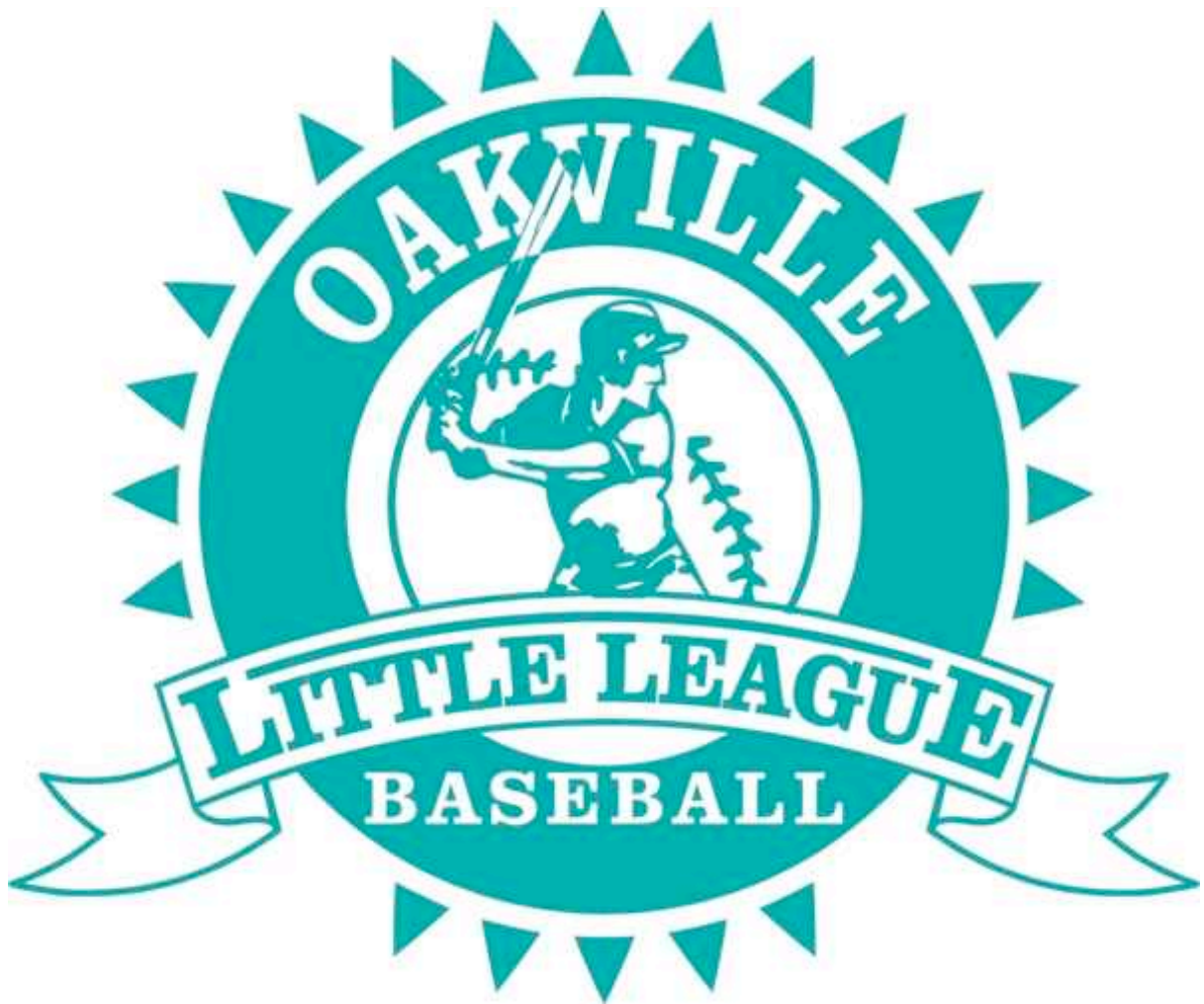
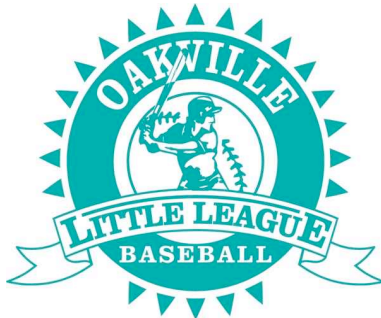


# Oakville Little League

## All-Star Selection Process



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## I. Scope and Application

This All-Star/Select Selection Process applies to all Oakville Little League (OLL) teams.

This All-Star/Select selection process applies to all divisions and age groups.

The selection process order is as follows:

All-Star/Select Manager Selection

Players turn in signed commitment forms

Open Tryouts

Teams are formed at selection meetings by the Manager

Teams are announced

## II. Team Composition

The objective is to fairly and impartially select the most skilled and competitive teams possible for Tournament play.

Teams will consist of a maximum of 14 players per Little League International rule, with the exception of Senior (16 player max) and Big League (17 player max). The All-Star/Select Manager for each division may determine the size of the team roster with due consideration to recommendations as provided by the OLL board. The recommendation of the OLL Board of Directors is as follows:

Teams will consist of the following number of players per age group

<b>AGE GROUP</b>	<b># of Players</b>	<b>TEAM GOAL &amp; TOURNAMENT TYPE</b>
U6	13-14	Development
U7	13-14	Development
U8	13-14	Development
U9	12-13	Development
U10 (Minor)	12-13	Development / District & Provincial Championship
U11	12-13	Development
U12 (Major)	12-13	Development / District, Provincial & National Championship
Intermediate	12 (min)	Development / District, Provincial & National Championship
Junior	12 (min)	Development / District, Provincial & National Championship
Senior	12 (min)	Development / District, Provincial & National Championship
Big League	12 (min)	Development / District, Provincial & National Championship

### **III. Manager Eligibility**

- a) The All-Star/Select Manager must be rostered as a manager or coach of an OLL House League team during the current season.
- b) At the end of the 2016 season, all interested Managers must have notified OLL of their interest by August 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered eligible for the 2017 season
- c) An All-Star/Select Manager is a representative of OLL and will conduct themselves in accordance with all OLL policies and procedures. This will be monitored by the OLL Board of Directors.

Managing a team within OLL is a highly scrutinized position, and the implementation and publication of this document is one of the many steps that OLL takes to insure a fair and unbiased process. The goal of OLL is to move to permanent All-Star/Select Managers for all age groups. OLL has decided to move in this direction to build a program around development and skill progression.

## **IV. Manager Selection Committee**

- a) The Manager Selection Committee will include Board approved individuals, and like player evaluations (see VII), may include an All-Star/Select coordinator from a division other than the manager being chosen.
- b) OLL will advertise the process of All-Star/Select Manager Selection and announce to the league and community when they are receiving applications to manage an All-Star/Select team along with the appropriate requirements and deadlines.
- c) The Selection Committee will contact each potential All-Star/Select Manager candidate and set up an interview with the Selection Committee.

After the interview process and discussion the Selection Committee will recommend to the Board, an All-Star Manager for each All-Star/Select and Select teams.

- d) The Selection Committee will recommend an All-Star/Select Manager for each team and will bring the selections to the OLL Board of Directors for approval.
- e) All-Star/Select Managers will be notified no later than August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 of their selection for the 2017 season, in writing, by the Selection Committee.
- f) A Non-Parent All-Star/Select Manager will be allowed to select, and obtain approval for, their selected coaches in advance of the upcoming season. In order for this to be approved by the selection Committee, the proposed coaches must also be Non-Parent coaches (i.e. they may not have a child on the team they are involved in).
- g) The All-Star/Select Managers will notify the Player Selection Committee and their respective All-Star/Select Convener prior to the Player Selection process how many players he/she will carry on the roster.

## **V. Player Interested in becoming an All-Star/Select candidate**

- a) Any player currently registered for house league may be considered for one of the OLL All-Star/Select teams with the exception of the Major All-Star team. In keeping with Oakville Little Leagues vision and objectives for the All-Star/Select program, try-outs for the 12U team will be limited to players registered in OLL the previous year. The Board of Directors will consider an exception to this provision if a player who wants to try out for the 12U team moves within the boundaries or attends school within the boundaries and was not resident within the boundaries of OLL during the previous year's baseball registration period.
- b) OLL will distribute the All-Star/Select Commitment form to all players. If a player is interested in being an All-Star/Select candidate, he/she must sign the commitment form and return it to OLL by the date indicated on the current year Commitment Form (see section VI below). If the Commitment Form is not received by the date of a player's 1<sup>st</sup> tryout, OLL reserves the right to not allow the player to participate in said tryout.

## **VI. Player Eligibility**

- a) Per Little League International, to be eligible, a player must be rostered on an OLL regular season team.
- b) All-Star/Select Players must bear in mind that their first commitment is to the OLL All-Star/Select team before any other Non-Little League team or to any other sports camps or sports teams during the All-Star/Select season.
- c) All All-Star/Select candidates must bear in mind that being part of the OLL All-Star/Select program is a privilege and that House League must remain the primary focus. Should a scheduling conflict arise, after the All-Star/Select practice and tournament schedule is published, the player will require permission to be excluded from the house league game or event by their house league coach. Each player must maintain proper attendance during the House League season. Failure to maintain proper attendance may result in temporarily being removed from the roster until house league attendance is improved.
- d) Parents of All-Star/Select players are expected to participate and volunteer throughout the season.
- e) All-Star/Select players will be expected to take part in player development for the younger All-Star/Select age groups. This may include, but not be limited to, helping with practices and volunteer coaching. Any volunteer hours incurred can be used toward the player's Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Tracking and recording these hours will be the responsibility of the player, not OLL.

## VII. Player Evaluation

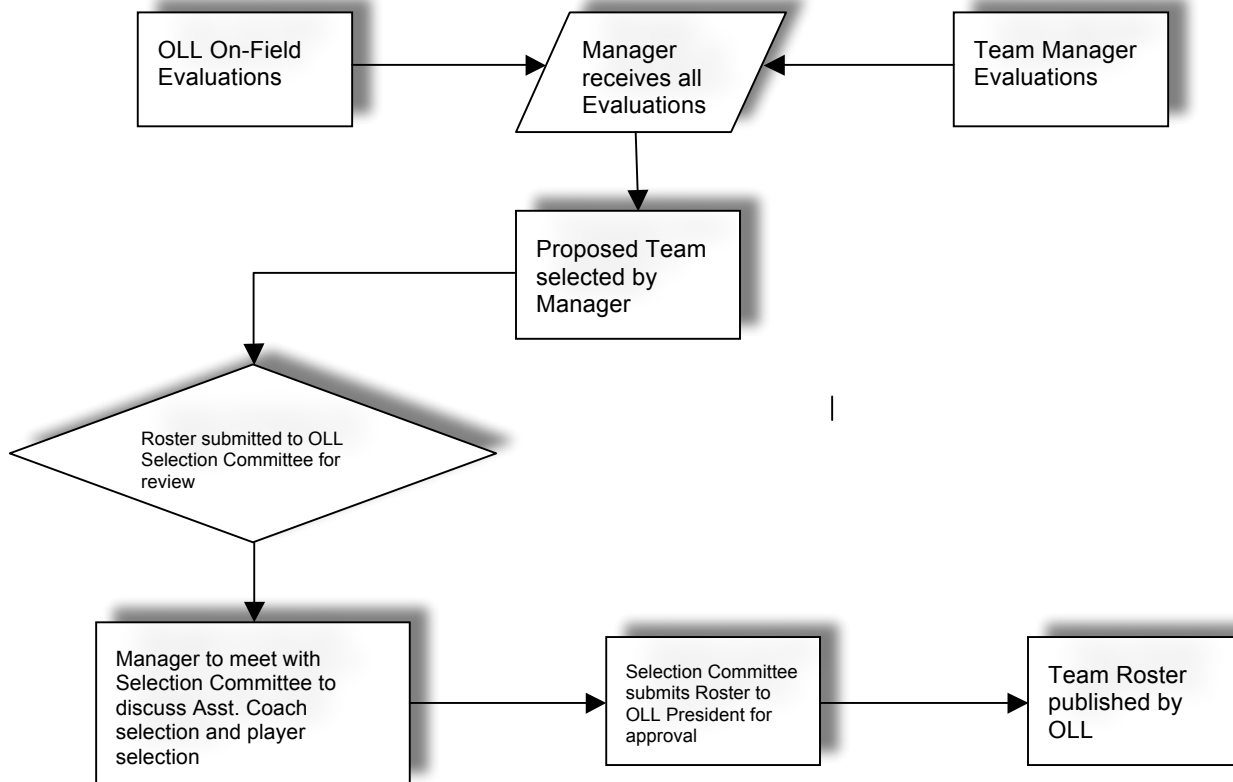
Player Evaluation has 3 components:

- Signing the All-Star/Select Player Commitment form
  - Signing Basic Criteria Selection form (parents)
  - All-Star/Select Tryouts
- a) The VP and All-Star/Select Convener will form a Selection Committee. No member of the Selection Committee shall have a child in the division being evaluated.
- b) Tryouts are open to all registered players in OLL, except the 12U Major All-Star team (see section V.a above). Signed All-Star/Select Player Commitment forms must be completed and handed in prior to tryouts. No player will be allowed on the field if the Commitment form has not been received by OLL.

The tryout dates will commence in May, with tryouts being held throughout the week and weekends based on a schedule set out by OLL. (Note: Weather conditions may affect the actual days/dates of the tryouts, but it will not affect the minimum number of three (3) tryouts.)

- c) All-Star/Select Managers do not run or participate in drills during the tryouts, they can only watch. Drills are run by All-Star/Select Managers from other age groups only, overseen by the All-Star/Select Convener for the selected age group.

Player evaluations will be as follows:



- d) Parents will be excused from participating in and asked to avoid communicating with the players during tryouts. If a parent is found to be communicating with a player (eg: coaching from the fence), he/she will be given a verbal warning. If the parent fails to observe the verbal warning and continues to communicate or coach a player from off the field, the player and parent will be excused from the current day tryout. The player will not be eliminated from the All-Star/Select selection process, but will be given a conditional invitation to the following tryouts. Only if the parent refuses to follow the conditions of the secondary invitation will the player be removed from the current year All-Star/Select selection process.
- e) Players cannot miss any tryouts, unless approved by the selection committee.
- f) There will be a minimum of 3 tryouts and will last for approximately 2 hours, unless otherwise noted.
- g) The Basic Selection Criteria will contain the following ideals (parent sign off required):
- Skill Level and ability to compete
  - Attitude, Hustle, Team Spirit, Team Leadership
  - Overall Character, Integrity, sportsmanship, and attitude (coachability)
- h) No player will be cut prior to the completion of the second try-out. Players who are cut will be informed via email or personally by the Manager.



## **VIII. Player Selection**

**The All-Star/Select Director will meet with each All-Star/select Manager and Vice President / Player Agent to discuss Roster, Asst. Coach Selection, and expectations for the upcoming season.**

### **Prior to the meeting:**

- a) The All-Star/Select Manager will submit their player selections with Basic Selection Criteria form to the All-Star/Select Director.
- b) The Selection Committee will review player selection.
- c) The All-Star/Select Manager will be informed, in advance, of any player selections the Selection Committee finds questionable and be afforded the time to justify his/her selections and/or prepare secondary selections.
- d) The All-Star/Select Manager will prepare his selections for Asst. Coaches unless they are Non-Parent coaches (see section IV.f above) and have been chosen and approved in advance of team selection

### **During the Meeting:**

- a) If a player is deemed by the Selection Committee to be a questionable decision, the All-Star/Select Manager will be asked to present the valuation/reasons for said player selection, to the Selection Committee.
- b) The All-Star/Select Managers will select Coaches. The Coaches selected must meet the approval of the selection committee.
- c) All selected Managers will be provided with the Whitecaps 'manual' and expectations for the season

### **After the Meeting:**

- a) Final approval of each team roster will rest with the OLL President, based on first approval by the Selection Committee
- b) The All-Star/Select manager will be asked to inform, any players not chosen during final selection, in person.

**A selected All-Star/Select Coach will be held to the same standard as the All-Star/Select Manager.**

## VIII-1. Player Age Criteria

Players younger than the base age for each division (base age is defined as: Majors = 12, Minors = 10) may be selected to play on the All-Star/Select team if they are truly deemed by the selection committee to be better than base age alternatives (within the top 3 of base age players). These players should be considered by the selection committee to be one of the best **overall** players in the selection pool and will be a primary player on the team. If these conditions cannot be met, then a base age player **must** be selected. All-Star/Select Managers are aware that all players grow and develop throughout the entire season. (Note: Choosing a younger player instead of a base age alternative does not mean guaranteed play within the starting line-up throughout the entire season, that privilege will be earned.

<b>LITTLE LEAGUE AGE</b>	<b>ELIGIBLE TEAM</b>
LL age 6	6U team
LL age 7	7U team
LL age 8	8U team
LL age 9	9U team
LL age 10	10U (Minor All-Star) team
LL age 11	11U team
LL age 12	12U (Major All-Star) team
LL age 13	13U (Intermediate) team
LL age 14	14U (Junior) team
LL age 15 & 16	Senior team
LL age 17 to 18	Big League team

See the Little League International 2016 Age Determination Chart (Appendix D)

## **IX. Team Announcement**

The OLL Board will designate a time to announce the All-Star/Select Teams.

All-Star/Select Managers will be introduced.

Players for each All-Star/Select Team will be announced on or after the date specified by Oakville Little League and on the OLL website.

## **X. Additional Documents (see appendix)**

Parent Communication (Appendix A)

All-Star/Select Manager Application form (Appendix B)

All-Star/Select Commitment form (Appendix C)

Little League International Age Determination Chart (Appendix D)

## **XI. Dispute Resolution**

Appeals, formal or informal will be directed to the Director of the Whitecaps program in writing

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## XII. Appendix

### Appendix A

#### Parent Communication

##### EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT ALL-STAR/SELECT SELECTION

(AKA – How do they select the All-Star/Select Team and why isn't my child on it?)

Other than team selection, there are very few things as controversial as the selection of an All-Star/Select team to represent a league. Why is that? Well in most cases, only 12 or 14 players are chosen to represent an entire league. At least half of the parents believe that their child belongs on the All-Star/Select team. Now, they may not believe that their child is an All-Star/Select, yet they know that their son or daughter is at least as good as one of the players selected to the team.

#### The following should be considered when selecting a player to the All-Star/Select team:

A player may be a strong pitcher but only the two or three best pitchers in the league pitch in All-Star/Select. Can the player who is strong as a pitcher hit or catch? If not, he/she probably will not be able to contribute to the All-Star/Select team.

A hitter that hits .400 but is slow or strikes out a lot may not be selected or may be passed over for a faster .300 hitter who seldom strikes out. In All-Star/Select games speed is essential. Often a player who puts the ball in play is preferred over a player who strikes out often.

Can he/she hit fast "All-Star/Select type" pitching or can he/she hit curveball pitching? The player might have a long looping swing and may be able to hit slower house league pitching but he/she is unlikely to hit the faster pitching he/she will see in the All-Star/Select tournaments.

In particular, areas which are considered are: Does he/she **get along** with other players? **Is he/she a leader on and off the field?** Does he/she **rally** the players on his team when they are losing? Does he/she make **other players around him play better** because of his/her play? If he/she has played infield all season can he/she, or is he/she willing, to play in the outfield **for the sake of the team?** Will he/she **bunt** to advance a runner? These factors are often missed from the spectator stands, yet are factors of which team Managers are extremely aware.

Another part of the controversy is that it seems that the managers' or coaches' kids always seem to be selected. That perception is probably true. The managers are the ones that select the All-Star/Select teams so they probably just vote for each other's kids - right? The league frowns on any conspiracy among managers to "fix" the All-Star/Select selection. It is probably true that some managers vote for other manager's kids because they know the other manager. Quite often, just the opposite probably happens, too. On-the-field rivalries can cause bias against another manager's child. The league tries to see that neither of these scenarios occurs but that the best players are chosen regardless of who their parents are. Additionally, whether it is cause or affect, some of the best players are usually sons or daughters of managers and coaches. This could be due to the managers and coaches putting in more time with their own children or they got into coaching because they saw some ability in their child. It is a criticism that we are aware of, yet an end result which we feel in most cases has justification.

Usually the Manager uses their last few votes to choose players who may not have had the best statistics or power or pitching ability but rather were good TEAM players who hustled and had good attitudes. A team of All-Star/Selects is not easy to coach and a couple of kids who hustle and have good team spirit can be instrumental in having fun during those long hot July practices and in winning tournament games.

It is important that all of our parents understand the focus of the process is to field a roster of 12-14 players who it is felt will result with the best team effort. If your son/daughter is successful in being chosen to represent OLL at the All-Star/Select level, please understand that they will be given equal opportunity to develop their skills. However, during the season, players will be put into positions that best suit their skills. This may not be a player's favorite, or even a glamorous position, but it will be the one best suited to the player and to the needs and requirements of the team.

Please remember that we are trying to field the most competitive team we can to represent all the players of Oakville Little League. It is not an easy process.

# Appendix B

## All-Star/Select Manager Application Form

\*\*\*\*\*Please note that this is just a sample of the official on-line application form\*\*\*\*\*

The deadline for All-Star/Select Manager Applications is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 11:59pm

Interviews will be conducted by the All-Star/Select Manager selection Committee. Successful candidates will be contacted prior to April 1 of the upcoming baseball season, and the names will be posted on the OLL website at [www.ollb.org](http://www.ollb.org)

Candidates will be asked to provide references as part of the application. These references should reflect your involvement in coaching youth sports and in working with youth in general.

### APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# of years Coaching Baseball: \_\_\_\_\_

# of years Coaching Youth Sports: \_\_\_\_\_

2.) **Is your son/daughter eligible to play on the team you are applying to coach?**

Yes or No

3.) **Team(s) applying for:**

U6, U7, U8, U9, U10 Minor All-Star, U11, U12 Major All-Star, U13, U14 Junior All-Star, U16 Major All-Star, U18 Big-League All-Star

4.) **Previous Coaching Experience** (please outline your coaching experience in House League and/or All-Star/Select in the past five years, including year and league):

5.) **Certifications** (detail coaching clinics attended and/or certificates obtained):

6.) **Briefly tell us why you believe you would make a good coach in the Oakville Little League All-Star/Select baseball program:**

# Appendix C

## Commitment to the OLL All-Star/Select Team

OLL is proud to offer an All-Star/Select program to all of its registered players. Over the past several years this program has grown dramatically, and as a result, Oakville Little League has found it necessary to formalize its process and All-Star/Select requirements for eligibility.

### Application instructions:

- 1) All interested Players are to read the information on this form with their parents, sign and return it OLL prior to All-Star/Select tryouts
- 2) Parents must read and understand the commitment required for their children to participate in All-Star/Select play and indicate agreement by having at least one parent or legal guardian sign the form

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City / Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLAYER INFORMATION

Player name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
All-Star/Select eligibility: 6U 7U 8U 9U 10U 11U 12U 13U 14U 16U 18U

The All-Star/Select Managers, from each age group, along with at least one impartial evaluator determined by the Board will conduct tryouts and select the All-Star team based on player ability and team needs. All decisions of the Manager and the Board are final.

OLL wants all players to learn, have fun, and demonstrate good sportsmanship; the focus of tournament competition is not entirely about winning and team success. However, Managers will look for player strengths at various positions and use them to their fullest ability. While they do the best they can to give as many players as much playing time as possible, it is expected that some players will get more playing time than others. While district and provincial tournament rules require mandatory play of only three defensive outs (one inning) and one at-bat per game, no guarantees beyond specific tournament rules are made to anyone as to a specific amount of playing time. The manager and coaches of the team will make that determination. You are expected to be part of the team for the duration of tournament play. Your position on the field and in the batting order will be earned through hard work, ability, a positive mental attitude and specific needs in a given game situation as determined by the manager and coaches of the team.

The Oakville Little League Board of Directors reserves the right to limit participation or dismiss a player, manager or coach, and parents for actions the Board deems inappropriate or unbecoming of an All Star/Select player, parent, and manager or coach.

To be considered for the All Star/Select Team, the OLL player and parent must commit and agree to all of the following requirements and return the signed document to Oakville Little League prior to the date of the first tryout for the player's age group. No player will be allowed to participate in tryouts until the commitment form is received by OLL

*For both parents and players, we realize that we are representatives of OLL and will honour and exemplify the principles of Little League at all times. This includes playing ability, sportsmanship and respect for other players, coaching and umpiring staff.*

*I/we will be prepared and **available for all practices**. Practices will be held Wednesdays and Sundays. I/we realize that my child's presence is crucial to the success and morale of the team. Unexcused absences from team practices or failure to appear at scheduled tournament games due to reasons other than illness, injury or family emergency may result in a player's release from the team by the manager and could affect consideration of that player for future OLL All-Star/Select teams. Vacations are not considered excused absences. In fairness to his/her teammates and the league, we give our assurance that he/she will be available to attend practices and games*

*I/we realize that the stages of some tournaments are district, provincial, national, and (in some cases) international. We pledge continued commitment through ensuing rounds of the tournament until tournament play concludes or the team is finally eliminated.*

*I/we realize that the commitment to the OLL All-Star/Select team comes before any other Non-Little League team or to any other sports camps or sports teams during the All-Star/Select season.*

*I/we realize that the player must maintain proper attendance during the season for House League games and practices, as per Little League rules.*

*I/we realize that being part of the OLL All-Star/Select program is an honour and requires players to mentor younger age groups, throughout the season. This may include, but not be limited to, helping with practices and volunteer coaching. Any volunteer hours incurred can be used toward the players Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Tracking and recording these hours will be the responsibility of the player, not OLL.*

*I/we realize that each team will be required to volunteer throughout the season. Each All-Star/Select team will be assigned an OLL hosted tournament or event that they will be in charge of running.*

*As parents, we understand that we will provide OLL with a copy of birth certificate or acceptable proof of age and proof of residency as per Little League Baseball*

*As parents, we understand that we will provide only positive reinforcement for players and to not 'coach' my son/daughter during a game or practice*

## **PLAYER AGREEMENT**

As a player I agree to all the requirements outlines in this form. I also understand that I may be asked to play in different positions and I may not get as much "play time" as during House League season. I also understand that collectively we will strive for the common goal of our best effort and performance as a team.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(player signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

## **PARENT AGREEMENT**

As a parent of the applicant player, I agree to all of the conditions of participation as outlined in this form. I understand and agree to support the time commitment and involvement of my child in the OLL All-Star/Select program if my child is selected to a team

\_\_\_\_\_  
(parent/guardian signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)



## 2016 Little League Age Chart FOR BASEBALL DIVISION ONLY

Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	<b>4</b>
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	<b>5</b>
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009	<b>6</b>
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	<b>7</b>
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	<b>8</b>
2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2006	2006	2006	2006	<b>9</b>
2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005	2005	2005	2005	<b>10</b>
				2005	2005	2005	2005					<b>10</b>
2005	2005	2005	2005	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	<b>11</b>
2004	2004	2004	2004	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	<b>12</b>
2003	2003	2003	2003	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	<b>13</b>
2002	2002	2002	2002	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	<b>14</b>
2001	2001	2001	2001	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	<b>15</b>
2000	2000	2000	2000	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	<b>16</b>
1999	1999	1999	1999	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	<b>17</b>
1998	1998	1998	1998	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	<b>18</b>

Note: This age chart is for **BASEBALL DIVISIONS ONLY**, and only for 2016.