



HLL 2026 POSTSEASON PARTICIPATION

This document outlines the expectations to be considered for an HLL postseason team. It covers the commitment to the team, eligibility requirements, commitment period, and the selection process.

COMMITMENT TO HLL, THE TEAM, AND TEAMMATES

Being selected to a HLL All Star / Superbowl team is an honor and with that honor comes a commitment to your fellow teammates. Practice is an essential element of this endeavor - to prepare the team for games, players must practice together. Practicing together means that players chosen for an All Star / Superbowl team must be available for practices and games. Parents and players need to understand and agree to the commitment.

Players will only be allowed to miss, without Manager pre-approval, up to three practices and cannot miss any games. Should a player miss a fourth practice, they will be disqualified from the team. To be clear, missing part of a practice (unless due to academics or illness) counts as missing an entire practice. In addition, the player may not participate in other competitive baseball (e.g. travel team or tournament baseball) during the All-Star or Super Bowl campaign.

All Star / Superbowl team candidates must meet the following availability criteria, or they will not be allowed to participate on an All Star or Superbowl team. Each player selected for a team must be available to attend practice which is typically held every day within the time frame specified below. The manager will determine the dates and times of practices, but expect practices every day or most days per week for the duration of the tournament(s).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Players must have participated in 60% of their regular season games and practices. Medical waivers are possible to account for injuries.
- 2) Per the HLL Player Contract, if a player has been ejected or been removed from 2 or more games, the Player is only eligible for postseason play if the Player and Player's family have applied for and received a waiver from the HLL Board Competition Committee.
- 3) Parents/Players must have completed the All-Star Availability form on the HLL website by the end of the day on **April 30**. Each player will be able to specify their level of interest from the following choices, and must opt-in to be considered:
 - a. Interested and available for either Superbowl or District All-Stars
 - b. Interested and available for Superbowl only
 - c. Interested but have conflicts on some dates which would then be specified
 - d. Not interested is treated the same as "No Response"



- 4) In the event that there are not enough players for a Postseason competition, the Player Agent will revisit player availability in this order (e.g., starting with players who are “Interested and available”, then checking with players who are “Interested but have conflicts on some dates”, etc.).
- 5) Players will be disqualified if they miss a 4th practice or any game before July 26.
- 6) Once selected, the player’s family must produce proper documentation in a timely manner and in a form acceptable to the District 52 Administrator. Final documentation approval is at the sole discretion of the D52 Administrator. If documentation is not timely or not approved, the player will be prevented from participating.
- 7) For All Stars you will need to provide to the league in a timely manner an Original Birth Certificate. You will also have to provide proof of residency documentation dated between February 1, 2025 and February 1, 2026 or a signed school enrollment form from the principal. If you live outside the boundaries of HLL, but qualify to play by attending a school within the boundaries, you will be required to get the school enrollment form signed by the principal (an exception to this new rule applies for players who have been certified as an All Star for HLL in past years and have a proper RegII(d) waiver on file with the league).

COMMITMENT PERIOD

The Commitment Period for postseason play extends from the date the team begins practice and until the team is eliminated from postseason play.

- **All Star Commitment Period:** Given that HLL has advanced several teams to the Sectional and NorCal tournaments in the last 5 years, we are requiring **all players to commit to playing through July 22**. Players that cannot commit to being fully available through this date will not be eligible for All-Star teams. These teams will be in double elimination tournament(s).
- **Super Bowl Commitment Period:** Players are required to **commit to playing through June 18**. Players that cannot commit to being fully available through this date will not be eligible for Super Bowl teams.

HLL will be sending 5-6 teams to Little League and District Tournaments in 2026:

Age	Team	Practice Starts	District 52	Section	NORCAL	Regional	World Series
9/10's	All Star	June 1	6/20 – 7/3	7/18 – 7/22	7/25 - 8/1	N/A	N/A
11's	All Star	June 1	6/20 – 7/3	7/18 – 7/22	7/25 - 8/1	N/A	N/A
12's	All Star	June 1	6/20 – 7/3	7/18 – 7/22	7/25 - 8/1	8/8 -8/14	8/19 - 8/30
Majors	Superbowl	June 1	6/13 – 6/18	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Minors	Superbowl	June 1	6/13 – 6/18	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
9u	Superbowl	June 1	6/6 - 6/10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



SELECTION PROCESS

Across all the teams there will be multiple voices and HLL officials to ensure a fair and equitable process. Majors' players and managers will be voting for the District All-Star Teams. These votes will be considered with the input of the District All-Star Team Managers, Player Agent, and Board President to determine the team makeup. The Board President will also consult with the Player Agent and the Minors Managers to consider Minors players for the District All-Star Teams.

Majors and Minors managers will be voting for the Superbowl teams and these votes will be considered with the input of the Superbowl Manager, Player Agent, and Board President to determine the Superbowl teams. Specifics are outlined in the process below.

Criteria

- 1) Selections are based on HOW THE PLAYER PERFORMED THIS SEASON.
- 2) Selection will NOT be based on friendships, play on tournament teams, etc.
- 3) A player's attitude, sportsmanship, and being a good team teammate may be considered.
- 4) Parents' behavior will NOT be a factor.
- 5) A player's selection is a REWARD for a great season & being a good member of the local little league community. It is not owed to anyone for Wins, HRs, or any other statistical achievement.

Team Composition

HLL Board approved that each D52 All Star team will be composed of ~12 kids (the actual number is the manager's discretion)

- Majors player vote determining first 4 players selected for the 12s and first 4 for the 11s;
- Majors Manager vote determining the next 6 players for 12s and next 6 for the 11s;
- All-Star Manager (for each team) discretion picks the last 1 - 3 players (these are discretionary picks and must be approved by the Competition Committee)

If there are not enough eligible players to fill the Manager vote slots, the Player Agent will revisit the "Availability" responses per the "Eligibility" section earlier in this note to increase the pool of available and eligible players. The Board Approved Manager will have discretion to complete the roster with Discretionary Pick approval by the Competition Committee.

Majors Selection Process by Players and Managers

Majors Player Vote: Majors players will vote on the HLL Board approved ballot to select exactly 10 players age 12 and 10 players age 11.



- All Majors players will be eligible to be on the Player Ballot, and each Majors team ballot will include all Majors players, except those players from the voting team (players are not allowed to vote for teammates).
- Player Ballots will be provided to the Manager of each Majors team on or **before April 26th**. Player Ballots will be collected by the President or Player Agent on **May 3, and tabulated and distributed on or before Sunday, May 11 (or in advance of the manager meeting)**.

Majors Managers Meeting and Manager Vote: Majors Managers, Player Agent, President, Vice President, and Division Director will meet to discuss player performance by May 14. Managers will have the opportunity to advocate for their players. It is suggested that they compile statistics to support their case.

- The input for this meeting will be the tabulated Player vote. The top 4 players from the Player Ballots are the first 4 picks of the 12s and 11s.
- The outcome of this meeting is a Manager consensus on the next 6 picks for both the 12s and 11s teams.

Discretionary Picks for 12s and 11s: The Board Approved D52 Manager, in consultation with two official coaches, will submit the last 1-3 discretionary picks to the Competition Committee for final approval. Discretionary picks must be approved by May 14.

Promoting Younger Players on a District Team: HLL usually fields D52 Teams for each age group (12s, 11s, 10s), and the League preference is to keep players of the same age together. The 12s team will be largely composed of 12s, the 11s composed of 11s, and the 10s composed of 10s, with the following possible exceptions:

- The Manager Vote and / or Discretionary picks can include up to a total of two 11-year-old players on the 12's.
- The parents of the 11-year-old being asked to play up must consent to the promotion
- The 11-year-old should be a starting player & full-time player (HLL preference is NOT to promote a player into a part-time or reserve player role).
- The 11's team will not promote a 10-year player except under extenuating circumstances with the permission of the HLL President and the parents of the player.
- The 10s can include 9-year-old players based on Manager Vote or Discretionary Picks

Majors Superbowl: The top 10 (ten) 12-year-old vote recipients who are not included on the All-Star team from the Majors Manager's vote will be selected to the team. The remaining two will be selected by the Superbowl Manager subject to the approval of the Competition Committee. Under certain circumstances, 11-year-olds can be considered for discretionary picks.



Minors Selection Process

10's All Star team: Composition will be similar to 12s and 11s All-Star teams; however, this team will include 9 and 10-year-old players mostly from the Minors division as well as any 10s deemed appropriate from the Majors Division.

Minors Managers Meeting and Vote: Minors Managers, Player Agent, President, Vice President, and Division Director will meet to discuss player performance by May 14. Managers will have the opportunity to advocate for their players. It is suggested that they compile statistics to support their case.

- Minors Managers will vote, with each Manager submitting a list of the top 10 players (Ranked) for Post Season to the President or Player Agent at least 2 days prior to the Minors Manager Meeting. There will be two ballots (one for the top 12 players for All Stars which will consist of 10 and 9 year olds, and one for the top 12 players for Minors Super Bowl which will consist of 11 year olds). The votes will be tabulated and shared at the Minors Manager Meeting.
- The outcome of this meeting is a Manager consensus on the top 8 picks for 10s team based on Minors Manager Vote.

Discretionary Picks for 10s: The Board Approved 10's Manager, in consultation with two official coaches, will submit the last 3-5 discretionary picks to the Competition Committee for final approval. These discretionary picks can be from either Majors or Minors. Discretionary picks must be approved by May 14.

Minors Superbowl – The top ten Minors vote recipients who are not included on the All-Star team from the Minors Managers vote will be selected to the team. The remaining 2-3 will be selected by the Superbowl Manager subject to the approval of the Competition Committee.

Announcements

All teams will be announced by May 15. There is no appeal process for the postseason team selection.