

Warwick Little League Newport News, Virginia



2021 Little League International Tournament

April 29, 2021

Dear Players and Parents,

Few youth sporting events capture the attention, dreams and support of players, families and communities across the globe the way the Little League Baseball® International Tournament and internationally televised Little League World Series® do.

The International Tournament begins locally with thousands of Little Leagues fielding tournament teams (aka All-Star teams) to compete in their local district tournament. Tournaments exist for selected players ages 8 (minors) and up. District tournaments pit cross-town rivals against one another for a chance to represent the community in a state Little League tournament, then a regional tournament, and ultimately in the Little League World Series. (District champions in the 8-10 Tournament and 9-11 Tournament may advance only as far as the state level, concluding usually in late July.)

Warwick Little League could field up to seven tournament teams in various baseball and softball divisions. The selection process will start very soon. First, a pool of eligible and available candidates must be determined. **To be eligible, a player must (1) meet League Age requirements, (2) residency standards (home or school address), (3) participation criteria (played in 8 of their team's regular season games; for senior softball, 6 of their team's regular season games) and (4) be willing and available to fully commit to participate with their tournament team, if chosen, for as long as that team remains alive in the International Tournament.** Age, residency, and participation requirements will be re-verified if a player is selected. Eligibility must be confirmed prior to the announcement of the teams.

Individual players and their parents, however, must determine their own willingness, availability and intent to play should they be selected to a Warwick Little League Tournament Team. We have a strong record of doing well in the District Tournament and advancing to the Virginia State Little League Tournament.

On the reverse side of this document is a Letter of Intent on which players and their parents will indicate their willingness and availability to commit to a Warwick Little League Tournament Team. Parents and players involved in other youth baseball or softball programs this summer should pay careful attention to Little League's tournament participation requirements relative to those programs and make an informed and honest decision about their ability to remain with a WLL Tournament Team for the duration of its existence, which could be through late July if they advance to a state tournament, or even longer. (Dare to dream!) Return your completed Letter of Intent by the date indicated in order to have your child's name included in the nomination process.

Sincerely,

Ben Clark

Ben Clark
President, Warwick Little League

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- Program**
(Mark one)
- Baseball
 - Softball

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- Spring 2021 Division**
(Mark one)
- Minor (8/10)
 - Major (10/12)
 - Junior BB (13-14)
 - Senior SB (13-16)

Player Letter of Intent District Tournament Participation 2021

To be completed and returned by the parents of every player in Minors and up.

This Letter of Intent is provided to Warwick Little League (WLL) by the parent/parents of _____ as a condition of eligibility for him/her to play on a Warwick Little League District Tournament (All Star) team. Once the regular season is completed, Warwick LL Tournament Teams will be formed in mid to late May, with daily practices beginning immediately the end of regular season games, and depending upon advancement, could continue through August. Advancement past District 7 tournament brackets may involve travel out of Hampton Roads.

The **expected** dates for this year's District 7 tournaments to begin are located on our website, www.warwicklittleleague.org, on the All Stars page. The first tournaments will be 8/10 baseball and softball, each expected to begin June 19th.

Due to issues nationally with players dividing their commitment with respect to participation in other youth baseball or softball programs, Warwick Little League asks each player that participates in such programs to identify where their commitment lies.

Other youth baseball/softball programs may include, but not be limited to, Cal Ripken Baseball, Babe Ruth Baseball, Pony League, USSSA, AAU, ASA, NSA, American Legion baseball, and the like.

I/we understand that once our son/daughter is placed on a Warwick Little League Tournament Team roster, I/we must agree to uphold his/her commitment as a player from the time appointed until tournament ends. This commitment includes not participating in other youth baseball organizations on scheduled WLL Tournament Team game or practice times.

Furthermore, I/we understand that any player judged by his or her team manager to be unfit due to poor attendance, misconduct or inappropriate behavior on or off the field may be removed from the team at the manager's discretion, with Board approval. We commit to ensure that our son or daughter is consistent in their attendance and conducts him or herself according to acceptable standards of conduct.

All parents of players in the minor divisions and up, please mark one selection below and return to your child's manager, the Hiddenwood concession stand, or by email to warwicklittleleague@gmail.com no later than **May 6th, 2021.**

- Yes, we'd like our child to be considered for a Tournament Team. Our child intends to remain with his/her WLL Tournament Team from the time he/she is placed on a roster till completion, and to participate to the fullest, in compliance with the above. I also understand there is an additional fee of \$100 which includes the Tournament Team uniform.**
- Yes, we'd like our child to be considered for a Tournament Team, but have a conflict (family vacation, etc.) on these dates and understand it may affect his/her selection: _____**
- No, our child will not be able to meet the participation requirements and/nor able to make a full-time commitment to the team for its duration.**

Player's Full Name / Nickname _____

Parent(s) Name(s) (Print) _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____