

2022 North Canton Little League Minors Post-Season

Dear Parents,

Each year the NCLL offers two opportunities for post-season play, also known as all-stars. This letter explains NCLL involvement in post-season play, how we go about selecting Minor League all-star teams, and solicits whether your family wants to be part of that experience.

NCLL participates in two post-season all-star programs – **Williamsport** and **Hometown**.

Williamsport competition is the highest level of play. We try to select our top dozen players and field the best team possible. The team plays a flight tournament against other area Little League teams, starting after July 4. The teams with the top records in each flight will face off for the right to represent our district in the Ohio state tournament, held this year in Rock Hill, beginning 7/23.

Hometown All-Stars is a program intended to give more players a chance to participate in the excitement of post-season play. Teams spend 2 weeks traveling to other nearby towns playing higher-level baseball than they would see in regular season NCLL play. A district championship is played, but the winning team does not advance to state play. NCLL expects to enter 2 teams in this tournament. Any player in the minors is eligible to play in this tournament.

If your family is interested in Hometown play, just complete the form below and you are done. Nothing else needs to happen until we assemble teams. However, if you think your player might be selected to the Williamsport team, there is a proofing process that we have to go through to satisfy LL. And we need to get started on that right now!

If your player attends a school that's within the North Canton city limits, completing the School Enrollment Form is by far the easiest way to provide LL with your eligibility proof. Just have the principal at your player's school sign the form, indicating that your son has been enrolled for the entire school year. If/When your child is selected to the Williamsport team, we still will need a copy of his birth certificate, but that's not until mid-June. You need to get this School-Enrollment-Form completed now while school is still in session. You can download the form from our website, www.northcantonlittleleague.com.

If you don't attend a North Canton school, but still live within the city limits, you can still prove residency by providing LL with 3 documents that show your street address. These documents must be dated prior to February 1, 2022. Often, it takes some work to compile these, so I would encourage you to start the process. One document must be provided from each of the three groups below:

Group 1: Driver's License; School Records; Vehicle Records; Employment Records; Insurance Documents;

Group 2: Welfare/Child Care Records; Federal Records (tax, SS, etc.); State Records; Local Records; Support Payment Records; Homeowner or Tenant Records; Military Records;

Group 3: Voter Registration; Utility Bill; Financial Records; Medical Records; Internet or Cable Records.

As you can see, getting the School-Enrollment-Form completed is much simpler than collecting 3 document (all dated before February 1, 2022.)

We expect all-stars and their families to make a commitment to their team and be available throughout the all-star period. Williamsport players **must** be available between 6/15 and 7/30. If personal vacation plans call for you to miss **any** games, or more than 1 or 2 practices during that time, you will not be placed on the team. Requirements for players on Hometown teams are not as restrictive. We understand that this may be a difficult decision for your family, but missing practices and games and then expecting playing time is just not fair to your teammates.

The 10-yr old Williamsport team will be assembled after a manager vote. A player workout will be held Saturday, 6/11, after the final game. Players can demonstrate their skills in front of all the managers. Any 9- or 10-yr old player can attend this session. The session is not mandatory -- it can only help a player by giving him a chance to demonstrate his skill set in front of the managers. There is no 'penalty' for missing. Once Williamsport players are selected, Hometown managers meet and draft their teams from the remaining players. There is no definitive selection criteria for Hometown all-stars. If your son is a good player, and can be an asset to an all-star team, it is likely that he will be placed on a team.

Both all-star levels emphasize winning much more so than during the regular season. Minimum playing requirements are reduced (Williamsport requires only 1 at bat each game.) Most managers will maximize

playing time with the combination of players they feel presents the best chance of winning. Every year there are parents that are unhappy with this concept. Please understand that unlike NCLL regular season play, winning is the priority throughout all-stars. If playing time is important for your family, perhaps the Hometown All-star level is the better choice for you.

The NCLL Board of Directors has the final say in the composition of all all-star teams.

All-star play is expensive. There will be an additional charge to participate in post-season play. Baseballs, umpires and field expenses for post-season match those of the rest of the program. Last year's cost was \$65. NCLL will provide Hometown all-star caps and jerseys. Williamsport players will have to purchase their uniforms. Should the Williamsport team be fortunate enough to qualify for state championship play, it is likely an extended out-of-town hotel stay would be required.

Completing the instructions below allows you to indicate a preference for the level of play you would like your child to be considered for. ***It does not guarantee that he will be placed on a team,*** only that he is eligible to participate and that you are willing to make the time and financial commitment required.

If you have any questions, please talk with Dr. Giammarco, any board member, or me. It is unfortunate that every child can't have the chance to play in the all-star program, but we are limited in the number of teams we can support. It is also a matter of hometown pride to be able to field competitive teams against rival opponents.

Thank you for your cooperation throughout the season. May the remaining games reward your child with lasting, positive memories.

Respectfully,

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Check only 1 box:

Please consider my child for placement on **any** all-star team. He meets the eligibility requirements presented above and we are able to deal with the time requirements necessitated for all-star play.

Please consider my child for placement **ONLY** on a Hometown team.

We do not wish to be included in the all-star process.

Player's name: _____

Dates between 6/15 & 7/30 that player will be unavailable: _____

You must make us aware of your intentions by Saturday, June 11. Failure to do so will be interpreted as a decision to not be included in all-star play. Please do not delay and cost your child a chance to participate in the post-season.