

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q1: My child tried out last year, does my child have to attend the try-out/evaluation again this year?

A1: Players who are registered in a Baseball player-pitch program or any Softball player-pitch division must attend the tryout/evaluation. All registered players, unless already on a Major League Team, must attend one of the evaluation sessions.

Q2: What will happen during the try-out/evaluation?

A2: Players may be asked to play catch, pitch, run, field balls and hit. Managers and Board Members evaluate the skill set and use this information to balance teams.

Q3: What should my child bring for the evaluation?

A3: Players should bring water, baseball glove, a bat and a helmet if they have one.

Q4: How will my child be selected to a team and when will the teams be announced?

A4: After a thorough player evaluation has been completed, 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 in every round, and the remaining teams select in the reverse order of standing until all players have been placed on a team. Once teams are selected, your child's coach will contact you for your first practice. This will occur before March 20th.

Coach Pitch & Tee-Ball Teams will be announced by the first week of April.

Q5: I have more than (1) child, can they play together on the same team?

A5: Every effort is made to place siblings on the same team. However, skill, age and roster openings may lead to siblings being on different teams.

Q6: What is a player pool?

A6: *All players will be treated as pool players. All players will receive a chance to participate in extra games during the regular season when teams face a shortage of rostered players for a regular season game within their respective divisions. The Pool Players will be managed and run by the league's Player Agent. Parents will be contacted if their child is needed.*

Q7: What division will my child play in? Are there any specific requirements about each division?

A7: The vision of Little League International is that by the time your child is 11, he or she should be ready to play in the Major Division. PPL wants all players to learn how to play and enjoy the game of baseball. To ensure players continue to be developed appropriately as they grow, we have supplemented Little League International's game rules with additional local game rules that we believe recognize player's skill levels and levels of understanding as they move up through the various divisions.

Actual division placement is based on the evaluation, draft and player's League Age. See Links for League Age and Divisions <https://www.littleleague.org/play-little-league/baseball/divisions/> <https://www.littleleague.org/play-little-league/determine-league-age/>

Q8: What paperwork is required and how do I submit it?

A8 : One can register their child at our in-person registration dates or online by visiting www.pplittleleague.com Please visit the following link for required paperwork: <https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/residency-eligibility-checklist/>

Q9: Am I required as a parent to volunteer?

A9: No, however, PPL is a volunteer organization. There is a \$25 volunteer fee per family. Should you fulfill your volunteer credits, you will be reimbursed the \$25 at the end of the season. Below is a list of volunteer opportunities including Managing and Coaching a Team:

Volunteer Opportunities	
Tasks to Do	Credits per game
Concession Stand	20 credits per game
Announcing	10 credits per game
Score Board	10 credits per game
Official Book	10 credits per game

Official Pitch Counter	10 credits per game
Field Prep	5 credits per game
Earn 40 credits and get the \$25 volunteer fee back	

Q10: What is the time commitment?

A10: Time commitments differ for each division. Tee Ball parents are expected to be on the field once a week for 90-minute session. Coach Pitch for baseball and softball divisions can expect to be on the field twice a week for around 90 minutes. Minors and Majors league division can be on the field at least twice a week for around 2 hours. Local rules state that no new inning can start after a certain time limit, so game time may vary slightly.

Q11: How many practices and games per week?

A11: Tee-Ball and Coach pitch will have 1-2 practices per week. All other leagues will have anywhere from 2-4 practices depending on the week and individual coach's practice requirements.

Q12: How does the team and / or local league communicate with parents?

A12: Volunteers and parents are an important part of Little League. Communication with volunteers and parents will be done via email ensuring that everyone is informed. Team managers may choose to communicate by a different means with their specific team.

Q13: Does the league have a social media presence?

A13: Yes, we can be found on Facebook and Instagram.

Q14: Can I manage my child's team?

A14: As the chief administrator, the president selects and appoints the managers and coaches. As such, no person becomes a manager or coach without the approval of the president. If you would like to be considered as a manager or coach, please fill out the Volunteer Application. See Link: <https://www.littleleague.org/downloads/volunteer-application/>

Q15: If my child is selected to a Minor league team, is there a chance he / she gets called up to the Majors?

A15: Any child who is placed on a Minor League team (and is the correct age for the Major Division) is IMMEDIATELY eligible to be called up to the Major Division, in the event of a vacancy. If the excuse is not acceptable, the child cannot play in the league AT ANY LEVEL for that season.

Q16: What will my child need to bring to practice?

A16: Rubber Cleats or sneakers, baseball glove, water.

Optional/suggested: baseball helmet, bat (USA Sticker), batting gloves

Bat regulation: <https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/bat-rules/>

Q17: How many players on a single team?

A17: Tee-Ball and Coach Pitch will be between 8-12 kids

Minors: 12-16 players

Majors: 12 Players

Juniors/Seniors 12-16 Players

Q18: When is Opening Day and what will be involved?

A18: Opening Day is Saturday, April 18th, 2020 - There is an opening ceremony where all teams are called out onto the field and an opening pitch thrown usually by the mayor of either Palisades Park or Leonia. There are activities for the kids, food trucks, BBQ and re-match games from the last season's championship series. Picture Day will also take place on the same day. Please note: Minor and Major league games will begin on Monday, April 13th, 2020

Q19: Does each player play every game?

A19: Yes, all players must play each game.

Q20: Will my child get to play with his / her classmates?

A20: Teammate suggestions may be made; however, skill, age and roster openings may lead to friends being on different teams.

Q21: How is the District All Star team selected?

A21 : Please visit:

<https://www.pplittleleague.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1772569&mid=1833809&newskeyid=HN1&newsid=294748&ctl=newsdetail>

Q22: Can my child 'play up' on an older All-Star team?

A22 : Little League (Major) Division - Any player League Age 10, 11, or 12, who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of the regular season games by the start of Tournament Play in their respective District, with the exception of the school baseball season, on a: 1. Little League Baseball (Major) Division team, or; 2. Intermediate (50-70) Division Team.

Little League (Minor) Division - Any player League Age 8, 9, or 10, who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of the regular season games by the start of Tournament Play in their respective District, with the exception of the school baseball season, on a Little League Baseball Major or Minor Division team.

Little League (Coach Pitch) Division - Any player League Age 6, 7, or 8, who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of the regular season games by the start of Tournament Play in their respective District, with the exception of the school baseball season, on a Little League Baseball (Coach Pitch or Minor) Division team.

Q23: When will the All-Star team be announced?

A23: All-Star teams are announced the beginning of June.

Q24: Do I have to sign my child up to be an All Star (District Team)?

A24: No, all players are eligible. District Managers will contact players selected.

Q25: If my child isn't picked to be an All Star (District Team) in my league, can he / she go to another league to play All Stars?

A25: No. Players are eligible for Tournament Play provided they meet the criteria established by **Little League's** "Residency and School Attendance Player **Eligibility** Requirement."

<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/little-league-international-tournament-what-parents-need-to-know/>