

2009 CMLL Post-Season Baseball Letter of Commitment

Dear Parents and Players,

Cedar Mill Little League (CMLL) is preparing to select players for its 2009 post-season teams. We typically field All-Star and Honors teams for the 9-10 and 11-12 year old tournaments, and will also consider fielding a 10-11 year old team. **All players who are interested in playing on a post season team must return this form to the CMLL League Player Agent – Mike Llewelyn by Thursday, June 4, 2009 – no exceptions will be allowed. 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 and availability.

Participation Cost: Approximately \$80 per player. (if player makes a team) Financial scholarships are available. All-star jackets & honors windbreakers are an additional expense that a player may choose to purchase.

Attendance Requirements: CMLL post-season teams prepare for and play in competitive District 4 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 will practice two hours daily and many will play on weekends prior to the District 4 tournament. It is expected that a player selected to a post season team makes that team his 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 CMLL board approval, has the right to remove a player from a team for lack of attendance. Honors players will also be required to make a significant commitment and they are expected to make their team their top priority for the duration of the post season experience.

Tournament Rules: Please note that tournament rules differ from regular season rules. Minimum playing time consists of three defensive outs and one at-bat. Post-season teams do **not** bat the roster. A nine-player batting order is used with National Little League substitution rules in place. **Playing time is not equal** and your child may not play the same position(s) he played during the regular season. Please discuss these possibilities with your child **before** you decide to submit his 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 CMLL website for additional perspective.

Details: The tournament format is typically pool play with the top teams from each pool moving into single elimination play. Schedules for this year's tournaments are listed below for your planning consideration. Tournaments typically require 7 calendar teams to be completed. Be prepared to practice and/or play during the July 4th holiday period. Practice for all teams may begin June 15.

- **9-10 year old All Star baseball team – tournament starts July 5**
- **9-10 year old Honors baseball team – tournament starts June 27**
- **10-11 year old All Star baseball team – TBD (2008 dates were July 5-12)**
- **11-12 year old All Star baseball team – tournament starts sometime July 9-11**
- **11-12 year old Honors baseball team – tournament starts June 27**

Note: Honors teams do not progress beyond the district level. The 9-10 and the 10-11 year old All-Star tournament winners continue on to state during July. The 11-12 All-Star tournament winners continue on to state, and possibly to the western regionals and The Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA.

- Team rosters and coaches will be selected before June 15th.
- Teams will be announced no earlier than June 15th.
- For 9-10 year old players, a tryout will be held for the Honors and All Star teams on Sunday, June 7th at Findley Elementary from noon-2pm. Absence from the tryout will make selection to a team very unlikely, although the reason for the absence will be considered by the selection committee.
- Majors Division Managers select 10-11 and 11-12 year old All-Star and Honors players by ballot based on player performance during the regular season.
- The CMLL Board will select All-Star and Honors 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 Cedar Mill Little League, CMLL Player Agent, 4888 NW Bethany Blvd. Suite K5 #239. Portland, OR 97229. This Letter of Expectation must be returned by the deadline, Thursday, June 4, 2009.

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Important

All players chosen for a post season team must provide a valid ORIGINAL birth certificate to the league for team registration. Players without an ORIGINAL birth certificate cannot be considered for a post season team. The birth certificate must originate from the Department of Vital Statistics from the birth state. Photocopies or certificates issued by a hospital are not acceptable.

Players will also be required to certify residency within the CMLL boundary. Parents of all children participating on one of the post-season teams are required by Little League Baseball, Inc. to provide three documents as proof of residency within the actual boundaries of Cedar Mill Little League.

Player Name: _____

Current Team: _____

Level (circle one): Majors AAA

Manager Name: _____

My league Age as of April 30, 2009 is: _____

I would like to be considered for (please mark with an "X"):
Either an All-Star or Honors post season team: _____

All-Star only post season team: _____

Honors only post season team: _____

I have read the information pertaining to the Cedar Mill 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: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date: _____

Your application must be received by CMLL's Player Agent no later than June 4th, 2009 to be considered for post-season play.