

2023 ESLL All-Star Season Player/Parent Commitment Letter

Dear Parents and Players,

East Surry Little League (ESLL) will soon be preparing to select players for the All-Star Season. We would like for all players to complete this form. This is not necessary for Tee Ball or Pee Wee divisions. We do not field all-stars teams in the Tee Ball or Pee Wee divisions of play. All players who are interested in being considered for selection to any of the ESLL All-Star tournament teams shall submit this form to the ESLL Player Agent. **Failure to submit these forms will result in your player being ineligible for selection to any ESLL All-Star team.** Please read the following information carefully before submitting this form. Players will be selected based on their playing ability, eligibility, availability, and loyalty. **Completion of any of these forms does not guarantee your selection to an all-star team.** The purpose of these forms is to gauge interest, availability and commitment and to give the board an idea of which divisions we will enter teams in the post-season tournaments. If there is not enough interest or the Board of Directors determines some divisions to be cost prohibitive, some divisions may not field an All-Star team this season.

Attendance Requirements: ESLL All-Star teams will play in very competitive tournaments. This level of play requires our teams to work very hard to maximize talents and be competitive. Consequently, the teams will plan on practicing daily and playing some practice games in the weeks prior to the tournaments. Wednesday evening practices are typically optional, but Sunday afternoon practices should be expected. This is an immense commitment and the players are required to make this team their priority or they should reconsider their eligibility and ask to not be considered for selection. The managers will have the option to dismiss a player for lack of attendance. ***This means sports camps, family vacations, and other sports teams (including travel teams) should be postponed until the completion of these All-Star season baseball and softball tournaments. Only the League President may provide any exceptions (with prior approval) to the attendance requirement. Start dates for tournaments are on page 4 of this document.***

Tournament Rules: All-Star tournaments do not use the same rules that we use during the regular season, however, there have been changes to all-star tournament rules for this season. All-star teams, except for Senior League, will use a continuous batting order with free defensive substitutions. 12 players is the minimum roster size, unless a special waiver is granted by the District Administrator. 14 players is the maximum that can be chosen for a tournament team. These are competitive teams, and the games will be managed to maximize the chance of victory. Players will be probably asked to play positions they did not play in the regular season and players may be limited to batting only. **It is important that you discuss these things with your player before you submit this form, to avoid any potential disappointment.** All-Star tournament winning teams move on to the North Carolina State Tournament and beyond. Players need to be committed to the team for as long as the team is victorious, potentially all the way to the Little League World Series in August.

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Parent Volunteer Commitment: As you are probably aware, ESLL is a 100% volunteer program. Without volunteers, the league cannot run nor can we provide All-Star teams. As an All-Star parent, ESLL will require you to volunteer in All-Stars for all divisions we are awarded to host by North Carolina Little League District 2. This includes baseball and softball divisions. These volunteer roles include, but are not limited to, assisting in concessions, parking, official score keeping*, and field preparedness. Volunteers must be available throughout the entire All-Star season (not just for your All-Star player season). As part of this commitment, you are agreeing to volunteer with ESLL in one or more of the categories aforementioned. ESLL will create a Sign-Up Genius page and this will be sent to the entire league for volunteers, however, the All-Star parents are required to sign up. **There is no “opt-out” option available for All-Star parents.** We cannot run a successful All-Star season without the assistance of every family.

All-Star Volunteer (Parent Initials): _____ I understand I will be required to sign up for volunteering during the All-Star season my player is participating in. Furthermore, I understand I must volunteer to support ESLL when hosting tournaments if my player’s team is not traveling in their own tournament. Penalty for non-compliance of the parent volunteer policy will result in the removal of the player from their All-Star team.

Team Assignment (Parent Initials): _____ I understand my player will be placed on a team in which ESLL determines their talent will maximize the chance of victory for the selected team. Once a player is placed on a team, this is his/her only option to play on an ESLL All-Star Team.

Expect Team rosters to be announced around May 22nd. Parent meetings and team practices may begin on May 31st and are mandatory.

If you would like your player to be considered for an All-Star team, please complete pages 3 and 4 of this letter and return this entire packet to the ESLL Player Agent no later than May 1st. The Player Agent will keep on file until the selections are made. Again, completion of this form does NOT guarantee your selection to an All-Star team.

Sincerely,
ESLL League President & ESLL All-Star Committee

**Official Scoring personnel must be experienced and able to keep a baseball or softball score book. Gamechanger will not be used by official score keepers.*

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Important: Once a player is chosen for an All-Star team, parents must provide a valid ORIGINAL Birth Certificate to the league for league-age certification. Players without an original Birth Certificate cannot be considered for an All-Star team. The Birth Certificate must originate from the Department of Vital Statistics in the state of birth. Photocopies, or certificates issued by hospitals will not be accepted. League age can be determined using the Little League age calculator at: <https://www.littleleague.org/play-little-league/determine-league-age/>

Players are also required to certify their residency within the ESLL boundary. Parents will be asked to provide photocopies of three documents that verify that address as within the boundary based upon a list provided at the parent meeting for each team.

In lieu of the three documents above to certify residency, players can provide school enrollment proof that they attend school within the league boundary. Parents may provide photocopies of either an official/certified school enrollment record dated prior to October 1 of current academic year or a Little League issued school attendance form completed by the school administrator, principal, or vice principal.

There will be a one-time fee of \$50, which is to cover uniform costs and Tournament Fees. Cost to the player's family is not meant to be a prohibitive factor in participating, therefore in qualifying cases, scholarship assistance is available.

The team managers will help with the collection of the certain acceptable documents.

Player Name: _____ League age: _____

Parent Name: _____ Current Team: _____

Division of Play: _____ Manager's Name: _____

_____ **The above player is not available or does not wish to participate in any All-Star Tournaments in which ESLL fields a team.**

_____ **The above player wishes to be considered for All-Stars. I have read the information pertaining to the ESLL All-Star season teams and understand the commitment required to play. I understand that signing this Letter of Commitment does not guarantee selection to an All-Star team.**

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail address: _____

The form can be printed, scanned and e-mailed to abullington@triad.rr.com or provided in person to the ESLL Player Agent, Aric Bullington.

2023 North Carolina Little League Post-Season Tournament Schedule

TOURNAMENT DIVISION & LEVEL	HOST LEAGUE or DISTRICT	SITE	TOURNEY DATES
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL			
8 YR-OLD MACHINE PITCH (District)	---	East Surry LL	June 9 - June 22
STATE TOURNAMENT	6	Wilson	July 7 - July 12
9 YR-OLD BB (District)	---	East Chatham LL	June 24- June 29
STATE TOURNAMENT	6	Wilson	July 7 - July 12
8,9,10 YR-OLD BB (District)	---	TBD	June 16 - June 25
STATE TOURNAMENT	2	TBD	July 7 - July 12
TOSC REGION INVITATIONAL	---	Wilson, NC	July 21 - July 30
9,10,11YR.-OLD BB (District)	---	Winston-Salem National LL	June 24- June 29
STATE TOURNAMENT	4	Greenville	July 7 - July 12
TOSC REGION INVITATIONAL	---	Wilson, NC	July 28 - August 6
LITTLE LEAGUE (10,11,12) (District)	---	Winston-Salem National LL	June 23 - July 2
STATE TOURNAMENT	5	TBD	July 14 - July 19
REGIONAL	---	Warner Robins, GA	August 1 - August 8
WORLD SERIES	---	Williamsport, PA	August 16 - August 27
INTERMEDIATE 50-70 (District)	---	TBD	June 22 - June 25
STATE TOURNAMENT	3	Weddington	June 30 - July 2
REGIONAL	---	Kernersville, NC	July 14 - July 18
WORLD SERIES	---	Livermore, CA	July 30 - August 7
JUNIOR BB (District)	TBD	TBD	June 23 - July 1
STATE TOURNAMENT	1	McDowell	July 14 - July 19
REGIONAL	---	Broadway, VA	July 27 - August 1
WORLD SERIES	---	Taylor, MI	August 13 - August 20
SENIOR BB (District)	TBD	TBD	June 16 - June 25
STATE TOURNAMENT	1	McDowell	July 7 - July 12
REGIONAL	---	Safety Harbor, FL	July 21 - July 25
WORLD SERIES	---	Easley, SC	July 29 - August 5
LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL			
8 YR-OLD COACH PITCH (District)	--	Rowan LL	June 9 - June 22
STATE TOURNAMENT	3	Lake Norman	July 8 start
8,9,10 YR-OLD SB (District)	--	Northwest Forsyth LL	June 23 - June 29
STATE TOURNAMENT	6	TBD	July 7 - July 12
REGION INVITATIONAL	TBD	TBD	July 28 - August 5
LITTLE LEAGUE (10,11,12) (District)	--	East Surry LL	June 16 - June 22
STATE TOURNAMENT	4	Pitt County	July 7 - July 10
REGIONAL	---	Warner Robins, GA	July 21 - July 27
WORLD SERIES	---	Greenville, NC	August 9 - August 16
GIRLS JUNIOR SB (District)	---	Rowan LL	June 23 - June 26
STATE TOURNAMENT	2	Rowan	July 7 - July 10
REGIONAL	---	Salisbury, NC	July 20 - July 23
WORLD SERIES	---	Kirkland, WA	July 30 - August 5
GIRLS SENIOR SB (District)	---	Rowan LL	June 23 - June 30
STATE TOURNAMENT	2	Rowan	July 7 - July 10
REGIONAL	---	Salisbury, NC	July 20 - July 23
WORLD SERIES	---	Lower Sussex, DE	July 31 - August 6