

PROFILE SOUTH SHORE LITTLE LEAGUE (LEAGUE)
(THE WORDS 'LITTLE LEAGUE' REFER TO LITTLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL INC)

AGE BREAKDOWNS

Children between the ages of 5 – 12 are eligible to play in the League. (Check with a League official if you have a daughter older.) All 5-7 year olds play within their own age group in non-competitive divisions. Softball is limited to girls. Children 8-12 are placed on competitive teams. 8 year olds are in the Junior Minor Division. 9-12 year olds may be selected for the Major Division. 9 year olds not selected for the Major Division will play in the Junior Minors. 11 & 12 year olds not on a Major Division team are placed in the Senior Minors. 10 year olds not on a Major Division team may be placed on either a Senior or Junior Minor team, based on the registration numbers for that season. Softball competitive divisions vary. If you have a specific question concerning your youngster please check with a League official.

TRYOUTS

Little League requires all children designated for placement on competitive teams to attend tryouts. This is to allow manager/coach candidates an opportunity to view player abilities and assist them at the team draft. Regardless of ability, all youngsters will be placed on a team. Failure to tryout may result in a child being placed on a standby status, with placement pending.

PLAYER PLACEMENT – COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS

Major Division Baseball. These teams are generally formed first beginning as early as December prior season. Youngsters that were on a Major Division team the prior year return to that team. The manager's draft from the entire pool of eligible players those they wish to consider as members of the team. Sometime in March these teams are finalized based on previously set breakdowns established by the League registrar and player agents, and the youngsters not retained on a Major Division team become eligible for the Minor League draft. Little League authorizes parents of 12 year olds, within the tryout pool, to determine whether their child is to play in the Major Division, or not. Please check with a League official concerning your 12 year olds status.

Senior Minor Baseball is formed shortly after the Major Division baseball teams are finalized. Children of the approved manager and coaches make up the starting roster of each team. Sponsor children are assigned to the team. No one from the prior year returns to a minor league team. The team make-up particulars are set prior to the draft by the League registrar and player agents. Each team drafts to these requirements.

Junior Minor Baseball teams are formed after the Senior Minor baseball draft. All remaining eligible children are selected to teams using the same process as outlined in the Senior Minor baseball process. (Softball may vary.)

To insure a fair and equitable team and division balance, the League is required to enforce all Little League rules and regulations. Little League specifies that the team a ballplayer is assigned to is the team they will play on. Youngsters selected as a candidate for a team must practice with that team. Failure to do so will make the player ineligible to participate that season. Ballplayers selected for a team and refuse to practice or play for that team will loose their eligibility for that season. Little League requires the League to apply this to all competitive levels in particular. If not, the variables of who wants to play where with who, would prevent any reasonable team selection process to be accomplished. Registration fees are refunded prior to season opening day, less an administration charge. (1 / 2 8-3-11)

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PLAYER PLACEMENT - NON-COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS

These teams are generally assigned by the registrar, based on the number of youngsters registered within an age group and formed late March. Every effort is made to accommodate reasonable family requests

T-Ball. All 5 year olds will be assigned to a T-Ball team, regardless as to whether they have previously played elsewhere.

6 Year Olds. Play in their age group. This is coach pitch.

7 Year Olds. Play within their age group. Coach pitch and may become player pitch if the coaches within the division agree and the division head authorizes.

SIBLINGS are placed on the same team, unless a family requests otherwise. However, siblings must fall within the current season's age brackets set by the registrar and player agents to qualify. Check with a League official if you require further clarification. Major Division teams have the option to select a sibling, it is not required.

TRADES-PLAYER TRANSFERS

Returning Major Division ballplayers cannot be traded without obtaining approval through the Little League/League process. All other players may be traded or transferred for a variety of reasons. Examples are, but not limited to, player loss in the Major Division, requiring a youngster from the Senior Minors to be selected to fill the vacancy, to properly balance the teams within the division, or failure during the draft process to place siblings on a team, requiring a transfer of a player(s) to accommodate an equal number of players on all teams. The League's Board of Directors has the ultimate authority to rule on any trade/transfer. If you have any concerns about Little League/League policies please check with a League official.

LEVELS OF PLAY – COMPETITIVE BALL

Little League rules apply to all divisions. There are some variances. Examples are, in the Minor Divisions there are five run rule limits per inning and a continuous batting order, but not in the Major division. 12 year olds are not permitted to pitch in the Minors. If there are any particular questions concerning a level of play or where your child will be eligible to be placed, please check with a League official.

Important Note – *The League makes every effort to inform our members of various rules and regulations that apply each season; however, it is not possible to anticipate every possible family situation. We do make an attempt to fully inform members of the general rules that apply most often and for the greatest number of youngsters. If for some reason there is a particular issue that your family is not sure of how the rules may apply, please bring it to our attention and we will be more than happy to address it.*