



Guidelines for NLL baseball Divisions: (ages)

The below age ranges are approximations to help place your player into the correct division. MP and higher will be confirmed for appropriate placement at NLL tryouts. Please note that we cannot guarantee friends will be on the same team; however, NLL will do our best for the younger players in TB and CP. As the players become more skilled and understand the rules of baseball, the game becomes more competitive. NLL works hard to make the teams balanced. Our goal is to properly place each child into their correct division where they can truly thrive and become better ball players and team mates.

SKS:

Skill – Learning to catch, throw, and Hit

Knowledge – Learn and understand the rules of baseball (written and unwritten)

Sportsmanship – Learn how to Win and Lose. Play hard as an individual and support the team as a whole

TB	4-7
CP	6-8
MP	7-10
Minors	8-11
Majors	9-12

Tee Ball – (4-7) In T-Ball, players hit the ball off of a tee located atop home plate; live pitching is not allowed. The purpose of the division is to teach young children the basic fundamentals of hitting and fielding. Every player bats per inning, no score is kept, 3 inning games. All 4-5 year olds must play “Unless Coach Approval”. No draft; Typically 6 players per team (max 9 players)

Coach Pitch – (6-8) This is a transitional division from T-Ball to baseball. Coaches pitch to their own player. Strike outs count, outs are recorded, and score is kept. The goal is to get the ball into play and have more baseball plays. There are run limits to keep games close.

Machine Pitch – (7-10) Pitching Machines are used instead of live pitching. This is done to give the kids more experience hitting the ball, as pitchers at the age would tend to throw few strikes. To play in this division, the player should be able to catch, throw and hit; have proper knowledge of the rules of baseball; must be at least Little League age requirement of 6 years old.

Minors – (8-11) This is kids pitching to kids. Players must be able to throw, catch, throw and hit (get out of the way of wild pitch). These players should have a proper knowledge of the rules of baseball.

Majors – (9-12) All 12 year olds must play Majors unless “Coach Approval”. Players in this division should be able to catch, throw with proper knowledge of the rules of baseball. This is the highest level competition at Neartown. Only the top players are invited to compete at this level. There are 12 year olds that are 6’ tall and throwing 70 miles an hour.

Fall Ball Important Dates: (MP and Higher Divisions)

Mid August	Registration
End of September	Registration Closes
Mid September - Mid November	Fall Ball Season
Fall ball is a season where NLL players work on the fundamentals of throwing, fielding, and hitting.	
Fee	\$195
Questions	Contact Paige Pecore
Practice	1x per week
Games/Scrimmages	Maybe be scheduled during fall ball (subject to the fall ball coaches)

Spring Ball 2020 Important Dates: (TB and Higher Divisions)

Fee	\$250 early registration Sibling discount: 2 nd child \$50, \$75 each additional sibling \$300 standard registration 2 nd child \$50, \$75 each additional sibling
Questions	Contact Paige Pecore
Practice / Batting	1X per week
Games / Scrimmages	During season – 1X per week
Pre-Registration / Movie Night	Mid November
Registration Opens	Mid November to Mid / end January 11 Sign up at Pre-registration (receive early discount)
Tryouts / Division Placement	Early January
Final Tryouts	Mid January
Draft	Mid to end January

Tournament Eligibility:

<https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/faqs-residency-school-attendance-eligibility/>

I. A PLAYER WILL BE DEEMED TO RESIDE WITHIN THE LEAGUE BOUNDARIES IF:

- A. His/her parents are living together and are residing within such league boundaries, **OR**;
- B. Either of the player's parents (or his/her court-appointed legal guardian) reside within such boundaries. It is unacceptable if a parent moves into a league's boundaries for the purpose of qualifying for tournament play. As detailed later in these rules, the penalty for violation of this rule may, in Little League Baseball, Incorporated's discretion, result in the disqualification of a 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. A 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 containing the full residence which includes parent(s) or guardian(s) name, street address, city, state, and zip code information, dated or in force between February 1, 2019 (previous year) and February 1, 2020. (current year), from **one or more documents from each of the three Groups outlined below:**

<u>GROUP ONE</u>	<u>GROUP TWO</u>	<u>GROUP THREE</u>
1. Driver's License	1. Welfare/child care records	1. Voter's Registration
2. School records	2. Federal records	2. Utility bills
3. Vehicle records (i.e., registration, lease, etc.)	(i.e. Federal Tax, Social Security, etc.) 3. State records	(i.e., gas, electric, water/ sewer, phone, mobile phone, heating, waste disposal)
4. Employment records	4. Local (municipal) records	3. Financial records
5. Insurance documents	5. Support payment records	(i.e. loan, credit, investments, etc.)
	6. Homeowner or tenant records	4. Medical records
	7. Military records	5. Internet, cable, or satellite records

II. A PLAYER WILL BE DEEMED TO ATTEND SCHOOL IN THE BOUNDARIES IF:

A. The physical location of the school where he/she attends classes is **within the boundaries established by the local league.**

NOTE: This excludes home schools, cyber schools, sports-related schools, sports academies, preschools, or after school 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 and attends another school or is no longer enrolled in or attending the previous school.

School attendance shall be established and supported by a document indicating enrollment for the current academic year, dated prior to **October 1, 2019**, and with the physical location of the school, from **ONE of the following categories** to determine school attendance by such player:

1. Official/Certified school enrollment record dated prior to **October 1, 2019**
2. A Little League-issued school attendance form completed by the principal, assistant principal, or administrator authorized to sign on behalf of the school

NLL requires some proof of residence or school attendance within the league's boundaries at the time the player registers.

III. Please refer to Little League requirements for all Non-Citizens or as a member of NLL for assistance.

IV. PROOF-OF-AGE REQUIREMENTS ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF BIRTH DATE

1. Original proof of age document, if issued by federal, state, or provincial registrars of vital statistics in the country in which the Little Leaguer is participating.
2. If country of participation differs from the country of proof of age document, original proof-of-age document issued by federal, state, or provincial registrars of vital statistics, or local offices thereof, are acceptable proof of age, provided the document was filed, recorded, registered, or issued within one (1) year of the birth of the child.
3. An original document issued by federal, state, or provincial registrars of vital statistics

Practice begins	Late January early February
Uniform Distributions	Late February early March
Opening Day	Early to Mid March
Games / Scrimmages	Mid March – Mid May
Closing Ceremony	End of May
NLL Tournament Teams Selected	End of May

ALL STARS:

Players are **selected by peers and coaches (in ballot form)** to honor NLL's top players. Individual recognition is made by the player and coaches as a team.

NLL TOURNAMENT TEAMS:

Eligible players are **chosen by the coaches** to represent NLL in the Little League and other tournaments.