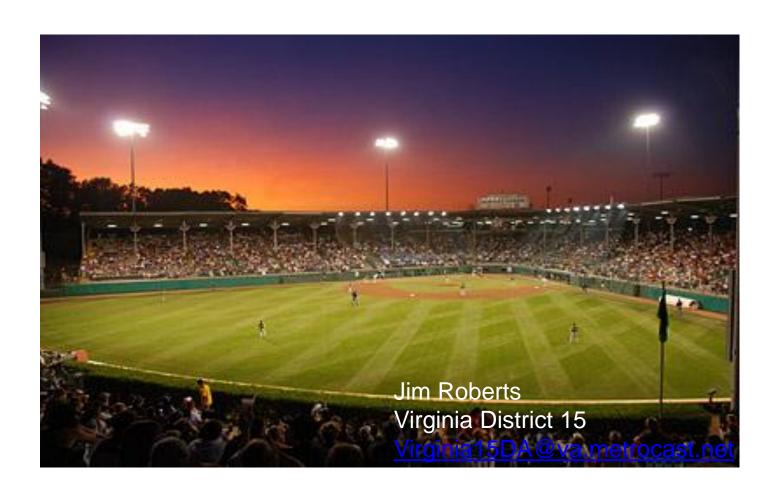




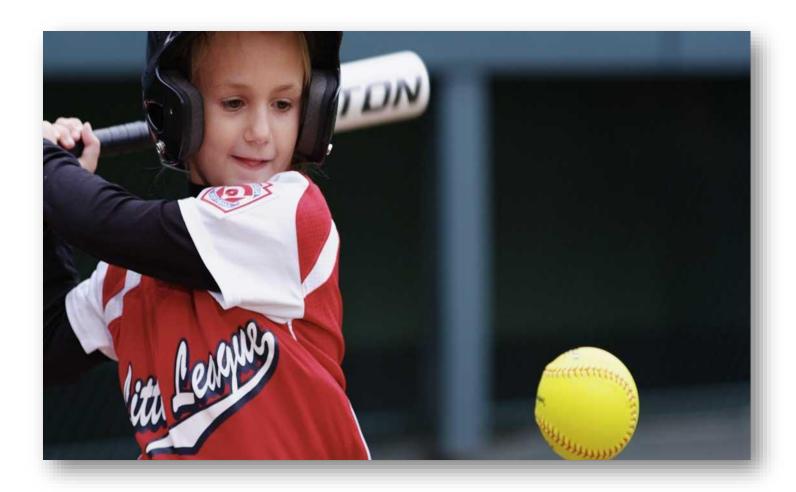
Little League® Baseball and Softball League Official Training







GETTING STARTED







- 1939: Founded by Williamsport, PA resident Carl Stotz started with 3 teams: Lycoming Dairy, Lundy Lumber and Jumbo Pretzel. The first season played in a vacant lot
- 1947: Little League expands outside of PA and the first Little League World Series (known then as the National Little League Tournament).
- 1949: Little League expands to 307 US leagues and the Saturday Evening Post does a feature story on the program highlighting the 1948 National Tournament. Carl Stotz is inundated with requests for information about the program.







- 1951: Little League goes international with a league in British Columbia, Canada and grows to 776 programs.
- 1953: The National Little League
 Tournament is televised on ABC with
 Howard Cosell handling the play-by-play.









- 1964: Little League is granted a Charter of Federal Incorporation by the U.S.
 Congress and signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson.
- It provides for incorporation of Little League in all 50 states and endows the program with protective integrity by the U.S. Government.
- This places Little League in the same category as Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Boys Clubs of America and a select group of other agencies similarly chartered.







- 1974: Little League rules are revised to allow participation by girls. Little League Softball and Senior League Softball programs are created.
- Little League continues to grow and expand on all fronts, becoming what it is today: the largest organized youth sports program in the world.





Organizational Structure/Chain of Command

Little

League

International

Regional

Headquarters

District

Administrators

Local Leagues





Charter/Insurance Enrollment Form

- Send early, even if exact team numbers not yet determined
- Team Charter fees may be deferred for a limited time
- Insurance premiums must be paid in full before coverage is effective
- Fill out completely

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Insurance Coverage

Accident Coverage

- Rate is based on the number of teams, state, and type of play. (Range from \$23-\$60 per team)
- Covers entire YEAR Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 OR when you pay for insurance through Dec. 31 including practices and special events (fundraising, team picnics, etc.)
- Policy term is effective Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 as long as the premiums are paid in full, and the application/charter are received and accepted at Little League International prior to Jan. 1







Insurance Coverage

Accident Coverage

- Coverage terminates prior to Dec. 31 for certain individuals, for example Players and Coaches at the conclusion of their last regular season game. Coverage can be available for TAD (Training & Development) and through tournaments approved by Little League International in Williamsport
- Coverage is secondary, unless the player has no primary insurance -- then it becomes primary
- Maximum benefit is \$100,000 per person, per accident







Insurance Coverage

Liability Coverage

- Includes both General Liability and Directors & Officers Liability coverage
- Rate quote for the General Liability portion is based on the number of teams chartered in a league for the previous season
- General Liability basic limit of \$1 million can be increased upon request for an additional premium;
 2 Million- \$380 additional to basic quote, 3 Million-\$445 and 5 Million-\$1,225







Crime Insurance



- Protects leagues against monetary loss caused by the following: dishonesty, disappearance of money, securities or other property
- Destruction of money or securities





Crime Insurance



- Maximum limit of \$35,000 per loss
- Deductible: \$250 for property, \$1,000 for money or securities





Crime Insurance

- Cost to Leagues: \$250
- Written notice shall be given at the earliest practicable moment, and in no event later than 180 days after such discovery. Within 60 days after notice is provided, but not more than 240 days after discovery, full particulars of proof of loss must be provided
- Does not provide coverage for vandalism, fire or flood







ASAP Program

Requirements for ASAP Plan

- 1. Have an active Safety Officer
- 2. Publish, distribute safety manual
- 3. Post, distribute emergency numbers
- 4. Check everyone (volunteers and hired workers) on National background check
- 5. Provide fundamentals training
- 6. Provide first-aid training
- 7. Require field inspections before use







ASAP Program

Requirements for ASAP Plan

- 8. Complete annual Facility Survey
- 9. Use concession stand procedures
- 10. Regularly inspect and replace equipment as needed
- 11. Have prompt accident reporting
- 12. Require first-aid kits at events
- 13. Enforce all Little League Rules
- 14. Qualified Safety Plan Registration form
- 15. Player and Coach/Manager registration or player roster information Data prior to April 1st







ASAP Program

 All league safety plan materials must be postmarked no later than April 5, 2025 to be eligible for any of the awards.

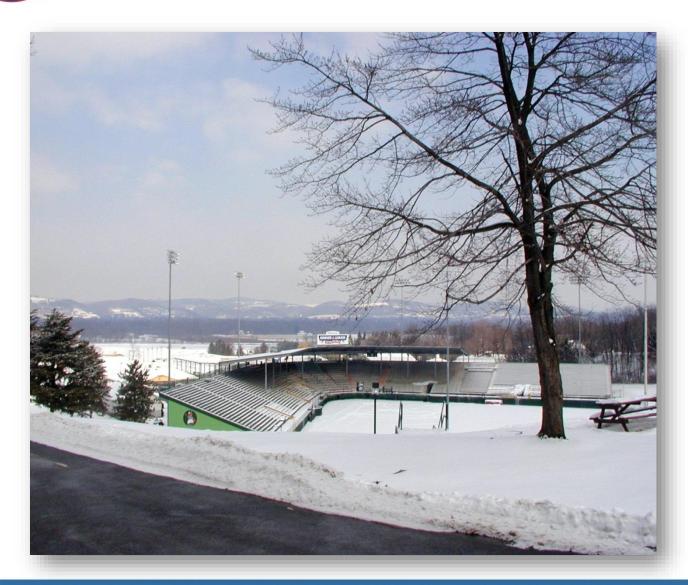
 Leagues working toward the District Incentive must have all requirements received and approved by Little League International no later than March 24, 2025.







Winter







Local League Constitution



 Constitution: Reviewed & approved annually by the membership at a duly organized meeting as provided in Article XII of the Model Constitution

 Uploaded to the LL Data Center for Regional Headquarters review

 Board of Directors may not deviate from document





Local League Constitution



 The Constitution spells out the duties and responsibilities of the officers of the board, definition of membership, election procedures, meeting requirements such as quorum, etc.

Legally-Binding Document





Local League By-Laws/ Local League Rules

 By-Laws/Local League Rules: created each season by the Board of Directors



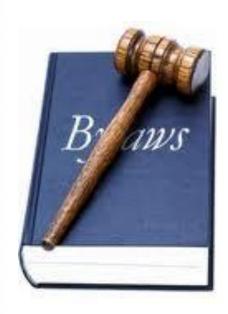
 Must be in compliance with Little League Rules & Regulations

 Sent to DA for review and waivers requested, when necessary





Local League By-Laws/ Local League Rules



- This document expires annually at the end of the fiscal year and must be renewed annually
- Normally include the local board's
 procedures for Age Structure, Selection of
 Tournament Teams (All Stars), specific ground
 rules for various divisions, etc.
- Must have a Zero Tolerance Policy for abuse

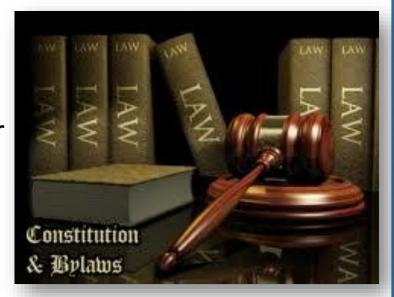




Constitution/By-laws

Best Practices

- Make all general documents available to any Member of the local league
- Strongly recommended to post or distribute at registration(s)
- Review Constitution and By-Laws annually and make any necessary changes.



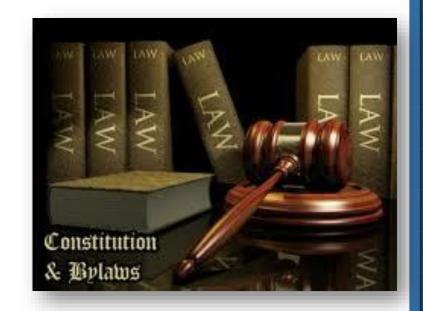




Constitution/By-laws

Best Practices

- Make all documents
 "transparent". No information
 on Constitution or By-Laws
 should be a secret.
- Hold a Parent Meeting or Parent Orientation to go over how to become a member, draft procedure, tournament selection process, etc.







Incorporation & Finances



- Has the Board submitted proper Incorporation papers with the state? (if applicable)
 - Annual renewal with the State
 Corporation Commission (SCC)
- Has the Board submitted the proper 990 federal tax form for fiscal year? (e-Postcard 990-N if under \$50,000 in gross receipts, Form 990-EZ with Schedule A if over \$50,000, or Form 990 with Schedule A if over \$1,000,000)
 - File Federal Taxes NLT 15 Feb 2025





Incorporation & Finances



- Has the Board submitted proper
 State tax form for sales tax on revenue for fiscal year? (if applicable)
- Register for Exemption of Virginia State Sales Tax
- Remember that the Articles of Incorporation on file with the state, as well as the local league's Constitution, are BOTH legally binding. They must not conflict and should be periodically checked for inconsistencies.





Incorporation & Finances

For further information regarding incorporation and/or finances, contact:

Becky Bassett at 570-326-1921 ext. 2228 or email

bbassett@littleleague.org





Officers Meet with DA, Staff

- Discuss plans for the coming year
- New Board members
- Learn DA's authority and role with local league







Officers Meet with DA, Staff

- Boundaries reviewed/map signed and dated then
- Coordinate start-finish times for Regular Season and Interleague Play



 Review district structure and DA election process





Fundraising Ideas / Methods



- Sponsorships
 - Field/Team
 - Scoreboard
- Fence signs/banners
- Decal Day
- Program ad sales

Fundraising plans using Little League sponsors/licensees





Fundraising Ideas / Methods



- Others?...
- Not all fundraisers will be covered by insurance, check with Little League International HQ for approval





Registration Promotion

 Download the Registration Template from the Marketing and Registration Tools located in the Chartering & Marketing Toolkit- Online Resource Portal

www.LittleLeaguetoolkit.org

- Registration Poster (Color or B/W available)
- Media Releases
- Ad Slicks







Registration Promotion



- Call/email previous years players and remind them about registration
 - Ask them to spread the word
 - Have a membership drive contest with rewards given to the highest player members referring new players





Player Registrations

- Have Multiple Dates available
- Paperwork Needed:
 - Enrollment & Volunteer Applications
 - Medical Releases & Injury Policy for league
 - Boundary Maps
 - At least 3 proofs of residency within boundaries date or in force between February 1, 2024 and February 1, 2025
 - Financial Statement
 - Tryout / Draft explanation
 - Tournament Team selection method
 - Board approved local league rules and guidelines







Use of Websites



In conjunction with Dick's Sporting
Goods, Sports Connect (formerly Blue
Sombrero an affiliate of Dick's) offers
free web hosting which includes free
online Registration and League
Management tools for Little League
Baseball & Softball. Webhosting by
Sports Connect is not a requirement but
it can and does make the process easier,
simpler (and cheaper).

All Leagues Must Use Sports Connect for Registration





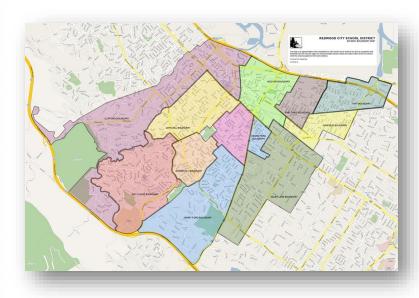
Use of Websites



Use of the Little League trademarks, logos and links to www.LittleLeague.org are permitted on league web sites, but Little League reserves the right to review any web site that uses its trademarks and logos. If content is deemed inappropriate, the league will be required to remove the offending content.



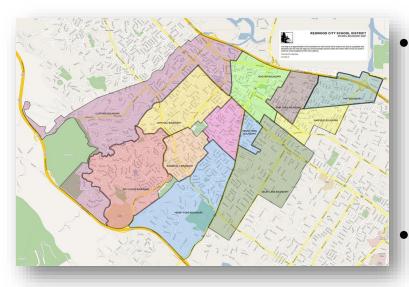




- Each Local Little League determines geographic boundaries to select players
- Boundaries must be shown in detail on a map and dated when applying for a Little League charter



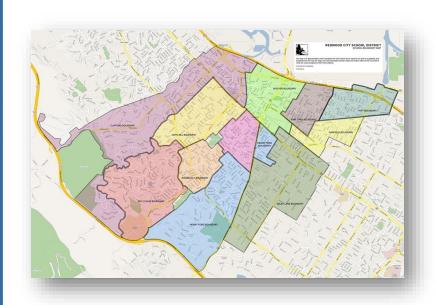




- Players league age 8 and up who live or attend school within the boundaries of the local Little League will be eligible to play
- Players league age 4-7 may participate where parent/ guardian wishes to register the child







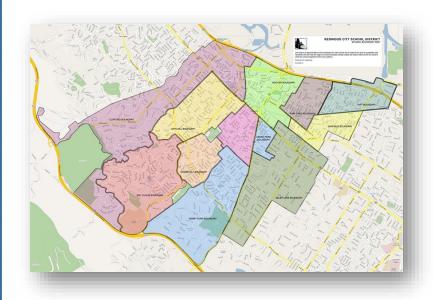
 A player will be deemed to reside within the league boundaries if:

His/her parents are living together and reside within such league boundaries

Either parent or courtappointed legal guardian reside within such boundaries



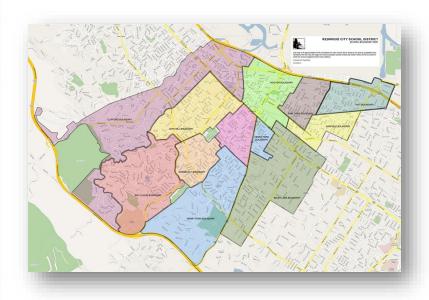




- It is unacceptable if a parent moves into a leagues boundaries for the purpose of qualifying for tournament play.
- Penalty could result in disqualification of player, team or entire league from regular season and/or tournament play.







- "Residence," "reside" and "residing" refers to a place of bona fide continuous habitation.
- Place of residence once established shall not be considered changed unless the parents, parent or guardian makes a bona fide change of residence.





 Residence shall be established and supported by documents, dated or in force between February 1, 2024 (previous year) and February 1, 2025 (current year), from ONE OR MORE documents from EACH of the Three Groups outlined below to determine residency of such parent(s) or guardian:

Group I

- 1. Driver's License
- 2. School records
- 3. Vehicle records (i.e., registration, lease, etc.
- 4. Employment records
- 5. Insurance documents



NOTE: Example – Two different driver's licenses (Group I) constitute only ONE document.





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Group II

- 1. Welfare/child care records
- 2. Federal records (i.e., Federal Tax, Social Security, etc.
- 3. State records
- 4. Local (municipal) records
- 5. Support payment
- 6. Homeowner or tenant records
- 7. Military Records



NOTE: Example – Federal and State Tax forms that the RESIDENT completes does not constitute a Federal Record.





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Group III

- 1. Voter's Registration
- Utility bills (i.e., gas, electric, water/sewer, phone, mobile phone, heating, waste disposal)
- 3. Financial (loan, credit, investments, etc.) record
- 4. Medical records
- 5. Internet, cable or satellite records



NOTE: Example – Three documents from the same Group constitute only ONE document.







A player will be deemed to attend school in the boundaries if:

 The physical location of the school where they attend classes is within the boundaries of the league

Note: This excludes home schools, cyber schools, sports-related schools, sports academies, preschool or afterschool where a student participates outside of the primary school the player is enrolled







- "School attendance" refers to the (place) physical location the player in question attends school during the traditional academic year
- Once established, a location of school attendance shall not be considered changed unless the child is enrolled or attends another school or is no longer enrolled in the previous school







- School attendance shall be established and supported by a document
- Current academic year dated prior to October 1, 2024







- One of the following categories to determine school attendance
 - Official/Certified School enrollment record
 - 2. School issued report card or performance record
 - 3. A Little League issued school attendance form completed by the principal, assistant principal or administrator







- It is recommended that the league require some proof of residence or school attendance within the league's boundaries at the time the player registers.
- Players and their parents/guardians are advised that a false statement of residence or school attendance may lead to ineligibility to play Little League Baseball or Softball.







Under NO circumstances does
 ANY person have the authority
 to grant a waiver that allows a
 child to play in a local Little
 League program IN ANY
 DIVISION, when that child does
 not qualify under these
 residency requirements.







Any league who accepts any player outside of their boundaries and fails to properly document compliance with "Residence and/or School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirement" or obtain a waiver through the Charter Committee may result in the disqualification of a player, team or entire league from regular season and /or tournament play.





Out of Boundary Player?

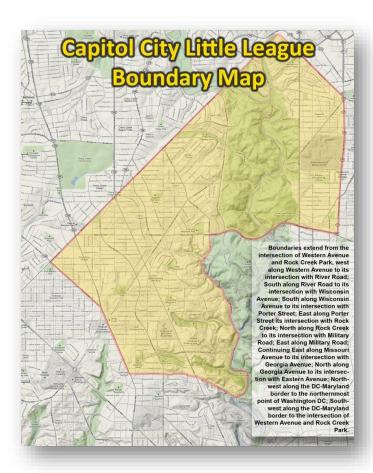
- What does your Board need to do now??
- 1. Does he/she qualify for a:
 - Regulation II(d) waiver (form provided)
 - Regulation IV(h) waiver (form provided)
- 2. If they DO NOT qualify for either waiver, provide them with contact information for their proper league and they must register there.
- 3. Does the Board wish to request a Charter Committee waiver?
 - Must forward written request with supporting documentation and comment from league where player resides.
 - SE Region Waiver Website







Regulation II (a)

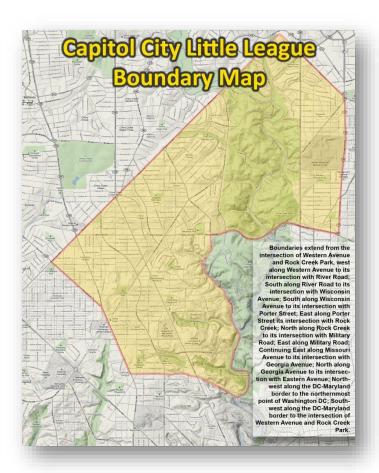


- Regulation II(a) Each league shall determine actual boundaries of the area from WITHIN which it shall select players.
- Only those participants whose residence or physical location of the school where they attend is within the boundaries of the league shall be eligible to participate. Residence, for the purposes of this regulation, is defined in "Residence Eligibility Requirements" in the Rule Book.





Regulation II (a)



 These boundaries MUST be described in detail AND shown on a map when making application for charter. The local Little League boundaries shall be the boundaries for all divisions of play.





Regulation II (d)

- Player within any divisional status may be retained after either moving or having boundaries changed.
- Siblings whose brother/sister meet the above criteria may also be retained.
 - Player may be retained for the remainder of their Little League career.
 - NOTE: A player who qualifies and elects not to participate for a season may not be retained in subsequent seasons.

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Regulation IV (h) Waiver

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• If previously lived within the league boundaries for two years while serving as a dedicated coach, manager or board member for two years, his/her son(s)/daughter(s) may tryout and be selected by teams in that league provided:





Form Processing

Processing Procedure:

- League president completes form and verifies the player meets the conditions of Regulation II (d) or IV(h).
- League president must compile residency requirement documentation from previous residence.
- DA verifies documentation meets the Regulation.
- League maintains form and documentation (qualifying address) for duration of players career & provides copy to parent and DA.
- If player is selected to the tournament team, the form and residency documentation must be included with the Tournament Player Verification Form







Little League Baseball, Incorporated ("LLB") requires each of its local leagues to conduct a nationwide background check in conjunction with the submission of a Little League Volunteer Application for all managers, coaches, Board Members, and any other persons, volunteers and/or hired workers who provide regular services to a league or have repetitive access to, or contact with, players or teams.







- As of August 1, 2018, only a handful of currently effective state statutes mandate background checks for nonschool associated activities involving youth sports and athletics. However, certain municipal ordinances and administrative regulations across the country require background checks.
- LLB strongly encourages and recommends that each local league consult with local legal counsel to determine the applicability of, and compliance with, all relevant state and local laws, administrative rules and regulations, and municipal ordinances.







- Application" must be maintained by the president of the local league's board of directors for all persons named above, for a minimum of the duration of the applicant's service to the league for that year.
- We recommend that the League keep the application for 2 years after the volunteer leaves service. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in the suspension or revocation of tournament privileges and/or the local league's charter by action of the Charter or Tournament Committee in Williamsport.







- Little League recommends the volunteer applications and background check information be kept in a secure location.
- After entering the Social Security #
 into the JD Palatine background
 check tool, the league can redact
 any/all personal information from
 the application.
- JD Palatine can send a link to individuals to complete the data entry online, if they prefer.

All Volunteers Must Complete the Abuse Awareness
Course Annually





- Each year Little League International provides 125 free background checks required in the regulation. Any checks completed beyond 125 require a nominal fee. Information on how to utilize this benefit, as well as how to conduct background checks, can be found on the Little League website and LL Data Center.
- Occasionally, Sex Offender Registry data may be unavailable for an individual state(s) when you run your background checks. This may occur on the criminal background check tool provided for free by Little League International. If this occurs, you have the option of going immediately to the individual state(s) SOR website or going back and re-running the Sex Offender Registry data on the National Sex Offender Registry website until the data becomes available.

All Leagues Are Required to use JDP for Background Checks





Appointments

Managers / Coaches / Umpires



- Committees screen those willing to serve
- President appoints at his/her discretion with Board approval
- Coaches new TO THAT TEAM shall not be named until after the draft (keeper division(s))
- Recommend using formal training and certifications as a prerequisite, or at least a discriminator





Appointments

Managers / Coaches / Umpires



- No manager, coach or umpire has tenure
- DO NOT give a reason to a manager, coach or umpire for not re-appointing or re-approving that person
- Plan to send managers, coaches and umpires to clinics and seminars
- Conduct Manager, Coach, and Umpire Training





Education & Training

- Coach Resource Center
- Baseball and Softball
- Videos and Articles
- Teaching the Skills
- Drills and Practice Plans
- Team Organization
- Involving Parents



www.LittleLeague.org/university/coaches





Education & Training



www.LittleLeague.org/university/umpires

- Umpire Resource Center
- Free to all Chartered Leagues
- Updated Regularly
- Features both video and text based articles as well as the latest Little League news
- Content specific areas for baseball and softball; plate and base umpires; and 60' and 90' diamonds

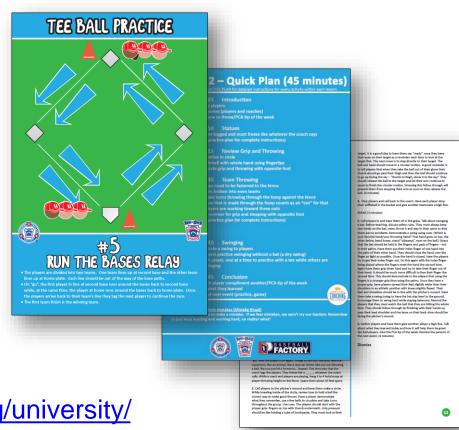




Tee Ball Program

- LittleLeague.org/Teeball
- Free 10 Week Program
- Skills, Drills and Practice Plans
- Available on Little League University
- Also available by download

https://www.littleleague.org/university/ articles/little-league-tee-ball-program/







Coach (Machine) Pitch Program



https://www.littleleague.org/universit y/articles/the-little-league-coachpitch-program/

- Free 12 Week Program
- Skills, Drills and **Practice Plans**
- Picks up where the Tee Ball Program leaves off
- Available from LLU and direct download





Education & Training Partners

- Partnered to provide a framework and tools for local volunteers to develop a culture of positive, character-building competition.
- Great content on LittleLeague.org
- Free parent course to help create a healthy atmosphere for players and parents alike.
- Special pricing on Double Goal Coaching Course
- Diamond Leader Little League Coaching Training Certification Requirement for Tournament Teams







League Structure Scheduling



- Decide league's age structure
- Determine number of players returning
- Always look toward expanding the Major Divisions





League Structure Scheduling



- Decide on method for expansion
- Ensure small divisions have somebody to play
- 12-year-old Regulation for Majors/Junior Softball and Majors/50-70 Baseball





Regulation IV – Softball

- Local Board of Directors annually determines alignment for divisions
- Age determination date for SOFTBALL is December 31
 - The player's 'league age' for the current season is the age she was on 31 December

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Big League															

**-These divisions may be sub-divided ##-May participate in this division under specific circumstances.





Regulation IV – Baseball

- Local Board of Directors annually determines alignment for divisions
- Age determination date for BASEBALL is August 31/September 1
 - The player's 'league age' for the current season is the age he/she is on 31 August

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**-These divisions may be sub-divided ##-May participate in this division under specific circumstances.





Spring









Player Tryouts

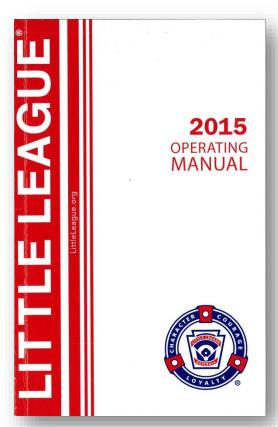
- Review league division eligibility
- Prepare a tryout list
 - Assign numbers to players
 - Organize by division
 - Draft numbers affixed to player for identification
- Provide copies to Managers / Coaches in attendance
- Have multiple tryouts





Leagues must utilize draft methods outlined in the Operating Manual:

• Plan A — existing teams from previous season remain intact with selection of new players being completed in a round-table format: the last-place team of the preceding season gets the first choice in every round of the draft, the next to last place team gets the second selection etc...

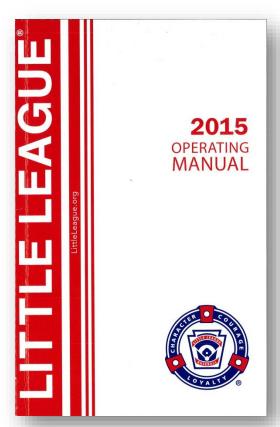






Leagues must utilize draft methods outlined in the Operating Manual:

Plan B – Total Redraft - redraft of previous season teams, held in two separate parts. 1st Preliminary Draft- Returning players to division are selected 2nd Draft- Players eligible through tryouts are selected to fill remaining rosters (See Alternate method next slide)

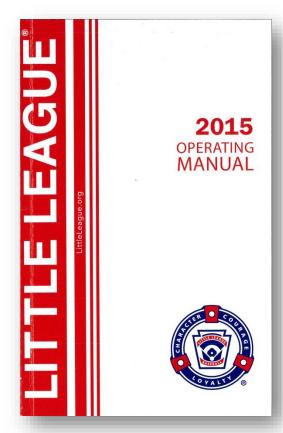






Leagues must utilize draft methods outlined in the Operating Manual:

 Plan C – Blind Draft – Preliminary & Second drafts apply. Players separated by age – names placed in non-transparent container – individually selected at random and placed on team



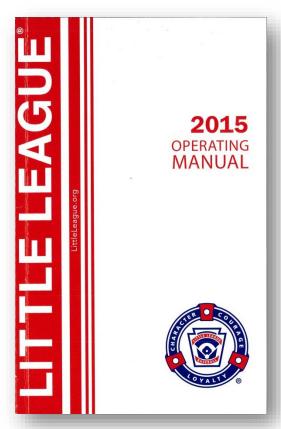




Leagues must utilize draft methods outlined in the Operating Manual:

Alternate Method for Plan B

 Alternative to two separate drafts (one for returning players, and one for new players)



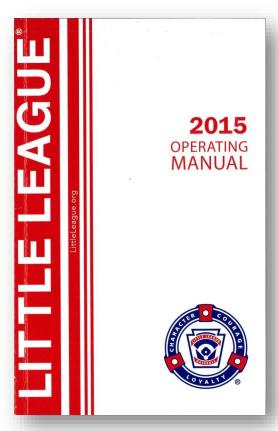




Leagues must utilize draft methods outlined in the Operating Manual:

Alternate Method for Plan B

Conduct a regular draft
 wherein, if a number of
 returning Major League players
 has not been drafted by the
 time that same number of draft
 picks remain, those returning
 players must be the only players
 eligible from that point forward
 in the draft.



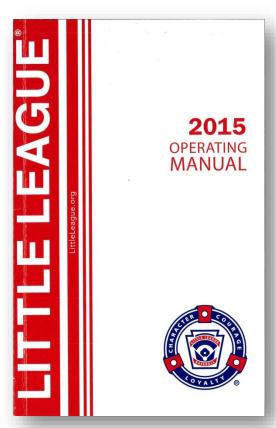




Leagues must utilize draft methods outlined in the Operating Manual:

Example:

 With nine picks left in the draft, there are nine players who were Major League players in the previous season still not drafted for the current year. Those nine players become the only nine eligible players, and must be drafted.







 The selection of players for the various teams within a league shall be in compliance with the Little League Draft Selection System as detailed in the Operating Manual.







• NOTE: All candidates who are league age twelve (12) must be drafted to a Little League Major Division team or to a Little League Intermediate (50/70)

Baseball Division or Junior Softball Division Team.







 Exceptions can only be made with written approval from the District Administrator, and only if approved at the local league level by the Board of Directors and the parent of the candidate.







 Leagues may submit an alternative method to the Charter Committee for consideration, prior to draft being held







 Team Expansion and Reduction plans are outlined in the Operating Manual -contact your DA for further assistance







Player Draft /Options



- Options # 2, 3, and 4 must be in writing to the Player Agent 48 hours prior to draft
 - 1. Brother / Sister Option
 - 2. Brother / Sister of player currently on team
 - 3. Sons / Daughters of Managers
 - 4. Sons / Daughters of Coaches





Trading

- Manager may trade a player up to 14 days after the first scheduled game.
- All trades must be through and with the approval of the Player Agent
 - Minor League players may not be traded for Major League players
 - All trades must be player for player
 - Trades involving a player for draft choices are not permitted
- All trades must be for a justifiable reason and approved by the local Board







Rosters

- Player, manager and coach data must be submitted to Little League International by April 1, 2025 or team rosters by June 1, 2025.
- All roster information is maintained on the Little League Data Center







Scheduling Games

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- Allow for "rain-dates"
- Minimum of 12 games per team (except Seniors)
- Season must be completed by the day before the respective Tournament begins.
- Tournament Teams may be announced May 15th but ONLY after verification of player eligibility and availability.





Scheduling Games

How to Handle Interleague Play



- Must be approved for Interleague Play <u>prior</u> to any games played.
 Interleague Play application on Little League Data Center.
- Recommend that an Interleague
 Committee be created with one
 representative from each league
 participating along with a District
 Staff representative.
- Recommend that Interleague
 Ground Rules be created prior to
 any games played.





Combined Teams



APPLICATION FOR COMBINED TEAMS

Regular Season and Tournament Play

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A separate form must be completed for each regular seasontd von (Avel of play).

ALL blocks MUST be completed/filled-in or this application will NOT be processed.

The application must be approved that district administrator PRIOR to your player selection / draft.

Tournament team combination must be approved by the regional director PRIOR to leagues forming a combined tournament team.

These combination requests must be submitted and approved prior to the deadline established in the current season tournament rules.

(Check One)	[] Baseball	Regular Season D	ivision (Check one)	Tournament Play				
(Check One)	[] Softball	[] Tee Ball	[] Juniors	[] 9-10s	[] Juniors			
•			[] Seniors	[] 10-11s	[] Seniors			
		[] Majors	[] Big League	[] 11-12s	[] Big League			
		[] Intermediate	[] Challenger	[] Intermediate				
		[] Senior	Challenger					
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- Enter State, District and Level of Play
- Remember: Use one form for each division





Reasons for requesting a Charter Committee Waiver

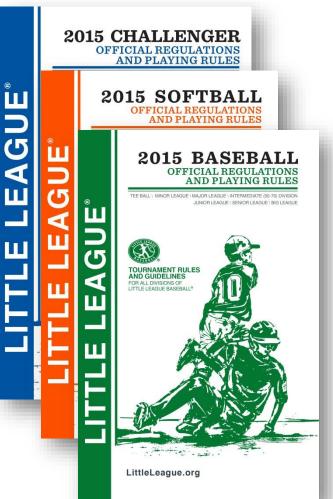
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- Out of Boundary (Regular Season/Tournament)
- 15-year-olds playing down in Juniors
- Uneven number of players on a team within a division
- Player Eligibility Individual player participation in less than 8 games for Tournament eligibility (Except Senior Leagues)
- League Eligibility less than 12 regular season games played (team)





Reasons for requesting a Charter Committee Waiver



- Special Games with non-Little League teams
- Modify Playing Rule/Regulation
- Alternate Draft method





Process

- Local League Board votes whether or not to request waiver
- If Board votes to request a waiver, the President writes a letter, detailing the request and submits to SER/LL Waiver Website. Supporting documents are attached and the DA is notified by the website
- DA provides his/her recommendation and indicates such in the Waiver Website







Process

- Regional Office presents their case(s) to the Charter Committee
- Charter Committee will inform Regional Office
- Regional Office informs the DA
- DA informs the local league







Regulation IV (j)

- Establishes a deadline for waiver requests regarding player eligibility.
 - Regulation IV(j) <u>Any request for a waiver</u> pertaining to the eligibility of a player must be submitted in writing, by the President of the local Little League through the District Administrator, to their respective Regional Director not later than June 1st of the current year. Requests submitted after that date will not be considered.





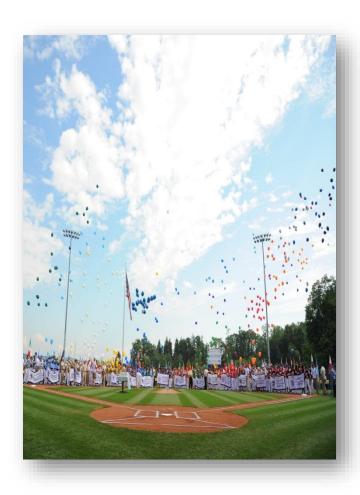
The Regular Season







Opening Day!



- Ceremonies should be brief but meaningful
- Invite media
- Great time to get new members
- Select and pay homage to Top Volunteer, Mom, Challenger and Good Sport of the Year (send paperwork to DA)





Regulation IV Multiple Participation

- Little League (Majors), Minor League, Tee Ball, Junior, and Senior League participants may participate in other programs during the regular season provided such participation does not disrupt the Little League (Majors), Minor League, Tee Ball, Junior, and Senior League season.
- NOTE 2: Consistent with a manager's ability to conduct the affairs of his/her team, a manager may remove a player from the team, <u>subject to Board of</u> <u>Directors approval</u> (or district approval, if chartered at the District level), for the current season if the player repeatedly misses practices or games.





Protest Committee



- Local league Board of Directors is totally responsible for solving protests during regular season
- President may call DA, then Regional Headquarters for interpretation of a rule or regulation (not a ruling)





President/Vice President Player Agent(s)

Regulation 1(b)

The president will not serve in the capacity of District Administrator. Vice presidents may manage, coach, or umpire provided they do not serve on the Protest Committee.

Restrictions on Player Agents managing, coaching, umpiring within their respective divisions during the regular season and may be eligible for tournament selection with District Administrator approval.

Tournament Managers and Coaches

The District Administrator or District Staff shall not serve as manager or coach. The league president and player agent may be eligible for selection by the local Board of Directors to coach or manage with written approval from their respective District Administrator.





Disciplining a Member

- Committee receives complaints IN WRITING and reports to the Board.
- Board could decide to take no further action or send WRITTEN notice to the accused; when, where and why they need to appear (due process).
- Board could decide to draft a written warning, temporarily suspend Membership privileges, or suspend or revoke Membership privileges for remainder of the year (2/3 majority vote needed).



Leagues Should Define Disciplinary Policies in By-Laws





Summer







Special Games

- Used to provide additional playing opportunities.
- Intermediate (50-70) Division and Junior League up to six (6) games played under special games against LL teams may count towards players' regular season
- Regular season or Tournament Rules to be used.
 Softball may use the Expanded Special Games Guide.
- Excellent fundraising opportunity.
- Forms must be completed on line and approved <u>before</u> games begin.





Selection of Tournament Teams

Method of selection determined by the local BOD

Recommended Method

Criteria for Selection

- Eligibility
- Availability
- Ability

Groups Voting

- Players in that Division
- Managers in that Division
- Coaches in that Division
- Volunteer Umpires

Leagues Should Define Selection Process in By-Laws





Team/League Eligibility

- To be eligible for Tournament, the following must be accomplished:
 - Charter in division you have Tournament Teams by June 1, 2025.
 - All required waivers submitted and <u>approved</u> prior to June 1, 2025.
 - All Regular Season team rosters submitted to LLI per Regulation IV (g), not later than April 1, 2025.
 - Fees incurred by the league must be paid in full by June 1, 2025.
 - All Combined Teams and Interleague Play requests that involve Tournament requests must be submitted by June 1, 2025.
- Failure to meet any of the above requirements could result in a team or teams being declared ineligible by the Tournament Committee.





Tournament Eligibility Verification Process - Affidavit

- Requires the following additional information for players, managers, and coaches:
 - League boundary map must accompany affidavit with locations
 of each player noted appropriate signatures required
 - Tournament Player Verification Form (Passport) for each player.
 - Waivers for players outside the boundary must accompany affidavit [II(d), IV(h) or Charter Committee]
 - Copies of documents needed to establish residence of all participants must accompany the team. Actual documents need to be seen when verification process takes place. DA still needs to see original birth certificate (FIRST Time Only).
- **Participation in other programs** during the International Tournament is permitted, subject to the provisions of Regulation IV (a) Note 2.





Required Signatures Affidavit

- League President AND Player Agent are required to sign the affidavit attesting to accuracy of the information.
- Manager must sign affidavit signifying he/she understands the playing rules, rules regarding pitching eligibility, as well as his/her right to refer protests to the Tournament Committee.





Multiple Participation During International Tournament

 Participation in other programs during the International Tournament is permitted, subject to the provisions of Regulation IV(a) Note 2.







Tournament Eligibility Verification



- Eligibility information, including residence for the District winner, will be verified at the district level.
- Eligibility information verified at each tournament level in addition to original screening by the District Administrator.
- Eligibility information required to accompany each team at all levels in case of discrepancy.





Fall



In accordance with Constitution

Annual Meetings – Board Elections – Election of Officers





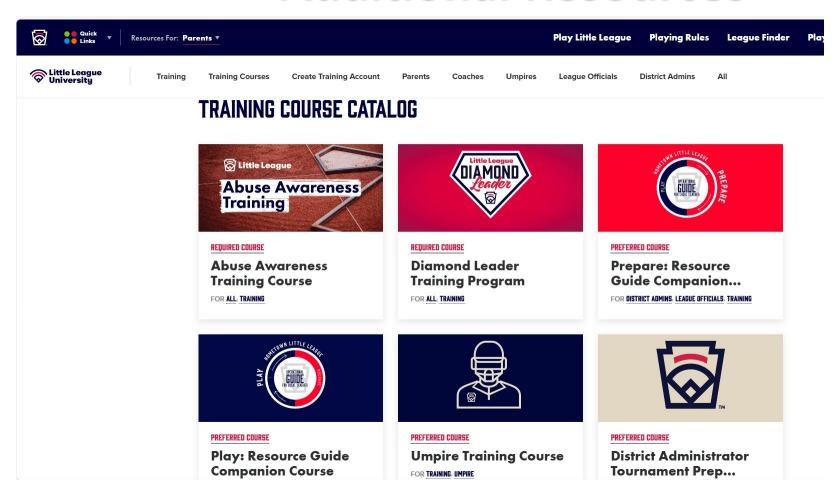
Second Season/Fall Ball Training and Development

- Same rules and regulations apply, as in Spring season
- Can be conducted on an informal basis
- Great opportunity to introduce new divisions
- Great way to recruit both parents and additional adult volunteers for next year
- Interleague play may roll over from Spring season
- Can use current or following year's age chart
- No additional fees (Includes the \$10.00 / team charter fee)
- Insurance needs to be adjusted if more teams are added in a division than were chartered and insured in the spring season
- Managers and Coaches for TAD must be appointed and approved
- Make sure to do background checks on all <u>new</u> volunteers
- Send in names of new players to Little League International Headquarters





Additional Resources



https://www.littleleague.org/university