

2009 Danvers American Post Season Involvement

Danvers American Little League traditionally fields post-season teams for baseball at the conclusion of each season. These teams are selected by the managers and coaches from the players age 9 thru 12 and are selected to best compete in tournament play, with the emphasis on advancement in those tournaments, and the ultimate goal of winning championships. There is a level of sacrifice and commitment expected by the players and their families for the duration of post season practices and tournament play.

Involvement with All Stars is a unique and rewarding experience for those players and parents that enjoy and understand competitive baseball. It offers a tremendous opportunity to build new friendships while participating in an intensive practice and game environment. It is the desire of Danvers American Little League that the memories of post season tournament play be a positive one for both the players and their parents.

Danvers American Little League is a member of District 15, which conducts post season tournaments each year for baseball. The following tournaments are offered and the D.A.L.L. Board of Directors has determined to participate in the following:

Williamsport (11-12 Majors) - This is the highest level of tournament play for Little League. Winners progress through the District, State, Region, and ultimately back to Williamsport for the Little League World Series.

Jimmy Fund 10-12 All Stars - These are Little League recognized tournaments. Our teams will compete in the District 15 tournament (the players will be representing DALL against surrounding district cities and towns). This experience allows players to compete in post season baseball against a higher level of competition.

2009 Jimmy Fund sites:

10's: Peabody

11's: Danvers

12's: Ipswich

Jimmy Fund 9 All Stars - This is a tournament hosted in Amesbury, consisting of several communities within District 15. It is the first stepping stone and a great motivator for players as they become older and want to play in other post season tournaments.

Commitment forms will be distributed by managers in, and must be signed by both player and parent in order to be considered for selection to a post season team.

Parents please take note:

- 1. Post season teams begin practice in mid June; depending upon team success, tournament play could continue through July and even into August for teams progressing as far as the Little League World Series.**
- 2. Your family's commitment to post season baseball will include volunteering your time in support of the 11 year old tournament hosted in Danvers. This may include snack bar duty, field preparation, parking coordination and other tasks as needed to support this fund raising event.**

2009 DALL Post-Season Baseball Letter of Commitment

Dear Parents and Players,

Danvers American Little League (DALL) is preparing to select players for its 2009 post-season teams. We typically field All Star teams for 9 thru 12 year old Jimmy Fund tournaments and Williamsport. **All players who are interested in playing on a post season team must return this form to the DALL Player Agent – Al DeDonato by June 10th. This may be done through your team manager or the League PO Box. Our goal is that every player interested in playing post-season has an opportunity to be considered.** Please read the following information carefully before submitting this form. Post season team candidates will be selected based upon their playing ability, eligibility, availability, positive attitude and commitment.

Attendance Requirements: DALL post-season teams prepare for and play in competitive District 15 tournaments. The level of play at the All Star level is very high and our teams work very hard to maximize their talents to play competitive baseball. Teams may practice two hours daily and many will play on weekends prior to and/or during the tournament. It is expected that a player selected to a post season team makes that team his/her priority during that time (typically 2-4 weeks). Any schedule conflicts would have to be cleared with the league prior to selection on the team. The manager of each team, subject to DALL board approval, has the right to remove a player from a team for lack of attendance.

Tournament Rules: Please note that tournament rules differ from regular season rules. Minimum playing time may consist of three defensive outs and one at-bat. Post-season teams do not bat the roster. A nine-player batting order is used. Playing time is not equal and your child may not play the same position(s) he/she played during the regular season. Please discuss these possibilities with your child before you decide to submit his/her name for consideration to ensure that you and your child do not experience disappointment over playing time and/or position. We would also recommend that you read "All Stars Experience" on the DALL website for additional perspective.

Details: The tournament format is typically pool play with the top teams from each pool moving into elimination play. Schedules for this year's tournaments are listed below for your planning consideration. Be prepared to practice and/or play during the July 4th holiday period. Practice for teams may start as early as June 15th.

9 year old Jimmy Fund – tournament starts July 8th
10, 11 and 12 year old Jimmy Fund tournaments start shortly after July 4th
Williamsport tournament starts June 26th

The Williamsport team roster and coaches will be announced June 14th. All other post season teams will be announced shortly thereafter. The DALL Board will select and approve all All Star managers and coaches and has final approval of all post-season teams.

If your child would like to be considered for a post-season team, please complete the information below and return it to Al DeDonato, player agent. This may be done personally, through your team manager or mail to DALL PO Box 216, Danvers, MA 01923. Deadline is June 10th, 2009.

Important: All players must have a copy of valid birth certificate on file with DALL. In the event one is not available, you may be requested to supply one.

Player Name: _____

Current Team: _____

Current Division: _____

Manager Name: _____

My League age as of April 30, 2009 is: _____

I would like to be considered for an All Star post season team for 2009, representing Danvers American Little League (please mark with an "X") _____

I have read the information pertaining to the Danvers American Little League post-season teams and understand the commitment required to play. I understand that signing this Letter of Commitment does not guarantee selection.

Player Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Must be received by DALL Player Agent no later than June 9th to be considered for post season play.