



### **How is AHLL run?**

- AHLL is run completely by an all-volunteer staff.
- The individual Team Managers & Coaches and all Board Members are all volunteers. All Team Managers, Coaches, and Board Members have cleared criminal background checks.

### **Divisions and Age breakdown**

**T-Ball:** Ages 4-6. No experience required.

**A Division (Coach Pitch):** Ages 6-7; Preferably at least 1 season of T-Ball or 1 season of Coach Pitch.

**AA Division (1st level of Kid Pitch):** Ages 7-9 Requires at least 1 season of Coach Pitch, preferably 2. 9-year olds must attend try outs, and if not drafted into AAA, will be placed on a AA team.

**AAA Division:** Ages 8-10 (and 11-year olds that don't get drafted into Majors); Requires at least 1 season of Kid Pitch. 9-year olds must try out, and if not drafted into AAA will be placed on a AA team. 11 & 10-year olds not drafted into Majors will be placed into the AAA draft pool.

**Majors Division:** Ages 10-12; Requires at least 1 season of Kid Pitch, preferably 2. 10 & 11-year olds not drafted into Majors will be placed into the AAA draft pool. All 12-year olds will be drafted to a Majors team.

**Junior Division:** Ages 13-14

**Senior Division:** Ages 14-16

(For more information on the JR / SR divisions, please visit our LINKS section on the homepage for Info/FAQ's)

### **What is the difference between Fall Ball and Spring Ball?**

- **Spring Ball** is what AHLL is known for with their great coaches and teams! It is held from approximately February through May and is our competitive league. During Spring, there are try-outs, trophies, pictures and a lot of kids. All Stars follows Spring Ball from June to July.
- **Fall Ball** is from September through November and is more relaxed. There are no try-outs for teams and this is more of an instructional/recreational season. In other words, baseball **for fun!!!**

### **Things to know about Spring Ball and what is included in registration.**

- Minimum 15 games \*Except T-ball which only plays on Saturdays
- Championship Games for AAA and higher
- Try-outs are required for ages 9+
- 12-year olds must play in the Major division
- 11-year olds must play at least in the AAA division
- Hat and shirt included

- Team and individual pictures available
- Trophies

#### **Things to know about Fall Ball and what is included in registration.**

- 7-14 games depending on Division. The A Division (T-ball/Coach Pitch) plays 7 games all on Saturday. All other divisions will play 2 games a week.
- Instructional session - non-competitive
- Hat and shirt included

#### **What is Opening Day for Little League? (Spring Only)**

- Opening Day for Little League is one of the most exciting and fun days of the season. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We start with team and individual pictures. There are optional skills contest for those that would like to participate (ages 8 - 12). Trophies are awarded to the top 3 winners in each age division and category. We also have a parade for the teams with a contest for the team with the best banner. Younger divisions will play exhibition games. It's great to see all the kids together from the little T-ball guys all the way to the Majors teams. It's a blast for the kids and the parents.

#### **How do I know what level/division my child should play at? (Spring Only)**

- AHLL defines where a kid should place based on age. The current boundary map and age chart can be found with our current Registration forms and under the LINKS tab on the homepage.
- The divisions described on our LINKS tab.
- All 9+ year-olds must try-out.

#### **What if my child has a try-out, but does not make the level they are trying out for? (Spring Only)**

- Every player will make a team - it just may not be to the division that they tried out for. All 12's will play in Major's division, 10 and 11-year olds play AAA or higher, all 9s AA or higher, etc.
- For example, if you child is 9yr and does not make the AAA division, he will be placed in the AA division. If your child is 11 and tried out for the Majors level and does not make it, he will be moved to the AAA draft pool.

#### **What is the draft and how does it work? (Spring Only)**

- The draft is for AAA and Major divisions only.
- The kids are evaluated by the Managers and Coaches during tryouts and they are chosen based on their performance during that tryout session.
- **For the Majors division only; drafted players get to stay on their team from year to year throughout their eligibility to play in the Majors Division.** Once drafted onto a Majors team as either a 10 or 11-year-old, they do not tryout again the next year; they stay with the same returning team. The only exception to this is if the player is drafted and plays in the Majors Division as a 10-year-old, but then does not play in the league the following year as an 11-year-old. If the player returns to the league as a 12-year-old, they will need to try out again and be placed into the draft pool.
- The draft for the Major division is done first. Those 10 and 11-year olds that are not drafted to the Major division will be added to the AAA draft. Those 9-year olds not drafted into the AAA division will be placed on a AA team.

#### **What is the All-Star Team?**

- All Stars are teams made of the best players (nominated by the players and parents and voted on by the managers) at each age division (9 - 12). Players (families) make themselves eligible or not. From the available players, the manager's vote for the players they believe should represent their league at the district tournament. State, Regional and National tournaments are possible at some ages. The games and practices run approximately an additional 1-2 months into the summer.

#### **Where are AHLL the games played at and what times?**

- All games are played at Foothills Park. Located on 57th Ave between Union Hills and Loop 101.
- Game times and dates vary, no games are held on Sundays.

#### **Where are the practices held?**

- Practice times and locations are determined by the Manager / Head Coach of each individual team. The fields at Foothills Sports Complex are available, but slots fill up and that may require coaches to find alternative locations at the surrounding parks and schools within the area.

#### **What does my child need as far as equipment?**

- Your child will receive a uniform hat and game jersey; pants, belts, socks, cleats and glove/mitt are required items they will need to play (team manager will communicate what color pants, socks, belts depending on uniforms).
- Every team will have some batting helmets and basic catcher gear and maybe a team bat or two. However, it is highly recommended that your child have their own batting helmet and bat, and catcher gear if that is their primary position/interest.

#### **Can I request a coach or for my child to play with a friend?**

- For AAA and Majors your child is drafted and requests are not taken (during Spring ball).
- For T-ball, A and AA we will try to accommodate requests, but cannot make any guarantees.

#### **Can siblings play on the same team?**

- Yes, it is allowed. In certain situations, for example with AAA and Majors where a draft is involved, it cannot be guaranteed.
- You may request on your registration forms for T-ball, A and AA and we will try to accommodate requests but cannot make any guarantees.

#### **Does AHLL offer anything between Fall and Spring?**

- Unfortunately, AHLL only participates in Fall and Spring Ball, but there are several other organizations that provide sports during our off season.

#### **How do I help/volunteer with AHLL? What volunteer opportunities are there?**

There are several areas you can help/volunteer within AHLL. Anywhere from helping out on your child's team to helping in the snack shack to volunteering to be a Board Member. Your child's team has several areas to help such as, score keeper, pitch count, fields, team mom, etc. Just ask your coach how you can help. Also, here are just a few areas you may be interested in volunteering.

- **AHLL Board** - Our Board is the nuts and bolts of why AHLL is so successful. Find any current Board member and express interest. You can also send an email to [president@arrowheadll.com](mailto:president@arrowheadll.com). Board elections take place in the fall.

- **Manage/Coach** - Have you coached or managed a team in the past? Are you interested in coaching with AHLL? We are always looking for coaches, typically before the fall and spring session. If you are interested, please contact our league Vice President at [vp@arrowheadll.com](mailto:vp@arrowheadll.com)
- **Fields** - The fields are an important part of baseball. We have opportunities for you to help keep those fields looking good. On your child's team, we ask for parents to either help set-up or tear down before and after the games. To learn more contact your coach or [fields@arrowheadll.com](mailto:fields@arrowheadll.com)

#### **Why do I have to provide a water bill at registration?**

- Little Leagues are broken up into boundaries and districts. To ensure that play is fair and all the better players don't join one district, they have created boundaries. During All-Stars we begin to play against other teams within and outside of our district.

#### **Can my child play Club Ball while playing Little League?**

- Yes, many of the kids do play both.

#### **When is registration?**

- Registration for Spring typically opens up on the website in early December. Try-outs are held in late January or early February. Opening day is in early March.
- Fall Ball registration typically opens up in early August.

#### **What is your refund policy?**

- You may receive a full refund up until the time you receive your uniform. At that time, we will refund the registration fee minus \$25 for the cost of the uniform (yours to keep). After the first game, no refunds are given.

#### **Do you offer girls softball?**

- Arrowhead Little League doesn't offer softball at this time, but girls are more than welcome to play baseball.

#### **Are there any questions we have not answered?**

- Contact someone on the board, we are happy to help. See the Forms & Information Tab on the homepage for a link to the current list of Boards members and email addresses.