

Subject – Call for All-Star coaches

Hi Little League Coaches,

All-Star season planning has begun. We'll be starting team selections soon and need to confirm our coaches. Is that you? Are you All-Star? Read below for some details and confirm with us if you're interested by **May 27th**.

Commitment and level of play

Little League has created a lot of opportunities to play lots of games over the five weeks from **July 24th to August 6th**. The level of play increases dramatically and coaches commit to a full practice and game schedule. This usually means games and practices on most weeknights, with many weekend tournaments.

All-Star coach eligibility and selection

- All officially listed 2018 BBLL managers or assistant coaches can apply.
- If you want to coach as a manager or assistant, please **tell us by May 27th**.
- The league president, player agent, and VPs approve all manager and coach selections. They may ask UIC and other coaches for input when deciding.

If you're thinking about being a manager...

As a manager, you (schedule practice times, communicate to parents and coaches, teach respect, competitiveness, encourage...).

We expect that you'll (know rulebook, represent BBLL...).

If you're thinking about being an assistant coach...

Assistant coaches will take the lead from the manager. You may run some practices, lead drills, coach specific player skills, manage player morale and conduct, help with parent and league communication, prepare fields...

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How team formation works

- We determine the levels (AAA, AA, or A) and number of teams in Majors and Minors divisions by the players' skill level and by how many managers, assistant coaches, and players we have.
- We hope for three teams of 12 per division, but may field two or even one per division.
- We determine the team rosters by manager preference and All-Star executive committee approval.

Schedule

Some of the dates and locations still need to be determined and depend on the coaches and the leagues—see [the calendar](#) below.

Evaluations

- Evaluations are **June 3rd** at [Baseball Diamond](#) and then the **5th** or **6th** at the Baseball Building.
- We should have teams finalized by **June 8th**.

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Practices

- You can start your practices on **June 24th** or after. AAA teams may be able to practice earlier depending on the regular season playoff schedule.
- You can run one to three practices a week depending on your game schedule.

Tournaments and games

- There are two types of competition: weekend tournaments with other regions, and weekday games with teams in your district. BBLL is [District 1](#).
- In 2017, most teams played between 22 and 30 games from late June to early August.
- **Mandatory seeding tournaments** are **June 29th - July 2nd** and **July 6th - 8th**. These could be in Timbuktu, Pandora, Endor, Romulus, Tatooine, or somewhere else.
- Teams must play on at least two of these three weekends: **July 13-15, 20-22, and 27-29** and may play all three.

- The Majors AAA Provincial Tournament is likely **July 20-27 in Endor**.
- If we have enough volunteers and umpires, BMLL is willing to host tournaments at Cracker Jack Field and other diamonds every weekend. We'll let you know about division and levels for specific weekends.

Playoffs

- **Championship Weekend** for all teams (except Majors AAA) is **August 3rd through 6th**.
- **City Championships** or **District 1 Playoffs** may take place on weeknights (usually T/W/Th evenings) for two to four weeks in July. We're still finalizing this, but it's been like this for the past two years.

Travel expectations

The amount of travel depends on the division, level of play, and the coach. It's likely that [Minors/Majors will/will not...]. Some teams may choose to travel to Ivory Coast, Antarctica, Nepal, and throughout Siberia for various tournaments, while others may play mostly in and around Patagonia.

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Costs

- All-Star managers and assistant coaches get a \$100 discount if their child is playing All-Star ball.
- Count on [\$120.00 to \$150.00] per room per night for hotel stays, plus meals and transportation costs.

We hope to see your names coming through to coach our All-Star kids!

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Tentative All-Star Schedule
June – August 2018

Little League and RMLL to confirm anything in **BLUE**.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 27 Indicate coaching interest	May 29	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2
June 3 Evaluations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minors 10am – 1pm • Majors 1:30pm – 3:30pm 	June 4	June 5	June 6 Evaluations (possible)	June 7 Evaluations (possible)	June 8 Teams finalized and communicated	June 9
June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16
June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23
June 24 Practices start	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29 Tournament Lethbridge	June 30 Tournament Lethbridge
July 1 Tournament Lethbridge	July 2 Tournament Lethbridge	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6 Tournament Calgary	July 7 Tournament Calgary
July 8 Tournament Calgary	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13 Minors Tourney	July 14 Minors Tourney
July 15 Minors Tourney	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20 AAA Majors Provincial Minors Tourney	July 21 AAA Majors Provincial Minors Tourney
July 22 AAA Majors Provincial Minors Tourney	July 23 AAA Majors Provincial	July 24 AAA Majors Provincial	July 25 AAA Majors Provincial	July 26 AAA Majors Provincial	July 27 AAA Majors Provincial Minors Tourney	July 28 Minors Tourney
July 29 Minors Tourney	July 30	July 31	August 1	August 2	August 3 Championship weekend	August 4 Championship weekend
August 5 Championship weekend	August 6 Championship weekend	August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11