**Overview:** Few baseball and softball experiences rival little league All-Stars. From daily practices, yard signs and fun team outings, ceremonial pre-game rituals, to the big moments taking the field to play other district (and possibly state and regional!) teams, All-Stars is a truly awesome baseball and softball experience. It is a solid month+ on the baseball/softball field, kicking off June 1 and lasting through the tournament. While it is an incredible commitment that the whole family makes during the summer, it is fun, and the memories made will last forever. In 2025 Alexandria Little League (ALL) aims to have eight District All-Stars teams, including five in baseball (8-10s, 9-11s, Majors, Intermediates, Juniors) and three in softball (8-10s, Majors, Seniors). Teams are formed by players’ [Little League age](https://www.littleleague.org/play-little-league/determine-league-age/) (baseball age is their age on August 31, 2025; softball is their age on December 31, 2025), and are announced around June 1 and begin their practice schedule. This year the tournaments are scheduled to begin mid-June for all divisions with the exception of Majors, which typically begins in July. In 2025 Alexandria was chosen to host the Juniors/Seniors State Softball tournament at Witter starting June 26.

**General Commitment:** Selection for an All-Star team is a great accomplishment—an honor, but also a commitment. There is a mandatory attendance policy for practices and games. Players should not be absent (exception for illness/injury), and lack of commitment can result in a player being removed from the team. A small fee is billed to families through the Alexandria Little League registration system to help defray the cost of the uniforms, tournament fees, cage rentals, insurance, and equipment. Scholarships are available.

In addition, there is a volunteer commitment made by families of players, where families must fill **three volunteer slots for games across the league** (e.g., raking and field prep; pitch counting; scorekeeping; announcing; concessions). ALL will be playing home games at our fields. We need scorekeepers, scoreboard operators, field preparation help, concessions, and pitch counters. We will need volunteers to staff these roles during the entire tournament, every game, as a courtesy to all, but especially for visiting teams and their families. Each family is required to fill a minimum of **three** volunteer roles during the All-Stars season. These roles are critical to creating a successful and enriching experience for all players, not just those on Without adequate participation, the burden falls on a smaller group of volunteers, which is not sustainable long-term. If families do not assist with the required volunteer roles, we may not be able to offer home games on Alexandria fields.

**Manager and Player Selection Process:**

1. **Manager Selection:**

* In April, the All-Stars committee puts out a call for managers. Managers are interviewed by the committee to ensure they align with our goals of providing a positive experience, ensuring everyone plays, and maintaining a strong commitment.
* Selected managers are then presented to the board's voting members for approval. Once approved, the roster of managers is announced publicly.

1. **Player Selection:**

* Managers are briefed on the selection process, which emphasizes current season performance, attitude, and team dynamics.
* Each All Star team may be drawn from players at three separate age groups. However, it is very rare for a player who is below the maximum age group eligible for a given team to be selected for that team. For example, all 8s, 9s, and 10s may be considered for the 8-10 All Star team, but it is very likely that the team will be overwhelmingly comprised of League Age 10 players.
* Regular Season Managers and Coaches will receive a nomination form in May to allow them to suggest players who are deserving of All Star consideration. These nominations will be compiled by the All Star committee and transmitted to the All Star managers.
* Managers reach out to families of potential candidates discreetly to check availability for the All-Star period. *Players are not made aware of these inquiries*.
* Managers typically consider 18-20 players but can only select 12. The selection can be challenging as many players are closely matched in skill and contribution.

1. **Review and Approval:**

* Proposed rosters are submitted to the committee for review and questions.
* Final rosters and assistant coaches are then sent to the voting board members for approval.

1. **Announcement and Tournament:**

* Teams are announced on June 1.
* The district tournament usually starts around mid-June, except for the Majors, who start in early July.

**Local Little League Tournament Teams:** In addition to the district All-Stars teams, Alexandria Little League may form additional local tournament baseball teams—such as the Alexandria Dukes—of players who are not selected or are unable to commit to the district All-Stars schedule. These tournament teams (managers, assistant coaches, and players) are organized at the discretion of the All-Stars committee.