3. 12U Red (12 year old players – SD Class A Baseball Age Eligible)
 - A. Due to pre-registration in 12U tournaments, this team may inherit players from the 11U Black, 11U Red, and 12U Black teams. In the event there are not enough players to fill the open slots, the Coach may solicit league players too temporarily* join the team.

B. Players from this team are eligible to play on the 12U Red and 12U Black team.

4. 12U Black (12 year old players – SD Class A Age Eligible)

A. Due to pre-registration in 12U tournaments, this team may inherit players from the 11U Black, 11U Red, and 12U Red teams. In the event there are not enough players to fill the open slots, the Coach may solicit league players too temporarily* join the team.

B. Players from this team are eligible to play on the 12U Black and 12U Red team.

*Please Note: After the final all-star game of the season, travel teams revert back to their original travel team and coach to finish out the travel team season.