

ULLL Division Structure- Spring

11/21/17

Age Breakdown

The following information provides a general idea of what division most players at each age are playing. Note "age" refers to BASEBALL AGE FOR 2018 as shown in the age chart at the end of this document. Please review this information, along with the team structure descriptions to determine what level you believe your player should most appropriately be playing.

Please note: The ultimate responsibility for assignment of players to a division rests with the ULLL President and the ULLL Player Agent. Information and preferences supplied by parents is considered, but placement in the division recommended by a parent/guardian during registration is NOT guaranteed.

Age 5—(9/1/2012-8/31/2013) - All new players must play **Tball**. (Players who played Tball during Spring 2017 may request placement in Coach Pitch).

Age 6— (9/1/2011-8/31/2012) - All new players must play **Tball**. (Players who played Tball during Spring 2017 may request placement in Coach Pitch).

Age 7—(9/1/2010-8/31/2011) - **Coach Pitch**

Age 8—(9/1/2009-8/31/2010) - Typically play **Coach Pitch**; eligible to try out for Rookie Minors; eligible to try out for AA Minors with previous player pitch experience

Age 9—(9/1/2008-8/31/2009) - Typically **Rookie Minors**; eligible to try out for AA Minors with previous player pitch experience

Age 10—(9/1/2007-8/31/2008) - Typically **AA Minors or AAA minors**; eligible for **AA Minors/AAA Minors/Majors**

Age 11—(9/1/2006-8/31/2007) - Typically **AAA Minors or Majors**; eligible for **AA Minors/AAA Minors/Majors**

Age 12—(5/1/2010-8/31/2006) - **Majors**; eligible for AAA minors with opt-out waiver approval

Team Structure

The following information is provided to give a general idea of how games are played at each level...in the event of a conflict between these descriptions and the rules for Little League baseball, the rules for Little League baseball apply.

SPRING SEASON

During the Spring Season, ULLL teams are organized for the following levels:

T-Ball— Baseball Ages 5-6 – Designed as an introduction to the game. Players hit the ball which is placed on a tee. All players bat each inning with a maximum of three (3) innings played. Runs and outs are not counted. No records or standings are kept. This level of play is mandatory for any player up through baseball age 6 who has not participated in a spring season of t-ball. ULLL attempts to form teams by keeping players within their home area (Hamilton, Lovettsville, Purcellville North, Purcellville South, or Round Hill).

Coach Pitch Minors - Typically Baseball Ages 7-8 – Designed for skill development and learning the game. Players are given the opportunity to hit pitches that are delivered by a manager/coach from their own team. Defensive players rotate among all positions on the field throughout the season. The volunteer umpire does not call balls and strikes. When a player hits the ball, he/she will run the bases along with any runners that are on the bases. At the same time, the defending team will attempt to get the runners out. Stealing bases is not permitted. Games will end after six innings or two hours, whichever occurs first. Each team's "at bat" ends when they score 5 runs or when the other team records 3 outs. Final scores are not recorded, and no standings are maintained. ULLL attempts to form teams by keeping players within their home area (Hamilton, Lovettsville, Purcellville North, Purcellville South, or Round Hill).

Rookie Minors – Typically Baseball Age 8-9 – Designed for additional skill development and transition to players pitching. The game is divided between innings where coaches pitch to players on their own team, and players will pitch to the members of the opposing team. An umpire calls balls and strikes during the player pitch innings. Batters can strike out, but soft-toss to batters is used in lieu of walks to keep the games moving, provide more opportunity for the defensive team to be engaged in the game and to allow teams to develop players interested in pitching and catching. If the batter hits the ball, he/she will "run the bases" along with other base runners. Stealing of bases is partially allowed during player pitch innings only. Each team's "at bat" ends when they score 5 runs or when the other team records 3 outs. Games will end after six innings or two hours, whichever occurs first. Final scores are not recorded, and no standings are maintained to prioritize player development over winning games. ULLL attempts to form teams by keeping players within their home area (Hamilton, Lovettsville, Purcellville North, Purcellville South, or Round Hill).

AA Minors – Typically Baseball Ages 9-11 – Designed for transition to a complete game without direct coach involvement with a primary emphasis on player development. Players pitch to the opposing team and an umpire calls balls and strikes. Batters can strike out, but during the first portion of the season, soft-toss to batters is used in lieu of walks to keep the games moving, provide more opportunity for the defensive team to be engaged in the game and to allow teams to develop players interested in pitching and catching. Walks are used during the latter portion of the season. If the batter hits the ball, he/she will "run the bases" along with other base runners. Stealing of bases is partially allowed when the soft-toss rule is in place. Each team's "at bat" ends when they score 5 runs or when the other team records 3 outs. Games will end after six innings or two hours, whichever occurs first. Final scores are not recorded, and no standings are maintained to prioritize player development over winning games. An end of season tournament is held with matchups determined by random draw. ULLL attempts to form teams by keeping players within their home area (Hamilton, Lovettsville, Purcellville North, Purcellville South, or Round Hill).

AAA Minors – Typically Baseball Ages 10-12 - Designed to separate older players in the minors divisions and provide a higher level of competition. AAA is often a transition area between AA and Majors, but that transition is not mandatory. Most rules are the same as AA Minors, though soft-toss is not used. This division balances playing time and positioning with trying to win games. All players bat throughout the game, and all players must play in the infield and outfield. Baseball 12 year old players may only participate at this level if they OPT OUT from the Majors division, subject to approval. A 12 year old may not pitch in the minors division. Games will end after six innings or two hours, whichever occurs first. Final scores are recorded, and standings are maintained. End of season playoffs are conducted with teams seeded based on regular season standings. Teams are formed with players in their home league (National—Hamilton, Lovettsville, Purcellville North; or American—Purcellville South, Round Hill) but not necessarily in their home area.

Majors (aka Little League) - Ages 9-12 – The highest level of competition for this age group. This division represents what the general public knows as Little League baseball. Teams play 6-inning games, with no time limits. There is no 5 run limit for a team's at bat... the opposing team must record 3 outs. Games will be conceded when the game reaches regulation and a team is trailing by 10 or more runs. A 9-player batting order is used with substitutions during the game. Minimum mandatory play consists of 6 consecutive defensive outs (2 innings) and one at bat (waived for a shortened game). Typically, 9 year olds do not play Majors. All 12 year olds must play in the Majors unless they OPT OUT. Final scores are recorded, and standings are maintained. End of season playoffs are conducted with teams seeded based on regular season standings. Typically, the ULLL Majors Championship concludes our spring season. Teams are formed with players in their home league (National—Hamilton, Lovettsville, Purcellville North; or American—Purcellville South, Round Hill) but not necessarily in their home area.

FALL DEVELOPMENTAL SEASON

Little League does not recognize the fall as a “season” of baseball. Thus, the ULLL’s Fall Season is designed to develop players for participation in the following spring season and teams are organized for the fall developmental season based on baseball ages for the following spring. Levels of play offered during the fall in ULLL are based on enrollment, but are typically comparable to the spring levels with the following differences:

- The AA Minors and AAA Minors divisions do not exist.
- **Minors** division – Typically Baseball Ages 9-11 - The Minors rules are similar to those for the AA Minors for the Spring season.
- **Majors** division – Typically Baseball Ages 10-12 - While the name is the same as the Spring Majors, the games and rules are conducted according to the AAA Minors for the Spring season.
- Scores and standings are not recorded at any level.
- There are no end of season tournaments.

Please read the following carefully:

Because registration numbers for the fall instructional season are much lower than the spring, teams are formed from both American League (Round Hill, Purcellville South) and National League (Hamilton, Lovettsville, Purcellville North) players. **TEAMS ARE NOT ASSIGNED SPECIFIC TO LEAGUES OR AREAS, AND PLAYERS MAY BE PRACTICING/PLAYING HOME GAMES ON A TEAM BASED IN AN AREA DIFFERENT FROM WHERE YOU LIVE.** Due to distance, we will make every effort to prevent Middleburg and Lovettsville players from being assigned to teams in the opposite areas.

2018 Little League® Age Chart FOR BASEBALL DIVISION ONLY

Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE
2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	4
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	5
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	6
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	7
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009	8
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	9
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	10
2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2006	2006	2006	2006	11
2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005	2005	2005	2005	12
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