

AIYBL AGE DETERMINATION RULES

Why the change?

Williamsport is the governing body of Little League Baseball in the USA. They previously made a change in the age determination date for the eligibility of players that started with the 2018 baseball season. At the time, AIYBL recognized the changes put forth by Williamsport and understood that other little leagues in the area were making changes as well. **In 2016 AIYBL decided to align our age determination dates in accordance with Williamsport rules starting in the year 2020.**

This change was implemented by Little League Baseball to make the Little League Baseball Division truly a 12 and under program – ensuring that no child playing in Little League would turn 13 years old at any point during their final season. This same change also applied to the upper age limits at all teenage divisions.

What Does this Change Mean for My Child?

The age determination date previously implemented by Little League Baseball and to be adopted by AIYBL, effective with the 2020 season (next year), will impact those kids with birthdays that fall within the 5/1 to 8/31 dates.

For the 2019 season, your child's "baseball age" will be based on the 5/1 age determination date. This means the age your child is on 4/30/19, will be their "baseball age" for the 2019 season.

For the 2020 season, your child's "baseball age" will be based on the 9/1 age determination date. This means the age your child is on 8/31/20, will be their "baseball age" for the 2020 season.

Below are several examples:

- Birthday 4/3/2008 → Child is 11 for the 2019 season and will be 12 for the 2020 season (no impact)
- Birthday 6/6/2007 → Child is 11 for the 2019 season, which will be their last as the child's age would be 13 for the 2020 season
- Birthday 8/1/2009 → Child is 9 for the 2019 season and will be 11 for the 2020 season
- Birthday 7/20/2011 → Child is 7 for the 2019 season and will be 9 for the 2020 season

As you can see from the above examples, the age determination date not only affects kids' last year of Little League Baseball, but can impact their ability to play at different divisions (8U, 10U) in the 2020 season as well.

If you have any questions related to your particular child, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.