



## 2015 Registration Information & Disclosure

Please complete and sign the Registration Form and follow mailing instructions. All registrants will be contacted by their respective Player Agent or other League official prior to tryouts (early March) or team assignments (in April). Please visit the website [www.AppletonLittleLeague.org](http://www.AppletonLittleLeague.org) to stay up to date with Appleton Little League events and for more detail on each program.

Appleton Little League served over 1,200 kids in 2014. The league is organized into two Little League Charters, one for softball and one for baseball. There are 2 geographical divisions for baseball and 3 geographical divisions for softball at several playing levels. Appleton Little League also operates a tee ball league. The five (baseball & softball) divisions: are each under the management of a dedicated Commissioner & Player Agent in both baseball and softball – who each report to a Vice President of Baseball and Softball respectively. Appleton Little League Divisions are as follows: (Baseball) – National (North) & American (South) with the Fox River as the dividing line. (Softball) West, North & East – see our A.L.L. boundary map on our website for details.

Players must play in the division in which they live OR \*\*attend school. Levels of Play are determined primarily by Little League Age. Little League Age is: GIRLS – age as of 12/31/2014. BOYS – age as of 4/30/2015 for players born prior to Jan. 1, 2006. For BOYS born in 2006 thru 2011, league age is determined by the player's age as of 12/31/2015. (See Age Charts on next page) The seasons run from late April to early August, depending on age level and tournament activity. Games are in the evening, and teams play an average of two games per week during the regular season. Appleton Little League is a competitive, evening league that plays on the Appleton Parks & Recreation, Appleton School District and USA Youth Sports Complex baseball and softball fields. Our league could not operate without the support of those community participants.

### Volunteering

Appleton Little League could not function without a broad base of volunteers. **All families are expected to support the League via a time commitment.** There are opportunities noted on the Registration Form at the Team, Division and Board level – please check off on at least two areas of interest. For a detailed description of each volunteer position, please review our volunteer information sheet on our website forms gallery. If you are in a position to offer a corporate sponsorship to a team, please email: [Sponsorship@AppletonLittleLeague.org](mailto:Sponsorship@AppletonLittleLeague.org)

### Fundraising

Fundraising will include two boxes of VandeWalle's candy. Families choosing to sell candy bars will pay Little League \$80 in April and receive 80 candy bars (40 per box). Just sell the 80 candy bars for \$1 each and the money stays with the family.

### Baseball

**MAJOR LEAGUE (10-12):** The Major League is the highest and most competitive level of baseball in Appleton Little League. **All players age 10-12, who did not play on a 2014 Major League team must tryout for the Major League level.** Minimum playing requirements for the regular season include 2 innings of defense and 1 at bat subject to a complete game being played. 9 year olds are not allowed to play in the Major League in Appleton Little League. All 12 year olds that try out are assured a Major League spot, unless upon unanimous (with parent's initiating) vote by all involved, including President and District Administrator, the child is deemed a safety concern, and allowed to play in the Minor League.

**MINOR LEAGUE (8-11):** The Minor League is a player pitch league, much like the Major League, providing a bit more emphasis on player development and participation. **ALL 9 year olds, and all 10-11 year olds not drafted to a Major League team will be drafted to a Minor League team in their division, guaranteed.** 8 year olds are allowed to tryout, but must be drafted and are not guaranteed to play at the minor's level. If not drafted to minors, an 8 year old will be placed on a Rookie level team. Only kids aged 11 and under are allowed to pitch at this level. There is a continuous batting order and more minimum playing time in the field. Minor's teams are re-drafted each year.

**ROOKIE LEAGUE (6-8):** The Rookie League is a Machine Pitch (coach assisted) League. **This league is instructional and developmental in nature**, but does allow for scorekeeping and a competitive environment. Teams are formed first by division, then by school, but with respect to more evenly matched age clusters. Special requests for playing with friends, or with certain coaches will not be considered. **\* 6 year-olds** must have completed one year of Little League T-ball and request an evaluation, and be accepted by the commissioner/player agent in order to play at this level.

**TEEBALL LEAGUE:** Boys and Girls play together (4-5 beginners or 5-6 advanced). Special requests will not be considered.

### Softball

**MAJOR LEAGUE (11-12):** The Major League in Softball is for 11-12 year olds, and tryouts occur as with baseball – unless the player was previously on a Major League team. This is a competitive fast pitch program. The 12 year old rules noted in baseball Major League section of this sheet also apply to Softball.

**MINOR LEAGUE (9-10):** The Minor League is also a player pitch, fast pitch league with rules modified to be age and skill level appropriate.

**ROOKIE LEAGUE (6-8):** This Coach pitch League is instructional and developmental in nature, and seeks to teach the basics of softball to girls age 7 & 8. Special requests for playing with friends, or with certain coaches will not be considered. **\*6 year-old rule** applies the same as baseball Rookie level.

**TEE-BALL LEAGUE:** Boys and Girls play together (4-5 beginners or 5-6 advanced). Special requests will not be considered.

**\*\*Players who would like to play in a division based on school attendance, must complete the Little League – School Attendance Form and submit with registration.**

1. I/We, the parents/guardians of the above named candidate for a position on a Little League team, hereby give my/our approval to participate in any and all Little League activities, including transportation to and from the activities.
2. I/We know that participation in baseball or softball may result in serious injuries and protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to players, and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless Appleton Little League, Inc., Little League Baseball, Incorporated, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants, and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities from any claim arising out of an injury to my/our child whether the result of negligence or for any other cause.
3. I/We agree to return upon request the uniform and other equipment issued to my/our child in as good condition as when received except for normal wear and tear.
4. I/We agree that our child (candidate) may be required to try out for a team. If such does not attend at least 50 percent of the tryouts, local Board of Director's approval is required for such candidate to be placed on a team.
5. I/We understand that our child (candidate) may be chosen at any time to play on a Major Division team, if he or she is of the correct age for such division as determined by the local league and Little League Baseball. Declining to move up to such Major Division team will result in forfeiture of eligibility for the Major Division for the current season, and may be subject to further restrictions by the local league.
6. I/We agree to provide proof of legal residence (as defined by Little League Baseball, Incorporated) and age. I/We understand that our child (candidate) must be eligible under the residence and age regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, to participate in Appleton Little League, Inc. and that if any controversy arises regarding residence and/or age, the decision of the Charter Committee in Williamsport shall be final and binding. I/We further understand that if any participant on a Little League team does not qualify for participation in the league based on residence (as defined by Little League Baseball, Incorporated) and/or age, such participant and/or team on which he/she participates be found ineligible, and forfeit(s) and/or suspension of Tournament privileges may be decreed by action of the Charter Committee or Tournament Committee.
7. I/We will furnish a certified birth certificate of the above-named candidate to League Officials.

**Please sign Registration Form acknowledging that you agree to the above information and disclosure.**

Effective immediately, any player born on or after January 1, 2006 who will **turn the ages of 4-9 during the 2015 calendar year** will be eligible to participate in a local Little League program and **will use the new age determination date of December 31 for the remainder of their Little League Baseball career.**

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Consequently, players born prior to **January 1, 2006** will continue to utilize the **current age determination date of April 30** for the remainder of their Little League career.

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