

LITTLE LEAGUE UPPER DIVISION BASEBALL



Little League does NOT end with Majors!

League Age 13 – Intermediate Baseball Division

2016 Majors Players –

Congratulations you've completed a little more than half of your Little League experience. Some of you have been playing baseball for eight years starting at Tee-Ball and now you're about to embark on your Upper Division career for players age 13 to 16. During the next four seasons, you will have the opportunity to experience Intermediate (13s), Juniors (14s), and Seniors (15-16); with each division having their own World Series experience and each televised on ESPN.

In 2013 – District 57 had the honor of hosting the first ever Intermediate World Series in Livermore. 13-year olds from around the world gathered to play in an exciting World Series tournament of their own. This season will prove to be just as exciting. See, Little League does not end with Majors, it's just the half-way point. The Upper Division is a progressive division from 50/70 (pitching distance / base path distance) to 54/80 and by age 14 you'll be playing 60/90 for the remainder of your baseball career.

Intermediate Division Baseball is for league age 13 players. The season is split into two formats. First you'll play a season at 50/70, followed by another season at 54/80. All-Stars will be selected from anyone in the Intermediate Division and will play in a District 50/70 Intermediate tournament. Additionally, players who are not selected for All-Stars are eligible to play in local D57 tournaments.

The Intermediate Division has two levels Gold and Regular. The Gold level is a highly competitive league made up of the top players in each league. They play a standard 50/70 and 54/80 season with All-Stars at 50/70. Gold plays three games per week, with a double-header each Saturday. Regular level is a competitive league of players who want to continue playing baseball, but in a (bit) less competitive atmosphere. They also play a standard 50/70 and 54/80 season with the opportunity to play All-Stars at 50/70, and players who don't make the all-star team can play on an Intermediate tournament team participating in local D57 tournaments.

Registration for Upper Division is now open, and you're encouraged to sign-up early. We will do our best to place players on San Ramon teams, however, sometimes numbers don't work in our favor. Intermediate Regular Division players will be pooled by registration timestamp with remaining players being pooled with other D-57 leagues to complete teams. Example – SRLL has 27 players sign-up. The first 24 players may be pooled based on registration timestamp; the remaining players may be pooled with neighboring leagues on teams that may not have enough players to complete a team of their own. It is critical not to wait until the last minute to register. Deadline to register for Intermediate Regular is December 1st.

Intermediate Gold tryouts will be held soon (November) and the team announced within a few days of the tryout. You must be registered to tryout, so don't delay. Even if you plan to play high school baseball (or another high school spring sport) – register, so after your high school season completes you will have a spot reserved and you can continue playing; and if unfortunately, you don't make the high school team, you can still play for SRLL.

If you only want to play Regular Intermediate, register now. Your evaluation sessions won't be until January, but the pooling concept impacts this division the most. We want to provide a positive experience, with as much opportunity to play as possible. Stacking a team with 15 or more players does not provide the experience we want to provide (if we can avoid it) – so register early.

Intermediate Baseball FAQ

- ❖ Does Intermediate Gold and Intermediate Regular cost the same?
 - No, Intermediate Gold has an additional fee because they will play an additional 10-16 games.
- ❖ I plan to play a High School Spring Sport, what happens to my registration fee if I make the high school team?
 - You will get a pro-rated refund and you would join once the high school season ends
- ❖ What is the Intermediate split season about?
 - Well, Intermediate all-stars is played at 50/70 (pitching distance / base path distance) and rules state players must qualify to play on that size field. Additionally, our district hosts what used to be the Junior 80s division (we are the only district in the world to do so), mainly made up of 13 year-olds. We kept the best of both, we play 50/70 (including a 50/70 World Series) and a 54/80 progression season as a transition to the full sized 60/90 diamond. After age 13, players will be strictly playing on 60/90, thus the split season is valuable.
- ❖ Do I have to attend Intermediate Gold tryouts if I only want to play Intermediate Regular?
 - No, you must attend tryouts only for Intermediate Gold. Intermediate Regular will host an evaluation session in January, and the teams will be selected by the end of January.
- ❖ How does Upper Division differ from Lower Division baseball, i.e. Majors, AAA?
 - Upper Division baseball is played with leads, pick-offs, balks, etc., very much like any high school or travel ball league. There is a modification for minimum play for both Gold and Regular. Intermediate Gold only uses bat 9 / play 9 with substitutions. Intermediate Regular allows an option for continues batting with free substitution. Players at this level do not play all position, normally they focus on 1-3 positions based on team need and skill level.
- ❖ Can I choose to play with any District 57 League or must I sign up locally?
 - You **MUST** register with your home league. However, new rules have been established for player eligibility, talk with your Division Director regarding these rules. A special form is required, so contact your division VP for assistance as soon as possible. (vpupperdivision@srbaseball.com).
- ❖ What happens if I tryout of Intermediate Gold and don't make the team?
 - If you tryout for Intermediate Gold and don't make the team, you will be designated for Intermediate Regular automatically. You have until 7 days after the team is announced to request a refund if you choose not to play Intermediate Regular.
- ❖ When is the latest I can get a refund?
 - A prorated refund based on any professional training attended and the number of games played will be provided in the event of a season-ending injury at all levels (a Doctor's prescription must be provided). Intermediate Gold – If you make the team, no refund once the team is announced. If you do not make the Gold team, then you have until 7 days after the Gold Team is announced to request a refund. Intermediate Regular – No refund after December 1st.
- ❖ If I don't like the team I am assigned to – can I request to be moved?
 - Sorry, moving players once teams have been formed is **not** possible. You must remain on the team your are designated to play on. Requests can be made to play with your friends (Intermediate Regular only), and we will do our best, but no guarantees – and moving players once teams are assigned will not be possible even if you made a request at registration.

- ❖ What happens if the number of registrations don't work well to create reasonably sized teams?
 - Forming teams is sometimes a challenge because we want balanced teams, and we don't want to place 15+ players on a team. Our ideal number per team is 12-13 players. In the event we don't get cooperative numbers, we have approval to combine with Dublin and Canyon Creek. Thus, we can work with these leagues to create combo-teams. Combo-teams may practice/play on fields of the host league. SRLL designates combo eligible players based on registration time-stamp.

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