

BLL Managers and Coaches in the Majors and Minors Divisions - please see below. We need coaches to run our various all star teams, and need to firm up how many teams per division we may be able to support this year. The number of teams we field will be determined by the number of Managers, Assistant Coaches and players interested, and the skill level of those players. The summer all star program sees the level and quality of play increase dramatically as compared to regular season play, and Little League has made great strides to ensure that teams have MANY opportunities to play games over a 5 week period.

- Anyone who is officially listed as a 2018 BLL Manager or Assistant Coach is eligible to apply for all star participation as a coach.
- Those who are interested in coaching an all star team (as Manager or Assistant) are asked to **notify us by May 27th**.
- We would ideally field 3 teams in each Division (Majors - open to league age 10 to 12; Minors - league age 8 to 10). Teams will be classified as AAA, AA and A ("AAA" being the strongest teams).
- Players who are league age 10 and not selected to the Majors AAA team will play on a Minors Division all star team.
- Evaluations are June 3rd and 5th/6th, with final team selections expected by about June 8th.
- The first 30 minutes of the evaluation session will be a mandatory parent meeting.
- Teams will be formed based upon a combination of Manager preference and all star executive committee approval.
- Team **practices likely would begin on June 24th**, with exceptions for AAA teams who may be able to practice earlier if playoff schedules for BLL regular season teams allow.
- **Mandatory seeding tournaments will be June 29th - July 2nd and July 6th - 8th**. These tournaments could take place in Timbuktu, Pandora, Endor, Romulus, Tatooine, etc.
- **Teams must also play on at least 2 of the following 3 weekends (playing all 3 is also permitted): July 13-15, July 20-22, July 27-29.**
- **Majors AAA Provincial Tournament is likely July 20-27 in Endor (TBD).**
- **Championship Weekend** for all teams except Majors AAA is **August 3rd through 6th** - location TBD.
- BLL is willing to host tournaments at Cracker Jack Field and other diamonds on every weekend, subject to enough volunteers and umpire availability. Division/level TBD for specific weekends.
- "City Championships" or "District 1 Playoffs" may take place on weeknights in July - this is still being finalized, but has been the case in each of the past 2 years.
- These games are typically scheduled for T/W/Th evenings and run 2 to 4 weeks in July.
- Coaches generally elect to run 1 to 3 practices per week depending on game schedule - this is a "full" commitment to summer baseball.
- In 2017, most BLL all star teams played between 22 and 30 games from late June to early August (3 to 4 per weekend and 1-2 midweek for some weeks).
- Some teams may elect to travel to Ivory Coast, Antarctica, Nepal and throughout Siberia for various tournaments, while others may play mostly in and around Patagonia.
- Fees for all star teams are \$300 per player; rostered all star Managers and Assistant Coaches receive a \$100 discount for their child.
- Fees cover tournament entry fees, umpire fees, Little League fees, uniforms, diamond supplies, porta-potties, insurance, etc.
- All manager and coach selections are subject to approval by the league president, player agent, and league VP's, who may seek input from UIC and other coaches as part of the decision process.

The summer all star program is a lot of fun and creates lasting friendships for kids and parents alike. Having coached a team last year, I can say it was really enjoyable despite some long hot days on the diamond and moving some summer vacation days into August. Any questions, please let us know.