



# The Little League Tournament

A - Z

*Tournament Residency and  
Age Verification*



# Residency Eligibility Requirements

Each local Little League determines the actual geographic boundaries of the area from within which it shall select players. These boundaries must be described in detail and shown on a map and dated when making application for a Little League charter. Players will be eligible to play with that league only if they reside or the physical location of the school where they attend classes is within the boundaries provided to and approved by Little League International.



# Residence Eligibility Requirements

A player will be deemed to reside within the league boundaries if:

- a. His/her parents are living together and are residing within such league boundaries, OR;
- b. Either of the player's parents (or his/her court-appointed legal guardian) reside within such boundaries. It is unacceptable if a parent moves into a league's boundaries for the purpose of qualifying for tournament play.

“Residence,” “reside” and “residing” refers to a place of bona fide continuous habitation. A place of residence once established shall not be considered changed unless the parents, parent or guardian makes a bona fide change of residence.



# Residence and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirements

Residence shall be established and supported by documents, dated or in force between February 1, 2014 (previous year) and February 1, 2015 (current year), from THREE OR MORE of the following categories to determine residency of such parent (s) or guardian:

1. Driver's License
2. Voter's Registration
3. School records
4. Welfare/child care records
5. Federal records
6. State records
7. Local (municipal) records
8. Support payment records
9. Homeowner or tenant records
10. Utility bills (i.e., gas, electric, water/sewer, phone, mobile phone, heating, waste disposal)
11. Financial (loan, credit, investments, etc.) records
12. Insurance documents
13. Medical records
14. Military records
15. Internet, cable or satellite records
16. Vehicle records
17. Employment records

***Note: Example – Three utility bills (three items from No. 10) constitute only ONE document.***



# Residence and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirements

- Any documents submitted as proof of residence must show customary usage or consumption to demonstrate bona fide habitation as determined by Little League International in its discretion.
- A player will be deemed to attend school in the boundaries if:
  - a. The physical location of the school where they attend classes is within the boundaries established by the local league. Note: This excludes home schools, cyber schools, sports-related schools, sports academies, or preschool or after school where a student participates outside of the primary school the player is enrolled.



## **Residence and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirements**

- “School attendance” refers to the (place) physical location the player in question attends school during the traditional academic year. Once established, a location of school attendance shall not be considered changed unless the child is enrolled and attends another school or is no longer enrolled in the previous school.



# Residence and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirements

- School attendance shall be established and supported by a document indicating enrollment for the current academic year, dated prior to October 1, 2014 and with the physical location of the school, from ONE of the following categories to determine school attendance by such player:
  - 1. Official/Certified School enrollment record
  - 2. School issued report card or performance record
  - 3. A Little League issued school attendance form completed by the principal, assistant principal or administrator



# Residence and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirements

- Under NO circumstances does ANY person have the authority to grant a waiver that allows a child to play in a local Little League program IN ANY DIVISION, when that child does not qualify under these residency requirements.





# Residence and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirements

- Any league who accepts any player outside of their boundaries and fails to properly document compliance with the “Residence and/or School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirement” or obtain a waiver through the Charter Committee may result in the disqualification of a player, team or entire league from regular season and/or tournament play.



# Residence and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirements

- If the claim for residency or school attendance is challenged, the above materials must be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, with an affidavit of residency or school attendance from the parent(s) or guardian. Little League Baseball, Incorporated shall have the right to request additional documentation in support of the claim of residency or school attendance. The parent(s) or legal guardian will be required to provide said documentation to obtain eligibility. Little League Baseball, Incorporated shall decide the issue in its sole discretion, and that decision will be final and binding. Residency or school documents must illustrate that the residence or school attendance (as defined above) was inside the league's boundaries throughout the regular season (as of June 15 of the year in question).



# **PROOF-OF-AGE REQUIREMENTS**

## **ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF BIRTH DATE**

1. Original proof of age document, if issued by federal, state or provincial registrars of vital statistics in the country in which the Little Leaguer is participating.
2. If country of participation differs from the country of proof of age document, original proof-of-age document issued by federal, state or provincial registrars of vital statistics, or local offices thereof, are acceptable proof of age, provided the document was filed, recorded, registered or issued within one (1) year of the birth of the child.



# **PROOF-OF-AGE REQUIREMENTS**

## **ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF BIRTH DATE**

3. An original document issued by federal, state or provincial registrars of vital statistics, or local offices thereof, listing the date of birth, with reference to the location and issue date of the original birth certificate, is acceptable. (The original birth certificate referenced must have been filed, recorded, registered or issued within one (1) year of the birth of the child.) Also issued by these agencies are photocopies of the certificate of live birth with the certification also photocopied, including the signature, and include the seal impressed thereon. Such documents are acceptable without “live” signatures, provided the original filed, recorded, registered or issued date of the birth certificate was within one (1) year of the birth of the child.



# **PROOF-OF-AGE REQUIREMENTS**

## **ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF BIRTH DATE**

4. For children born abroad of a parent or parents who are U.S. citizens, any official government document issued by a U. S. federal agency or service, is acceptable. For military dependents, Department of Defense identification cards and military hospital certificates are acceptable. These must be originals, not copies, and must refer to a filing, recording, registration, or issue date that is within one (1) year of the birth of the child.
5. A “Statement in Lieu of Acceptable Proof of Birth” issued by a District Administrator is acceptable.



# PROOF-OF-AGE REQUIREMENTS

## ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF BIRTH DATE

- **NOT ACCEPTABLE AS SOLE PROOF OF BIRTH:** Baptismal Certificate; Certificate of Blessing; Certificate of Dedication; Certificate of Circumcision, etc.; Hospital Certificate; photocopied records; passports.
- **NOTE:** Little League International has authorized the Regional Directors for Latin America, Europe and Africa and Asia/Pacific, to adopt a policy that excludes No. 1 on slide 11. Local Little Leagues and districts in those regions will be informed of the regional policy.



# Tournament Verification Form

- Complete player information and documentation
- Indicate if the player will be providing residency proof or school enrollment
- Indicate if the player is eligible to participate in the league based receiving a waiver
- Parent or legal guardian, League President and District Administrator must sign the form
- Attach appropriate documentation to form

 **LITTLE LEAGUE® BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL**   
**TOURNAMENT PLAYER VERIFICATION**  
 BASEBALL  SOFTBALL

League Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date Requested \_\_\_\_\_ League ID# \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAYER INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION**

Player Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(must be name as shown on the birth documentation)

**TYPE OF AGE PROOF: (CHOOSE ONE)**

Board of Health/Registrar of Vital Statistics  Federal/Military  In-Lieu Statement (necessary document from all four groups)

**RESIDENCY PROOF:**

**ADDRESS OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN**

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License  Local (Municipal) Records  Medical Records  
 Voter's Registration  Support Payment Records  Military Records  
 School Records  Homeowner/Tenant Records  Internet, Cable or Satellite Records  
 Welfare/Child Care Records  Utility Bills  Vehicle Records  
 Federal Records  Financial Records  Employment Records  
 State Records  Insurance Documents

- OR -

**SCHOOL ENROLLMENT PROOF: (CHOOSE ONE)**

**SCHOOL ADDRESS**

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Official/Certified school enrollment record  
 School issued report card or performance form  
 A Little League issued school attendance form completed by the principal, assistant principal or superintendent

Existing Waiver:  I(d) Waiver  N(h) Waiver  Charter Committee Waiver

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All documentation must be attached to the form

**VERIFICATION**

**Parent or Legal Guardian Agreement:** By my signature below, I certify that all the information provided for this Tournament Player Verification is true and correct and provides the necessary documentation required by Little League to verify league tournament age and residence/school attendance eligibility. If the Charter/Tournament Committee subsequently finds that the information submitted as acceptable documentation regarding league tournament age and residence eligibility now shows that the previously submitted information/documentation was falsified, misrepresented or insufficient then Little League Baseball® Incorporated reserves the right to impose sanctions and/or penalties on all appropriate parties, including but not limited to players, coaches, league officials and/or the league which could result in suspensions and/or terminations with Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

Name (Printed) of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**League President's Verification:** I have reviewed and verified that the information presented here is true and correct and provides the necessary documentation required by Little League to verify league tournament age and residence/school attendance eligibility. If the Charter/Tournament Committee subsequently finds that the information submitted as acceptable documentation regarding league tournament age and residence eligibility now shows that the previously submitted information/documentation was falsified, misrepresented or insufficient then Little League Baseball, Incorporated reserves the right to impose sanctions and/or penalties on all appropriate parties, including but not limited to players, coaches, league officials and/or the league which could result in suspensions and/or terminations with Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

Name (Printed) of League President \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of League President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**District Administrator's Verification:** I have reviewed the residency documentation and verified the player's original birth certificate and the information presented here is true and correct and, to the best of my knowledge appears to be acceptable under Little League standards.

Name (Print) of District Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of District Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: This form and attached original documentation must be retained by the player's parent or legal guardian as well as a copy retained by the local league. It is recommended that the District Administrator also maintain a copy.



# Thank you !

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