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LITTLE LEAGUE® BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

ABOUT LITTLE LEAGUE®

Founded in 1939, Little League® Baseball and Softball is the world's largest organized youth sports program, with nearly 2.4 million players and one million adult volunteers in every U.S. state and more than 80 other countries. During its nearly 80 years of existence, Little League has seen more than 40 million honored graduates, including political leaders, professional athletes, award-winning artists, and a variety of other influential members of society. Each year, millions of people follow the hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship that Little Leaguers® display at our seven baseball and softball World Series events, the premier tournaments in youth sports.

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INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

The Little League International Advisory Board provides counsel and recommendations to the Little League Baseball and Softball staff and senior management. Each board member serves a four-year term. The 12-member board provides input, perspective and opinion on current aspects of the Little League program and proposed new initiatives, all for the purpose of maintaining Little League Baseball and Softball as the world's leader in the youth sports arena.

Little League considers the input of the Advisory Board as vital in providing an effective program to ensure that all participants, parents and volunteers have a rewarding and enriching Little League experience. Board members are current and former District Administrators, Assistant District Administrators, and other volunteers whose many years of experience at the local level of Little League operations are highly valued by Little League International.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LEVELS

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Little League® International is a volunteer-driven organization with more than one million volunteers that supports nearly 2.4 million players across all 50 U.S. states and 80 countries. Operations at the local league level through the District level are conducted by volunteers while full-time Little League staff members operate out of the Regional and International Headquarters.

Worldwide, there are approximately 100 full-time Little League employees (about one for every 40,000 children and adult volunteers). The full-time staff members of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, work with District Administrators, their assistants, and local league officials in developing new leagues, coordinating tournaments, and assisting in the overall operation of a local league program.

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REGIONAL OPERATIONS

Volunteer District Administrators work with the full-time Regional Directors, of which there are five in the United States. As part of the staff of Little League International, the Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors work out of Little League-owned and operated regional centers in Warner Robins, Ga.; San Bernardino, Calif.; Waco, Texas; Zionsville, Ind.; Bristol, Conn.; and Kutno, Poland. Representatives for the international regions of Little League also maintain offices in San Juan, Puerto Rico; Ottawa, Canada; and Hong Kong, China.

U.S. REGIONAL OFFICES

East Region Headquarters

Serves: CT, DE, DC, MA, ME, MD, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT

Address: P.O. Box 2926, Bristol, CT 06011-2926

Phone: 860-585-4730 / **Fax:** 860-585-4734

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Web: LittleLeague.org/east

Complex name: A. Bartlett Giamatti Little League Leadership Training Center

Stadium name: Breen Field

Eastern Region Director: Corey Wright

Assistant Eastern Region Director:

Amry Shelby

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Central Region Headquarters

Serves: IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MI, MO, MN, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI

Address: TBA

Phone: 317-897-6127 / **Fax:** 317-897-6158

E-mail: centralregion@LittleLeague.org

Web: LittleLeague.org/central

Complex name: TBA

Stadium name: TBA

Central Region Director: Nina Johnson-Pitt

Assistant Central Region Director: Ashlea Nash

Southeast Region Headquarters

Serves: AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV

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Phone: 478-987-7227 / **Fax:** 478-987-7232

E-mail: southregion@LittleLeague.org

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Stadium name: Little League Southeast Park

Southeastern Region Director: Jennifer Colvin

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Serves: AR, CO, LA, MS, NM, OK, TX

Address: 3700 S. University Parks Dr., Waco, TX 76706

Phone: 254-756-1816 / **Fax:** 254-757-0519

E-mail: southwestregion@LittleLeague.org

Web: LittleLeague.org/southwest

Complex name: George W. Bush Little League Leadership Training Center

Stadium name: Marvin Norcross Stadium

Southwestern Region Director: Angela Garcia

Assistant Southwestern Region Director:
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West Region Headquarters

Serves: AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

Address: 6707 Little League Drive, San Bernardino, CA 92407

Phone: 909-887-6446 / **Fax:** 909-887-6135

E-mail: westregion@LittleLeague.org

Web: LittleLeague.org/west

Complex name: Little League Western Region Headquarters Complex

Stadium name: Al Houghton Stadium

Western Region Director:

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ADMINISTRATIVE LEVELS

Asia-Pacific Region Headquarters

Serves: Nations in Asia and the Pacific

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Asia-Pacific Region Director: B. H. Chow

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Serves: Mexico and all countries in South America, Central America, and the Caribbean

Address: P.O. Box 10237, Caparra Heights, Puerto Rico 00922-0237

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2017 Countries in Asia-Pacific Region With Little League Programs (19)

Australia, Chinese Taipei, Guam, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, New Zealand, Northern Mariana Islands, Pakistan, People's Republic of China, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, United Arab Emirates

Canada Region Headquarters

Serves: All of Canada

Address: 235 Dale Avenue, Ottawa, ONT Canada K1G 0H6

Phone: 613-731-3301 / Fax: 613-731-2829

E-mail: canada@LittleLeague.org

Web: LittleLeague.ca

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Canada Region Coordinator: Wendy Thomson

Europe and Africa Region Headquarters

Serves: Nations in Europe, Middle East, and Africa

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etamz.active.com/llbeurope

Regional Website (Polish):

etamz.active.com/llbeurope1

Complex name: Little League Baseball European Leadership Training Center

Stadium names: Stan Musial Stadium and Ed Piszek Stadium

Europe Region Director:

Beata Kaszuba-Baker

Assistant Europe Region Director:

Bartłomiej (Bart) Sochacki

2017 Countries in Europe and Africa Region With Little League Programs (32)

Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Croatia, Czech Republic, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Republic of Serbia, Romania, Scotland, Slovak Republic, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uganda, Ukraine

2017 Countries in Latin America Region With Little League Programs (27)

Antigua, Argentina, Aruba, Bahamas, Bolivia, Bonaire, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Curacao, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Saint Maarten, U.S. Virgin Islands, Venezuela

DISTRICT LEVEL

For administrative and tournament purposes, roughly 10 to 20 leagues in a given area usually comprise a district. The District Administrator is an experienced volunteer elected by the constituent leagues to counsel, direct and provide leadership in the policies and rules of the Little League program and to serve as liaison between the leagues and the regional director.

The District Administrator organizes the district tournament and attends the periodic Little League International Congress, where Little League rules and regulations are democratically reviewed and revised for the betterment of the program. There are more than 500 District Administrators in the U.S. and nearly 650 District Administrators worldwide, each with a staff of appointed and/or elected assistants to help more effectively serve his or her leagues. It is recommended, but not required, that the District become incorporated.



UNDERSTANDING THE LOCAL LEAGUE

HOW A LOCAL LITTLE LEAGUE® PROGRAM IS ORGANIZED

Each Little League® program is organized within a community. The league establishes its own boundaries, with certain restrictions (explained in the next section). It is only from within this territory that the league may register players.

All league personnel, including officers, managers, coaches, umpires, auxiliary, field workers, etc., should be volunteers interested in providing the benefits of a Little League program to the youth of their community. Each league is guided by a Board of Directors, usually five to 25 adult volunteers from the community. Each year, there are approximately 6,500 leagues that participate in more than 80 countries around the globe.

Although Little League regulations do not prohibit payments to umpires or other personnel, such employment is strongly discouraged. Those who work with children at the local league level should be interested only in volunteering their time to make their community a better place.

The local league Board of Directors, elected from and by the adult members of the league, is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the league within the rules, regulations, and policies of Little League. The local league is encouraged to become incorporated, but it is not required.

Local Little Leagues are also provided with a suggested formula for organization, elections, etc., known as the league's constitution. Each league's constitution must be reviewed and approved at the regional level.

LOCAL LEAGUE BOUNDARIES

To accomplish its goals, the Little League organization protects the integrity of each player, each team, and each community. Little League programs operate within specific boundaries for each league's territory, to allow all eligible children within the boundaries of their home residence or where they are enrolled in school to play Little League.

Adults in communities where no chartered Little League programs/divisions exist, can organize a program, with help from Little League International. Each local league in the Little League program establishes its own boundaries which are subject to approval by the Charter Committee. A league's boundaries must not overlap or encroach on another chartered Little League's boundaries.

LEAGUE FINDER

As an additional tool for communities to find their nearest local affiliated program, Little League has created a League Finder where interested parties can plug in their place of residence or child's school address to find the nearest league to them. For more information, visit LittleLeague.org/LeagueFinder.

REGISTRATION FEES

Although leagues may assess a registration fee, used to purchase uniforms and equipment, maintain fields, etc., the fee cannot be a prerequisite for playing. The Little League philosophy does not permit any eligible candidate to be turned away. Emphasizing the spirit of Little League, rules require that every child plays in every game at all levels.



LOCAL LEAGUE MEDIA POLICIES

The agreement Little League® International has with its local leagues includes a promise not to sell or loan names, addresses, e-mail addresses, or telephone numbers of local league volunteers or players to any third party. Regional and District personnel are similarly prohibited from releasing this information. Thus, nobody at any level should provide the media, or anyone else, with the personal contact information of players and volunteers without the written consent of the parents of the players and volunteers.

Issues of a local nature (game results, facilities changes, schedules, etc.) are best answered by those nearest the situation: the local league volunteer or District Administrator. However, inquiries dealing with the policies of Little League should be directed to the Media Relations Department at Little League International in Williamsport, Pa. The media relations personnel are best equipped to answer any questions a reporter may have about the rules, regulations, or policies of Little League, or they will know how to find the answers.

INTERVIEW REQUESTS

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Any time a member of the media wishes to conduct an interview with a Little Leaguer®, the player's parent(s) and/or manager or coach **must** be present throughout the entire interview.*

Should a member of the media wish to contact a local league player or volunteer, the following steps should be taken:

1. The media representative should call the appropriate **regional center**, identifying themselves as a working reporter (with the name of the outlet represented) and request the name and telephone number of the district administrator for the desired area.
2. The media representative should then contact the **District Administrator**, and make the request, leaving a name and telephone number.
3. The District Administrator will then contact the player or volunteer requested and provide them with the name and telephone number of the media representative making the request. At that point, the player or volunteer will make the decisions whether or not to do the interview.

NOTE: No Little League volunteer or player is ever required to speak to the media, and may decline to do so at any time.

If an interviewer already has access to the player or volunteer, he/she is asked to remember Little Leaguers and Little League volunteers are not professionals in this regard. They are also asked to respect the player's or volunteer's privacy and not publish or otherwise share personal information about those being

interviewed, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or e-mail addresses. Little League encourages its volunteers to speak openly with the media and to establish a good working relationship with reporters and editors.

PHOTOGRAPHERS/ VIDEOGRAPHERS

Only working news photographers and videographers with proper news organization credentials are permitted on the field of play (as noted in Rule 3.15) in any level of Little League Baseball and Softball, and only with permission of the Umpire-In-Chief and the local Little League President or Tournament Director involved. Members of the media should not be permitted in dugouts, nor should they be permitted to occupy a position anywhere in fair territory.

Please note that any photo and/or video footage taken during any Little League activity may only be used for editorial purposes for coverage pertaining to Little League International and/or the Little League Baseball World Series. They shall not be transformed, distributed, or resold in anyway and may never be used for promotional or commercial purposes unless granted with written approval from Little League International.

TOURNAMENT NOTE: Each venue and event may have different media restrictions for game-day coverage, so please check with the appropriate tournament staff and/or region center for details in advance of covering the game or tournament.

TV/RADIO/INTERNET RIGHTS

Little League International is the only body that can authorize or disallow the webcasting, televising, or radio broadcasting of regular season, Special Games, or tournament games. A contract for these games must originate with the local District Administrator, tournament director, or local Little League president.

No telecast, broadcast, or webcast of any Little League Baseball or Softball game (in any division) can take place unless the proper contract is completed and approved. This applies to all productions, even if they are unsupported by advertising or sponsorship.

If a league is self-producing a commercial-free webcast, Little League International requires notification using the Local Little League-Produced Webcast Agreement located on the LittleLeague.org Forms and Publications page under Media: Regular Season Contracts.

All other webcasts require a contract agreement between the league, the district and the third-party company before the webcast can be streamed (live or recorded). All commercial webcasting contracts are available on the LittleLeague.org Forms and Publications page under Media. Any questions, email Chris Downs, at cdowns@LittleLeague.org.



GENERAL MEDIA POLICIES

MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Little League Baseball® World Series

Media organizations seeking credentials for the Little League Baseball® World Series must make these requests through the Little League website, at LittleLeague.org/Media. An electronic credential request form must be submitted for each individual requesting a credential. All media representatives are required to supply a birth date, photo ID, and a social security number for the purpose of performing a general criminal background check. Those who do not submit this information will be refused credentials. All information is kept strictly confidential. All requests must include the type of credential requested (i.e. print media, photo, etc.). An assigning editor or someone in authority will be contacted by telephone for confirmation of employment. Submission of the credential form acts as consent and acknowledgment to the individual that a criminal background check will be performed.

Questions regarding this procedure should be directed to the Media Relations Department at Little League International.

All Other Little League Affiliated Events

Media organizations seeking credentials for all other Little League affiliated events (i.e. Junior League Softball World Series, Regional Tournaments, etc.) should contact the appropriate regional center and/or tournament director for details on how to obtain a working credential.

PHOTOGRAPH/LOGO REQUESTS

If a media organization requires one or more high-resolution photographs and/or logos from the Little League World Series or related events, it should contact the Media Relations Department at Little League International in Williamsport by email at media@LittleLeague.org. This service is for news media only. Photos and logos may be used for editorial purposes for coverage pertaining to Little League International and/or the Little League World Series and should not be transformed, distributed, or resold in any way.

IS IT REALLY LITTLE LEAGUE?

Thank you for taking the time to learn about Little League Baseball and Softball. We encourage you, as a member of the media, to learn more about the Little League program in your area, and become familiar with the District Administrator nearest you.

One of the challenges we face in Little League is making sure the words "Little League" are used properly. Sometimes, an organization will call itself "Little League," when, in fact, it is not affiliated with Little League at all. In these cases, unsuspecting parents and children may be

fooled into thinking they are playing in a "real" Little League program.

In other cases, the media reports on a situation involving "little league football," or "little league basketball." However, there is no such thing in either case, and Little League has been diligent in trying to correct these errors.

So, we ask this: If you have any doubts about what is "real" Little League, please ask our media relations department before going with a story that might not be factual.

If you would like your news organization included in regular electronic mailings of news releases, please email Kevin Fountain, Little League Director of Media Relations, at kfountain@LittleLeague.org.

TRADEMARK PROTECTION

Little League Baseball, Incorporated, is a Federal Incorporation granted by way of a bill signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on July 17, 1964, and amended Sept. 24, 1974, to reflect the admission of girls. The legislation, which received unanimous approval in both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives, is Public Law 88-378. It is the highest recognition that the federal government can accord. It provides for incorporation of Little League Baseball in all 50 states as an educational institution, endowing the program with protective integrity by the U.S. Government.

Action of the President and Congress places Little League in the same category as Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Boys Clubs of America, and a select group of others similarly chartered. However, Little League is the only youth sports organization so honored. The Federal Charter of Incorporation requires Little League to submit its annual report directly to the U.S. Congress each year.

The following are registered trademarks and service marks of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. These marks are protected both by a special Act of Congress and registrations with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. All rights in and to any and all marks of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, are reserved.

- Little League®
- Little League Baseball®
- Little League Softball®
- Little League®
- Little League® Baseball and Softball
- Little League Challenger Division®
- LL®
- LLB®
- Dugout the Mascot pose

NOTE: *Little League Baseball is listed in the Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual. The words "Little League," "Little Leaguer," etc. should only be used in conjunction with youth baseball and softball programs chartered with Little League Baseball, Incorporated.*



APPEARANCE OF LITTLE LEAGUERS® IN NON-EDITORIAL WORK

Any use of the Little League® trademarks (including the words "Little League®," "Little Leaguer®," "Little League Baseball®," "Little League Softball®," and other variations, logos, marks, and phrases) for non-editorial work must be approved in writing by Little League International.

Children identified as Little Leaguers, either verbally or by inference, **MUST NOT appear in any creative, non-news story form of media, television, print, social, or otherwise, in videos (other than home videos for personal use, and not to be sold), in motion pictures, or in any advertisement whatsoever, without the expressed written consent of Little League International.** The broadcasting or live-streaming of any local Little League program's regular or tournament season games must adhere to the policies outlined in the current year's rulebook.

Credentialed news agencies may record or photograph Little League activities for the sole purpose of creating and distributing news stories pertaining to the local league. No news agency may sell any photos or videos without written consent of Little League International.

Here are specific examples of how various Little League players, volunteers, and facilities should appear in images or videos in all cases in which approval has been given, which may not be released or published until final written approval is provided by Little League International. These guidelines are also explained in the Little League Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operating Policies. Local leagues may use this as a resource for their league promotional materials, website, and social media efforts. Please note that only programs officially affiliated with Little League Baseball and Softball are permitted to use the phrase Little League and its official marks to promote their league's activities. No local league may grant permission to any third party to use Little League or any of its official marks without written consent from Little League International. Local leagues are encouraged to review the Operating Policies section of the current year's rulebook for complete information. Contact Little League's Media Relations Department for more information: media@LittleLeague.org

GUIDELINES FOR APPEARANCE OF LITTLE LEAGUERS®

(See Page 13 for information on the various Little League divisions.)

- EVERY PLAYER AND UMPIRE depicted during ANY game MUST be wearing a Little League Shoulder Patch on the upper left sleeve of the uniform blouse, or left breast if sleeveless.
- No games or practice should be held when weather or field conditions are poor, especially when lighting is inadequate.
- Play area should be inspected frequently for holes, damage, glass, and other foreign objects.
- Dugouts and bat racks must be positioned behind screens.
- Only players, managers, coaches, and umpires are permitted on the playing field during play and practice sessions.
- A regular player must be responsible for keeping bats and loose equipment off the field of play.
- Procedure should be established for retrieving foul balls batted out of the playing area.
- During practice sessions and games, all players should be alert and watching the batter on each pitch.
- During warm-up drills, players should be spaced so that nobody is endangered by errant balls.
- Equipment should be inspected regularly. Make sure it fits properly.
- Pitching machines, if used, must be in good working order (including extension cords, outlets, etc.) and must be operated by adult managers and coaches only.
- Batters and base runners must wear protective National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE)-approved helmets during practice, as well as during games.
- Catchers must wear catcher's helmet (with face mask and dangling throat protector; skull caps not permitted), chest protector (long-model or short-model), and shin guards. Male catchers must wear a protective supporter and cup at all times. Except when the runner is returning to a base, head first slides are not permitted (Major division and below).
- During sliding practice, bases should not be tied or strapped down.
- At no time should "horse play" be permitted on the playing field.
- Players who wear glasses should be encouraged to use "Safety Glasses."
- Players must not wear watches, rings, pins, jewelry, or other metallic items, unless permitted by Rule 1.11 (j).
- Batting/catcher's helmets must not be painted unless applied or approved by the manufacturer.
- Regulations prohibit on-deck batters in Major division and below. This means no player should handle a bat, even while in an enclosure, until it is his/her time at bat.
- Shoes with metal spikes must NOT be worn by any player (Major division or below) nor by any adult volunteer.

NOTE: EQUIPMENT DEPICTED MUST MEET LITTLE LEAGUE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE DIVISION.



APPEARANCE OF LITTLE LEAGUERS® IN NON-EDITORIAL WORK

CATCHERS

All Divisions of Little League Baseball® and Little League Softball®: In all cases, any player depicted as a catcher, whether in a game or a practice, **MUST** be wearing a full catcher's helmet that covers both ears, a catcher's mask WITH a dangling throat protector (even if the mask includes a wire extension), a chest protector (short or long form), shin guards, and a catcher's mitt. (Fielder's mitt acceptable in softball.)

Note 1: Both photos below show typical catcher's equipment. Both the traditional style mask and helmet (Photo 1) and the "hockey" style (Photo 2) are acceptable, provided they are NOCSAE-approved.

Note 2: Players' uniforms should include the proper wear of the Little League Shoulder Patch, which **MUST** be worn on the left sleeve of the uniform or left breast if sleeveless.

Note 3: The player's name (first or last) must **NOT** appear on the uniform.

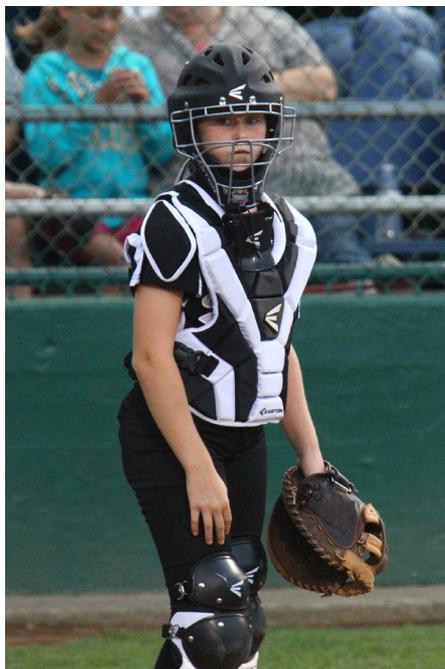
Note 4: Helmets must **NOT** include any words, letters, logos, etc., unless applied or approved by the manufacturer.

EQUIPMENT DEPICTED MUST MEET LITTLE LEAGUE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE DIVISION.

Photo 1



Photo 2



APPEARANCE OF LITTLE LEAGUERS® IN NON-EDITORIAL WORK

BATTERS, BASE RUNNERS, AND BASE COACHES

Batters: In all cases, any player holding a bat at any time, whether in a game or a practice, **MUST** be wearing a batting helmet that covers **BOTH** ears.

Base Runners: In all cases, any player depicted as a base runner at any time, whether in a game or a practice, **MUST** be wearing a batting helmet that covers **BOTH** ears.

Base Coaches: In all cases, any player depicted as a base coach at any time, whether in a game or a practice, **MUST** be wearing a batting helmet that covers **BOTH** ears. Adult base coaches are not required to wear a helmet. In all divisions: if only one adult manager or coach is available, both base coaches must be players. An adult must be in the dugout at all times.

Note 1: Both photos to the right show typical batting helmets. A face mask or face shield is not required, but is acceptable.

Note 2: Helmets **MUST** be NOCSAE-approved (noted on helmet).

Note 3: Both players' uniforms include the proper wear of the Little League Shoulder Patch, which **MUST** be worn on the left sleeve of the uniform or left breast if sleeveless.

Note 4: The player's name (first or last) **must NOT** appear on the uniform.

Note 5: Helmets **must NOT** include any words, letters, logos, etc., unless applied or approved by the manufacturer.

NOTE: EQUIPMENT DEPICTED **MUST** MEET LITTLE LEAGUE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE DIVISION.



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UMPIRES

Plate Umpire: In all cases, the plate umpire should be depicted wearing gray slacks and, preferably, a light or navy blue shirt. The umpire may wear a protective mask with "dangling" throat protector. He/she must wear a chest protector (preferably inside the shirt), and must wear shin guards (preferably inside the slacks). The Little League Umpire Shoulder Patch must be affixed to the left sleeve. He/she should wear a navy blue "ball bag" attached by a black belt, and should wear black shoes – preferably shoes with reinforced toes (plate shoes). He/she should also have a plate brush and ball/strike/out indicator. He/she should wear a navy blue "combo" umpire's cap or plate umpire's cap.

Base Umpires: The base umpires' dress is the same as the plate umpire's, except that no protective equipment is used, plain black athletic shoes are preferred, and he/she should wear a navy blue cap.

Plate Umpire



Base Umpire



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FACILITIES

Dugouts, Player Seating Areas: In all cases, the dugout or player seating areas MUST be protected from the field of play by a screen or fence, as shown below.

On-Deck Batters – Little League® Divisions and younger: In all cases, there is NO on-deck batter in these divisions. This means that the next batter due to bat MUST NOT handle a bat until it is his/her turn to advance to the batter's box. There is no on-deck area anywhere.

On-Deck Batters – Little League® Intermediate (50/70) Baseball/Junior League Softball Divisions and older: In all cases, the on-deck batter position is permitted. However, it is preferred that the on-deck batter be behind a screen or fence while warming up. Also, no other players must be in close proximity to the on-deck batter, and the on-deck batter must be wearing a proper batting helmet.

There must be no loose equipment lying on the field in fair or foul territory in games or practices.



Divisions of Play - Little League Baseball®

Tee Ball: 4- to 7-year-olds

Minor League: 5- to 12-year-olds

Little League (sometimes known as "Major Division"): 9- to 12-year-olds

Little League Intermediate (50/70) Baseball: 11- to 13-year-olds

Junior League: 12- to 14-year-olds

Senior League: 13- to 16-year-olds

Divisions of Play – Little League Softball®

Tee Ball: 4- to 7-year-olds

Minor League: 5- to 12-year-olds

Little League (sometimes known as "Major Division"): 9- to 12-year-olds

Junior League: 12- to 14-year-olds

Senior League: 13- to 16-year-olds

Divisions of Play – Little League Challenger Division®

Little League Challenger Division: 4- to 18-year-olds (up to 22 years old if still enrolled in school)

Senior League Challenger Division: 15-year-olds and above, no age limit.*

*Players 15 to 18 years old may play in either division.



ASSOCIATED TERMS OF LITTLE LEAGUE®

Many of these terms are Federally Registered Trademarks, and should never be used in reference to any program other than those chartered by Little League Baseball®, Incorporated. They are not generic terms. **(Note:** Those terms that should always be capitalized are listed as such.)

A. Bartlett Giamatti Little League Leadership Training Center: The correct name of the complex at the Little League® East Region Headquarters in Bristol, Conn. It is named for the late Commissioner of Major League Baseball, who was an ardent supporter of Little League.

Al Houghton Stadium: The name of the stadium located at the Little League Western Region Headquarters complex in San Bernardino, Calif., at which the annual Little League Baseball West Region and Northwest Region and the West Region Little League Softball Tournaments are played. It is named for the first full-time West Regional Director.

Board of Directors: At the local level, a group of people elected by the league membership, in whom is placed the responsibility for the management of the property and affairs of the league, under the rules, regulations, and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

Boys Little League Softball: A program for boys 9-12 years old (league age).

Boys Minor League Softball: A minor division of the Little League Softball® charter, for boys 7-12 years old (league age). A league may have further divisions at the local level, such as Minor League Coach Pitch, Minor League Machine Pitch, etc.

Boys Senior League Softball: A program for boys 13-16 years old (league age).

Boys Tee Ball Softball: A minor division of the Little League Softball charter, for boys 4-7 years old (league age). Boys 4-5 years of age (league age) must play only Tee Ball. **Exception:** If a boy, league age 5, played a season of Tee Ball as a 4-year-old, the league may allow the boy to participate in the Boys Minor League Coach Pitch Division.

Breen Field: The name of the field at which the annual Little League Baseball New England Region and Mid-Atlantic Region and the East Region Little League Softball Tournaments are played. The field is located at the A. Bartlett Giamatti Little League Leadership Training Center, home of the Little League East Region Headquarters. It is named for Leon Breen, one of the original volunteers instrumental in the development of the center.

George W. Bush Little League Leadership Training Center: The name of the complex at the Little League Baseball Southwest Region Headquarters in Waco, Texas. It is named for the 43rd President of the United States, the first U.S. President to have played Little League.

Bylaws: See "local rules."

Little League Challenger Division®: A baseball program for participants 4-18 years old (league age; or older, for those still in school) with developmental and/or physical challenges.

Charter: A written contract/agreement between Little League Baseball, Incorporated, and the board of directors of a local organization of volunteers interested in operating a Little League Baseball and/or Little League Softball program for a particular year. It is applied for annually by the local league. It is a legal contract committing the local board of directors to strict adherence to Little League rules, regulations and policies.

Charter Committee: A group of personnel at Little League International in whom is placed (by the Little League International Board of Directors) the responsibility for the granting, suspension, termination, or limitation of any part of the charter, as well as the privilege of waiving rules and/or regulations as the individual situation warrants. Members of the Charter Committee are listed in the current year's rulebooks.

Constitution: A document produced at the local league level that governs the way the local league will operate, provided it does not conflict with Little League rules, regulations, and policies. This document must be approved by Little League International to be valid. The membership of the local league is responsible for its enforcement.

District Administrator: A volunteer position at the local level. Districts hold elections once every three years on a rotating basis. Each league in a district (a geographic area within a state or country) receives one vote and can nominate any person. Districts are usually composed of 8-20 local Little Leagues.

Dr. Creighton J. Hale International Grove: A housing, dining, and recreation area on the Little League International complex in South Williamsport, Pa. The complex also houses visitor/participants in summer camps, seminars, and schools, and has been used to house victims of natural disasters. It is named for the former president and chief executive officer of Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

Ground Rules: See "local rules."



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Howard J. Lamade Stadium: The name of the stadium at which the Little League Baseball World Series has been played every year since 1959. It is named for the late Vice President of Grit Publishing, who was a member of the Little League Board of Directors in the 1950s. Grit Publishing donated the funds needed to purchase much of the land for the Little League International complex.

International Tournament: The tournament that begins in early July at the district level and ends in August with a World Series in seven divisions of play: Little League Baseball for 10-to-12-year-olds; Little League Intermediate (50/70) Baseball for 11-to-13-year-olds; Junior League Baseball for 12-to-14-year-olds; Senior League Baseball for 13-to-16-year-olds; Little League Softball for 10-to-12-year-old girls; Junior League Softball for 12-to-14-year-old girls; Senior League Softball for 13-to-16-year-old girls. The International Tournament is under the administrative control of the Tournament Committee in South Williamsport, Pa. The Tournament Committee is composed of the same personnel as the Charter Committee. There are also tournaments in 8-to-10-year-olds and 9-to-11-year-olds in baseball and softball, each ending in state tournaments.

Junior League Baseball: A program for participants 12-14 years old (league age).

Junior League Softball: A program for girls 12-14 years old (league age).

League Age: The age attained by a certain date of the year in question as written in Regulation IV(e) in each of the respective rulebooks. This is the factor used by Little League Baseball in determining the age bracket in which each child will be placed during that season. Regulation I(a) provides the guidelines for league age per division.

Little League Baseball, or Little League: Acceptable on first reference to the organization. Also used to identify the regular season division for participants age 9-12 (league age). Whenever used in letterhead or in a title by non-media entities, it should also be accompanied by a registration symbol "®".

Little League Baseball, Incorporated: The official title of the organization, founded in 1939 by Carl Stotz in Williamsport, Pa. It is the largest organized youth sports program in the world, providing baseball and softball programs to 2.4 million participants ages 4-16 in more than nearly 80 countries. **Note:** The word "Incorporated," if used, should not be abbreviated.

Little League European Leadership Training Center: The correct title for the Europe and Africa Region Headquarters in Kutno, Poland.

Little League Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division: A division of Little League Baseball for 11-to-13-year-old players, with a 50-foot pitching distance and 70-foot base paths. It is designed to accommodate players whose advanced skills permit rules that are closer to conventional baseball (such as leading off bases, pick-off attempts, etc.), on a field that is not quite as large as the Junior/Senior League diamond, but bigger than the Little League field dimensions.

Little League International Board of Directors: Board in whom is placed the responsibility for the management of the property and affairs of Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

Little League International Congress: A Congress of Little League Baseball and Softball District Administrators held once every four years. Part of the agenda at each congress is to review any possible changes in the rules and regulations of Little League, and to make those recommendations for changes to the Little League International Board of Directors for approval.

Little League International: The name of the 72-acre complex in South Williamsport, Pa., that includes the Little League International Administration Building, Howard J. Lamade Stadium, the *World of Little League: Peter J. McGovern Museum and Official Store*, the Dr. Creighton J. Hale International Grove, the Jonathan Levin Pavilion, the John W. Lundy Little League Conference Center, Little League Volunteer Stadium, and the Little League Baseball and Softball Store. In addition to the stadium fields, there is one full size (90-foot bases/60 ft.-6 inch pitching distance) field, two Little League size fields, one practice infield (Little League size), and a lighted and covered outdoor batting cage that accommodates as many as six players at a time.

Little League (West, East, Southeast, Southwest, Central) Region Headquarters: These are the names of the various U.S. regional headquarters of Little League International. They are located in San Bernardino, Calif. (West), Bristol, Conn. (East), Warner Robins, Ga. (Southeast), Waco, Texas (Southwest), and Zionsville, Ind. (Central). (See also: Little League Southwestern Region Leadership Training Center, and A. Bartlett Giamatti Little League Leadership Training Center). International Region Offices are located in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; Caparra Heights, Puerto Rico; Hong Kong, and Kutno, Poland.



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Little League Softball®: A program for girls 9-12 years old (league age).

Little League Southeast Park: The name of the baseball stadium at Little League's Southeast Region Headquarters in Warner Robins, Ga. Serves as the site of the Little League Baseball Southeast Region Tournament and the Little League Softball Southeast Region Tournament.

Local League: The administrative organization, participants, managers, coaches, umpires, and all volunteers making up a chartered Little League program.

Local Rules (also ground rules, or bylaws): Those rules enacted annually by a local league referring to daily operations (examples: the 10-run rule and tournament team selection method) not covered in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules and the local league's constitution.

Marvin Norcross Stadium: The name of the stadium at the Southwest Region Headquarters, the George W. Bush Little League Leadership Training Center, in Waco, Texas. It is the annual site of the Little League Baseball Southwest Region Tournament. It is named for the local District Administrator who was instrumental in the bringing the Little League center for the state of Texas to Waco, prior to the regional center being built there.

Member: See "regular member."

Minor League Baseball: A minor division of the Little League Baseball charter, for participants 5-12 years old. (See Tee Ball for exception.) A local league might have further divisions at the local level, such as Minor Coach Pitch, Minor Machine Pitch, etc.

Minor League Softball: A minor division of the Little League Softball charter, for girls 5-12 years old. A league may have further divisions at the local level, such as Minor League Coach Pitch, Minor League Machine Pitch, etc.

8-, 9-, and 10-Year-Old Tournament: A tournament division in baseball and softball for participants of those league ages in baseball and girls' softball. Teams advance to the state level only.

Official Regulations and Playing Rules: There are three such publications produced each year by Little League in the following divisions: Little League Baseball® (Tee Ball, Minor League, Little League, Little League Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division, Junior League, and Senior League Baseball); Little League Softball® (Tee Ball, Minor League, Little League, Junior League, and Senior League Softball); and Little League Challenger Division®.

World of Little League®: Peter J. McGovern Museum and Official Store: The correct title for the museum, located on the Little League International complex. "World of Little League" is an accepted, alternate version.

Pitch Count: The method used to determine eligibility of a pitcher in all divisions of Little League Baseball. This regulation, implemented for the 2007 Little League Baseball season, replaced the innings-pitched rule, the previous way the eligibility of a pitcher was determined.

Player Member: Any participant placed on a team in a local league. Player members are not entitled to vote in the annual election, and have no duties or obligations in the management or affairs of the local league. They may be entitled to vote during Tournament Team selection, if so stated in the local rules/ground rules of the local league.

Regular Member (or member): A person who is entitled to vote at the annual election for a local league, and is entitled to attend any meeting of the membership of the league. Membership, and who receives it, is defined in the local league's constitution. However, any manager, coach, volunteer umpire, or board member is automatically a regular member by virtue of his/her service.

Residence: The residence for a candidate or player member is the home residence of the parent or legal guardian, as shown on forms of identification that are acceptable to Little League. Residence, as defined by Little League, is detailed in the rulebooks.

Rules Committee: A group of officials at Little League International, and members of the International Board of Directors (District Administrators) in whom is placed (by the Little League International Board of Directors) the responsibility for evaluating the rules of the various divisions of Little League, and for recommending for adoption any changes to the rules. Members of the Rules Committee are listed in the rulebooks.

Senior League Baseball: A program for participants 13-16 years old (league age).

Senior League Softball: A program for girls 13-16 years old (league age).



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Tee Ball: An instructional division of the Little League Baseball and Softball charter, for boys and girls participants 4-7 years old (league age). Participants 4 years of age (league age) must play only Tee Ball. **Exception:** If a player, league age 5 or 6, played a season of Tee Ball as a 4-year-old, the league may allow the player to participate in the Minor League Coach Pitch or Machine Pitch Division. To aid leagues in providing a positive introduction to baseball and softball, Little League developed a 10-week curriculum that has been shown to improve the Tee Ball experience for players, parents, and coaches which is available at LittleLeague.org/TeeBall.

Tee Ball Softball: An instructional division of the Little League charter, for girls 4-7 years old (league age). Girls 4 years of age (league age) must play only Tee Ball. **Exception:** If a girl, league age 5 or 6, played a season of Tee Ball as a 4-year-old, the league may allow the girl to participate in the Minor League Coach Pitch or Machine Pitch Division.

9-, 10-, and 11-Year-Old Tournament: A tournament division in baseball and softball for participants of those league ages in baseball and girls' softball. Teams advance to the state level only.

Tournament Committee: A group of personnel at Little League International in whom is placed (by the Little League International Board of Directors) the responsibility for the operation of the International Tournament. Members of the Tournament Committee are also the members of the Charter Committee, which are listed in the rule books.



LITTLE LEAGUE® FAST FACTS

- Little League® was founded in 1939 by Carl E. Stoltz.
- Headquartered in South Williamsport, Pa., on the 72-acre Little League International Complex, with five regional offices in the United States and four internationally.
- Approximately 2.4 million boys and girls play Little League, worldwide.
- Little Leaguers® ages range from 4 to 16.
- Little League is played in more than 80 countries and in all 50 states.
- Little League Softball® was officially launched in 1974 with the first Little League Softball World Series also being held that year.
- The Little League Challenger Division® was created in 1989.
- The Little League Urban Initiative was established in 1999.
- The first leagues outside the United States were formed in 1950 on either side of the Panama Canal, the Pacific and Atlantic Little Leagues of Balboa.
- The first Little League Baseball® World Series night game was Aug. 24, 1992.
- Little League organizes seven World Series. The oldest is the Little League Baseball World Series, held in Williamsport, Pa., which was first played in 1947. The newest is the Little League Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division, held in Livermore, Calif., which was first played in 2013.
- The Little League Baseball World Series moved to South Williamsport in 1959 when Howard J. Lamade Stadium was opened. Prior to that, World Series games were held at "Original Field" on 4th Street in Williamsport, which is still in use today.
- The first remote-controlled scoreboard was developed for Original Little League field by Mac McClosky.
- The *World of Little League®: Peter J. McGovern Museum and Official Store* officially re-opened in 2013 after a \$4.3 million renovation. The original Peter J. McGovern Little League museum opened in 1982.
- The museum houses an extremely rare, complete uniform worn by Babe Ruth. It's the only one on display in the world.
- Former Little League President and CEO and Little League International Board of Directors Member, Dr. Creighton J. Hale, helped develop the double-ear flap batter's helmet, catcher's helmet, chest protector with throat guard, and the non-wood baseball bat.
- Current Little League President and CEO, Stephen D. Keener, is the first leader of the organization to play Little League. He played for Woolrich and Loyalsock (Pa.) Little Leagues. He is also the father of two Little League graduates and his father worked at Little League Baseball Camp.
- In 1953, Joey Jay became the first Little League graduate to play Major League Baseball.
- More than 50 confirmed Little League Baseball World Series Graduates have since gone on to play Major League Baseball. Boog Powell (1954 LLBWS) is the first to play in the MLB World Series in 1966; Ed Vosberg (1973 LLBWS), Jason Varitek (1984 LLBWS), and Michael Conforto (2004 LLBWS) are the only three to also play in the MLB and College World Series; Yusmeiro Petit (1994 LLBWS) is the only to be on teams that have won both Little League Baseball and MLB World Series (2014 with the San Francisco Giants). In 2015, Lloyd McClendon (1971 LLBWS) and Kevin Cash (1989 LLBWS) became the first two LLBWS graduates to manage against each other in an MLB game, and Todd Frazier (1998 LLBWS) became the first to win the MLB Home Run Derby (2015).
- The first official Little League commemorative pin was created in 1983 and was in the form of a hot air balloon, a staple attraction of the World Series during that time.
- In 1948, U.S. Rubber, the maker of Keds, became Little League's first national sponsor. That sponsorship led to the development of rubber-molded cleats, now used worldwide for many outdoor sports.
- Little League mascot, Dugout, was created by Disney "Imagineers" and debuted at the 1985 Little League World Series.
- Mo'ne Davis became the first female Little League Baseball World Series participant to win a game as a pitcher in 2014.
- In 2015, the Little League Baseball World Series Total Attendance record was broken at 469,964 fans.
- The 2016 Great Lakes Region Championship was the first ever Little League Baseball Regional game to be played at Howard J. Lamade Stadium.
- There are 56 members of the Little League Hall of Excellence, including the three newest members who were enshrined in 2017 (Angel Macias, Champ Pederson, and Sydney Leroux) and Baseball Commissioner Robert D. Manfred, Jr., who was enshrined in January 2018.
- There are 23 confirmed members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame who have played Little League Baseball.



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1938: Williamsport, Pa., resident Carl E. Stotz gathered neighborhood children during the summer and devised the first rules and field dimensions for his planned boys' baseball program.

1939: Little League Baseball® is founded by Mr. Stotz who enlists help from others in the community; The first three teams are named after their sponsors: Lycoming Dairy, Lundy Lumber, and Jumbo Pretzel; The first game is held on June 6, played in a vacant lot near the outfield fence of present-day Bowman Field in Williamsport.

1940: A new playing site is used near the original field; A second league is formed in Williamsport, modeled on Mr. Stotz's pilot program; Rosters are limited by guidelines outlining the area from which the leagues can draw players, a process that continues today.

1941: The need for workers and war material slow the growth of Little League® as the nation prepares for war; The field is taken over for war production and the operation of "Original Little League" moves to Max M. Brown Memorial Park.

1942: Mr. Stotz creates the "keystone" logo of Little League and becomes the symbol for Little League Baseball; Ed Yonkin pitches the first no-hitter in Little League history, leading Lundy Lumber over Stein's Service.

1943: A home run fence is added to Original Little League field; Until that time, all home runs were "inside-the-park".

1945: Mac McCloskey builds the world's first remote-controlled, electronic scoreboard for Original Little League Field; A game at Original Little League in Williamsport is suspended, Aug. 14, 1945, after it is announced at the field that World War II has ended.

1946: Little League Baseball expands to 12 leagues, all in Pennsylvania.

1947: Hammonton, N.J., boasts having the first Little League outside of Pennsylvania; The first Little League Baseball World Series (known as the National Little League Tournament) is won by the Maynard Middlets of Williamsport; Allen "Sonny" Yearick, who played in the first Little League game for Lycoming Dairy in 1939, is the first Little League graduate to play professional baseball in the Boston Braves organization.

1948: Little League grows to 94 leagues; Lock Haven, Pa., wins the second Little League Baseball World Series (LLBWS), defeating a team from St. Petersburg, Fla.; U.S. Rubber (now Uniroyal) becomes the first corporate sponsor of Little League.

1949: Little League expands to 307 leagues in the U.S.; A feature article about Little League in the *Saturday Evening Post* spreads the Little League story to more than 14 million people; Newsreels highlighting the 1948 LLBWS are seen by millions more, and Mr. Stotz, who had been named Little League's President, is deluged by requests for information on starting a program in hundreds of communities; Little League moves to protect its name by incorporating in the state of New York.

1950: The shortest LLBWS game, lasting exactly one hour, is played between Hagerstown, Md., and Kankakee, Ill.; The first leagues outside the U.S. are formed at each end of the Panama Canal.

1951: The first Canadian Little League is formed in British Columbia; Little League grows to 776 programs.

1952: Peter J. McGovern becomes the first full-time President of Little League Baseball; Baseball immortal Connie Mack is a visitor to the LLBWS; Little League expands to more than 1,500 programs; a team from Montreal, Canada is the first non-U.S. team to play in the LLBWS.

1953: The LLBWS is televised for the first time by CBS; Howard Cosell handles the play-by-play for ABC radio; Birmingham, Ala., defeats Schenectady, N.Y., 1-0, in one of only two 1-0 finals in LLBWS history; Joey Jay, who played Little League in Middletown, Conn., becomes the first former Little League® to reach the Major Leagues when he plays his first game on July 21 for the Milwaukee Braves.

1954: Little League Baseball expands to more than 3,300 leagues; Future MLB players Boog Powell (Lakeland, Fla.), Ken Hubbs (Colton, Calif.), and Billy Connors (Schenectady, N.Y.) all play in the LLBWS.

1955: Baseball great Cy Young makes the last of his five annual visits to the LLBWS before his death in September; Mr. Stotz is a pallbearer at his funeral; Morrisville, Pa., defeats Delaware Township, N.J., 4-3, in seven innings, marking the first extra-inning LLBWS Championship Game; A player for the New Jersey team is Billy Hunter, who would go on to play football for the Washington Redskins and Miami Dolphins,



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and would become executive director for the NBA Players Association; Little League is now played in all 48 states; Nine-year-old George W. Bush plays his first of four years at Central Little League of Midland, Texas, where he is a catcher on the Cubs. He later becomes the first Little League graduate to be elected President of the United States.

1956: An out-of-court settlement of a dispute with the Little League International Board of Directors ends with Mr. Stotz severing ties with the organization he founded; The Little League Foundation is created; Fred Shapiro of Delaware Township, N.J., pitches the first perfect game in the Little League Baseball World Series; Little League grows to more than 4,000 leagues; The first Little League International Congress takes place in Chicago.

1957: Monterrey, Mexico, the first Latin American representative, becomes the first non-U.S. team to win the Little League Baseball World Series as Angel Macias pitches the first perfect game in a championship final.

1958: Monterrey, Mexico, becomes the first Little League to win consecutive LLBWS championships.

1959: Dr. Creighton J. Hale, then Director of Research for Little League Baseball, develops the protective batter's helmet; The LLBWS is played for the first time at its present site in the borough of South Williamsport; Little League Baseball now has more than 5,000 leagues; The second week of June is proclaimed National Little League Week by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

1960: The first European entry in the Little League World Series is Berlin, Germany; The Little League International administration building is completed and visited by Sen. Lyndon Johnson, a candidate for U.S. vice president; The World Series final is broadcast live on television for the first time by the American Broadcasting Company (ABC).

1961: Senior League Baseball is created for players 13 to 15 years old; Brian Sipe, later a quarterback for the Cleveland Browns, plays for the World Series Champions from El Cajon, Calif.; More than 5,500 teams participate in Little League.

1962: Little League Summer Camp opens in Williamsport; Jackie Robinson is inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame and is a guest at the LLBWS; National Little League Week is proclaimed by President John F. Kennedy; A

representative from the Far East makes its first appearance in the LLBWS, a team from Tokyo, Japan.

1963: ABC and its Wide World of Sports program televises the LLBWS Championship Game for the first time, with Chris Schenkel calling the play-by-play; It becomes the longest-running sporting event on a single network.

1964: U.S. Congress grants Little League Baseball a Charter of Federal Incorporation.

1965: Venezuela and Spain are represented in the LLBWS for the first time.

1966: Little League Baseball's first regional headquarters, the Southern Region Headquarters, opens in St. Petersburg, Fla.; The LLBWS Championship Game is broadcast in color for the first time on ABC Wide World of Sports.

1967: West Tokyo, Japan, becomes the first Asian team to win the LLBWS; Baseball great Ted Williams is an announcer for ABC.

1968: The old wooden stands at Howard J. Lamade Memorial Field are replaced with concrete, and the venue is renamed Howard J. Lamade Stadium; Big League Baseball for players 16-18 years old is started; Turk Schonert, future NFL quarterback, is a member of the Garden Grove, Calif., team in the LLBWS.

1969: The Western Regional Headquarters of Little League Baseball in San Bernardino, Calif., is opened; Newberry Little League participates in the World Series, becoming the first Williamsport-area team to play in the LLBWS since 1948; Chinese Taipei wins its first LLBWS title.

1970: The Canadian Headquarters of Little League Baseball opens in Ottawa, Ontario.

1971: Lloyd McClendon, who would become a Major Leaguer, hits five home runs in five at-bats during the LLBWS for Gary, Ind.; A Little League State Center opens in Waco, Texas; Howard J. Lamade Stadium is expanded to increase seating capacity to 10,000; The aluminum bat, developed in cooperation with Little League, is first used.

1973: Dr. Creighton J. Hale is elected President of Little League Baseball, only the second full-time president in 35 years; Future Major Leaguer Ed Vosberg plays in the LLBWS for the runner-up team from Tucson, Ariz., and goes on to become the first person to participate in the LLBWS, College World Series (University of



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Arizona, champions, 1980) and Major League World Series (Florida Marlins, champions, 1997).

1974: Little League Baseball rules are revised to allow participation by girls, following the New Jersey Supreme Court's order to admit girls into Little Leagues in that state; Little League Softball® programs are created.

1975: Non-U.S. teams are barred from advancing beyond regional play because of an over-emphasis on tournament play; Lakewood, N.J., defeats Belmont Heights of Tampa, Fla., 4-3, in the final.

1976: Baseball Hall of Famers Joe DiMaggio, Ernie Banks, and Bob Gibson are LLBWS guests as Chofu, Japan wins that country's third championship.

1979: Junior League Baseball is created for 13-year-olds; Future Major Leaguers Dwight Gooden, Floyd Youmans, and Vance Lovelace play for Belmont Heights (Tampa, Fla.) team in the Senior League Baseball World Series in Gary, Ind.

1980: George H.W. Bush, a former Little League coach, throws out the first pitch for the LLBWS Championship Game three months before being elected as United States Vice President; Gary Sheffield and Derek Bell, future Major Leaguers, play for Belmont Heights (Tampa, Fla.) in the LLBWS.

1981: Derek Bell returns with Belmont Heights, becoming the first Major League player to have played in two LLBWS.

1982: The Peter J. McGovern Little League Museum opens at Little League International; Big League Softball is started for players 16 to 18 years old; Future Major Leaguer Wilson Alvarez plays for the Maracaibo, Venezuela team in the Series; Kirkland, Wash., defeats Chinese Taipei, 6-0, before a then-World Series record crowd of 40,000 as Cody Webster tosses a two-hitter in the final game, ending Chinese Taipei's 31-game winning streak in South Williamsport.

1983: Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn throws the ceremonial first pitch at the LLBWS Championship Game and music star Chuck Mangione plays the Dominican Republic National Anthem; Dr. Creighton Hale is appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Little League; Little League creates its first official Little League World Series pin.

1984: Future Major Leaguer Jason Varitek plays in the LLBWS, he will become the second person to play in the Little League, College, and Major League Baseball World Series; Peter J. McGovern, Little League International Board of Directors Chairman for more than 30 years, dies on June 30.

1985: For the first time, ABC-TV carries the LLBWS Championship Game live on Wide World of Sports; For the first time in baseball history, ABC mounts a micro-miniature camera on the mask of the home plate umpire Frank Rizzo.

1986: Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth visits the LLBWS; Bill Shea, president of the Little League Foundation and the namesake of New York's Shea Stadium, throws the ceremonial first pitch.

1988: Tom Seaver, graduate of Spartan Little League in Fresno, Calif., is the first enshrinee of the Little League Hall of Excellence.

1989: Little League Baseball celebrates its 50th anniversary; Poland received four certificates of charter for the first Little League programs in a former Eastern-Bloc country, delivered in person by President George Bush; Trumbull (Conn.) National Little League becomes the first U.S. team to win the LLBWS since 1983 before a crowd of 45,000; Future NHL star, Olympian, and Little League International Board of Directors Member, Chris Drury, pitches for Trumbull; Little League announces the launch of the Little League Challenger Division® for physical and/or intellectually challenged children.

1990: Little League is now enjoyed by children in 39 countries; Chinese Taipei regains the championship of the LLBWS with a 9-0 victory over Shippensburg, Pa.

1992: Carl E. Stotz, founder of Little League, dies; The LLBWS undergoes a series of changes: A "pool" format is adopted in which each team is assured a minimum of three games in World Series play, a state-of-the-art Musco Sports Lighting System is installed at the Howard J. Lamade Stadium and the first LLBWS night game is played, Long Beach (Calif.) Little League is named LLBWS Champion following the disqualification of Zamboanga (Philippines) City Little League; Guests at the Series include former Little Leaguers Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, George Will, Tom Selleck, and Vice President Dan Quayle.



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1993: Long Beach becomes the first U.S. league to win consecutive LLBWS championships; Long Beach is led for a second year by future MLBer Sean Burroughs, who pitches two no-hitters in the LLBWS.

1994: Stephen D. Keener becomes the first Little League graduate to be named president of Little League, succeeding Dr. Creighton J. Hale; After a record 3:06 rain delay, Coquivacoa Little League of Maracaibo, Venezuela, becomes the first Latin American team to win the LLBWS since 1958.

1995: Hall of Famer Stan Musial throws the first pitch for the LLBWS.

1996: Little League celebrates the 50th LLBWS; Little League's first full-service Regional Headquarters outside the U.S. is opened in Kutno, Poland; The Little League Education Program for Managers and Coaches is launched; The John W. Lundy Little League Conference Center is dedicated at Little League International.

1997: Little League debuts its Child Protection Program aimed at keeping child molesters out of the program; For the first time, Little League Baseball U.S. Regional Championship Games are televised nationally on ESPN2; The Chinese Taipei Baseball Association decides leagues in Chinese Taipei will not charter with Little League, but re-charters in 2003.

1999: The number of countries with Little League programs hits 100 for the first time as Burkina-Faso joins; Junior League Softball is launched; Little League begins the first capital campaign in the program's history, to raise \$20 million for a variety of projects; The Little League Urban Initiative program is launched to help develop baseball and softball programs in underprivileged areas.

2000: Fraser Valley of British Columbia wins Canada's first Little League World Series, taking the Big League Baseball title.

2001: Construction is completed on Volunteer Stadium in time for the expansion of the 55th LLBWS to 16 teams; George W. Bush becomes the first U.S. President to visit the LLBWS; Little League International personnel constructs a special field as President Bush invites Little League Tee Ball teams to the White House for three historic baseball games on the South Lawn. A fourth game, scheduled for Sept. 16, is postponed because of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. Firefighter Michael Cammarata (1991 Little League Baseball World Series participant

for South Shore Little League of Staten Island, N.Y.) perishes in the attack at the World Trade Center.

2002: Little League's "Honoring Our Hometown Heroes" program is launched, paying homage to law enforcement personnel, firefighters, military personnel, and local heroes in thousands of communities worldwide; The Little League Parent Orientation Program is debuted; In the Junior League Softball Division, Windmills Little League of Utrecht, Netherlands, becomes the first European team to win a Softball World Series.

2003: In the latest phase of the Little League Child Protection Program, leagues are now required to conduct background checks on certain volunteers; A team from Africa (Cape Town, South Africa) is the first from that continent to advance to a World Series, earning a berth in the Big League Baseball World Series in Easley, S.C.

2004: The inaugural Little League Urban Initiative Jamboree is held at Little League International, as eight teams from several states spend a four-day weekend in Williamsport; Jack Losch, center fielder for Maynard Midgets, the first LLBWS championship team in 1947, passes away; Pabao Little League of Willemstad, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, featuring future Major Leaguers, Jurickson Profar and Jonathan Schoop, becomes the seventh country and first Caribbean champion to win the LLBWS; Vice President Dick Cheney attends the LLBWS; For the first time in LLBWS competition, two girls play in the same World Series.

2005: Little League International creates a League Development department to aid in the chartering of new Little Leagues; Little League partners with non-profit organization, Pitch In for Baseball, to provide equipment donation assistance to chartered Little League programs in the hurricane-affected Gulf Coast Region.

2006: The inaugural Little League World Challenger Jamboree is held in Norfolk, Va.; LLBWS participants and Little League Hall of Excellence Enshrinees, Chris Drury (1989) and Krissy Wendell (1994) compete for the U.S. men's and women's ice hockey teams in the winter Olympics for the second time; A new league age determination date goes into effect for Little League Baseball; Fences at the two World Series stadiums in South Williamsport are moved from 205 feet to 225 feet.



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2007: The pitch count becomes a part of Little League Baseball; For the first time, Japan's national champion receives an automatic berth to the LLBWS. Little League International and ESPN sign an eight-year television contract, which provides for continued coverage of the LLBWS on ESPN's family of networks, and expands the coverage of Little League's seven other World Series tournaments; The contract also allows Little League International to lower charter fees and provide the first 80 volunteer background checks free of charge for each of its chartered leagues.

2008: Little League creates a free on-line resource center for Little League managers and coaches, the Little League Coach Resource Center, LittleLeagueCoach.org; The "Tee Ball on the South Lawn" program plays its final three games, which includes the first international game with the invitation of a team from San Juan, Puerto Rico; Another highlight for this program was the first "all-star" game in which one representative from all 50 United States and Washington, D.C., played. A player from that "all-star" game, Blake Money, will go on to play in the 2013 and 2014 LLBWS for South Nashville (Tenn.) Little League; The New England Sports Network (NESN) and Madison Square Garden Network (MSG) enter into an agreement with Little League International to become the first regional sports networks to televise early-round games of the Little League International regional tournament; The Transatlantic Region at the LLBWS is discontinued in favor of separate Europe and Middle East and Africa (MEA) Region designations; Orthopedic surgeon, Dr. James Andrews of Birmingham, Ala., the world's foremost authority on pitching-related injuries, is elected to the Little League International Board of Directors; Breakaway bases become mandatory in Little League play.

2009: Little League International completed a renovation project on the Administration building in South Williamsport, Pa., adding approximately 12,000 square feet of additional office space to the building; Warner Robins, Ga., was selected as the site of the new Little League Southeastern Region Headquarters; Little League International and the National Pro Fastpitch (NPF) Softball League established a program with additional training and education resources to expand awareness and opportunities for girls who play in the various divisions of Little League Softball; Little League Southwest Region Headquarters in Waco, Texas, was renamed in honor of President George W. Bush.

2010: A pilot baseball program, the 50/70 Division, for 12- and 13-year-olds is introduced that features a 50-foot pitching distance and 70-foot base paths; The format for play in the first round of the LLBWS was changed from pool play to double-elimination; The Little League Urban Initiative holds four state Jamborees which were held in Newark, N.J., Houston, Chicago, and Atlanta; The dedication of the Southeastern Region Headquarters in Warner Robins is held on June 12; Pitching rules for baseball are changed so the tournament and regular-season rules are the same with the number of days of rest increased; Video replay at the LLBWS is expanded; Japan breaks a five-year run by U.S. teams winning the LLBWS title game over Hawaii, 4-1; The Umpire Resource Center is developed giving umpires a place on the Little League web site to find informational and training resources.

2011: ESPN 3D airs LLBWS games for the first time; A five-year study on the use of the curve ball and arm injuries for youth baseball players by the University of North Carolina concludes the primary cause of arm injuries is overuse and they could find no proof the curve ball is any more dangerous than any other pitch; a grant from the Yawkey Foundations made the study possible; A re-dedication ceremony at the Little League Western Region Headquarters Complex in San Bernardino, Calif., during the Little League baseball regional tournaments completes a two-year renovation project at the complex made possible by a grant from the Easton Foundations; The Little League Foundation, established in 1955, is dissolved after playing a major role in keeping Little League financially solvent while assisting with the growth of the youth baseball and softball organization since its inception; Senior League Baseball is expanded to ages 13-16 and Big League Baseball to ages 15-18; The Challenger Exhibition Game is televised for the first time by WVIA, the Central Pennsylvania public television station, with the support of the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania.

2012: Dr. Davie Jane Gilmour is elected Chairman of the Little League International Board of Directors, making her the first female to ever hold this position; The Lugazi, Uganda, team that participated in the 2012 LLBWS became the first team to represent the country of Africa; Little League introduced a registration and marketing "Tool Kit," along with related website; The first series of "regional roundtables" were held, as district representatives gathered to discuss the rules and regulations that govern the Little League program.



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2013: The Little League Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division officially launches, with Japan winning the inaugural World Series in Livermore, Calif.; The Little League Tee Ball program is re-launched to focus on fun, fitness and fundamentals; *The World of Little League: Peter J. McGovern Museum and Official Store* opens after a \$4.3 million renovation; The Big League Softball World Series relocated to Lower Sussex, Del.; The Challenger Little League Baseball World Jamboree is renamed in honor of long-time volunteer Jake Hardison; The LLBWS regions are realigned, creating a direct-entry for Australia; Perth Metro Central Little League becomes the first team from Australia to play in the LLBWS; A team from the Czech Republic wins their way to South Williamsport, the first trip to the LLBWS for that country; Little League agrees to a new, eight-year multi-platform rights extension with ESPN.

2014: Little League International celebrates its 75th year anniversary with Little League Big Legacy Project, featuring a Vignette Series produced by ESPN and a one-hour documentary made by WVIA which was narrated by legendary baseball broadcaster Vin Scully; Mo'ne Davis of Taney Youth Baseball Association Little League becomes the first female pitcher at the LLBWS to win a game after throwing a shutout in the team's first appearance; Little League International holds its 26th Congress at the Hilton Minneapolis in Minneapolis, Minn.; Former Little League President and CEO, Dr. Creighton Hale, retires from the Little League International Board of Directors after 60 years of service; Perth Metro Northern Little League picks up Australia's first ever victory in a LLBWS with a 10-1 win over South Moravia Little League.

2015: LLBWS sets total attendance record with 469,964 fans; Little League International Board of Directors decides to change the Age Determination Date for all divisions of Little League Baseball and the Little League Challenger Division to August 31 while approving to grandfather the four months of children born between May 1 and August 31, 2005, for the 2018 season, so that no child will lose their 12-year-old season of Little League Baseball; Little League Baseball and Softball announces \$4 million Grow the Game Initiative to help local Little League programs grow the game in their communities by providing financial assistance to these programs; Little League University, an online destination for training and education, launches; Former Little League graduate Rob Manfred officially named MLB Commissioner; Little League teams up with MLB and ESPN for Sunday Nights in the Park where each Sunday, a local Little League program appeared on a live segment of ESPN's

Baseball Tonight Sunday Night Countdown as well as part of the broadcast on ESPN's Sunday Night Baseball; Little League Coach Pitch Program created to provide volunteer managers and coaches in the Little League Minor Baseball Division with the appropriate direction to organize and efficiently operate practices throughout the season; Russell Athletic launches first-of-its kind uniform combinations for the LLBWS in honor of the 75th Anniversary; a hat worn by Babe Ruth on his 1934 tour of Japan is added to the complete uniform in the *World of Little League Peter J. McGovern Museum and Official Store*, making it the only complete Babe Ruth uniform on display in the world.

2016: Little League International, in cooperation with Major League Baseball's inaugural "PLAY BALL Weekend," hosts PLAY BALL Day where children ages seven to 14 had the chance to participate in special skill-developing activities and other baseball and softball-related games on Howard J. Lamade and Volunteer Stadiums; Little League partners with Major League Baseball Advanced Media (MLBAM) to provide great content during Little League International Tournament games throughout the month of August; The use of video replay is extended to use at every televised Little League Baseball Regional and World Series game; The Little League International Board of Directors approves the decision to restructure the teenage divisions, eliminating the Big League Divisions of baseball and softball and capping participation in Little League programs at 16; Little League Baseball Great Lakes Regional Championship game played at Howard J. Lamade Stadium due to inclement weather in Indianapolis, marking the first ever regional championship game to be played at the Little League International Complex.

2017: First ever MLB Little League Classic took place at Bowman Field between the Pittsburgh Pirates and St. Louis Cardinals; MLB and Little League announce official partnership to continue fostering interest and encouraging participation in youth-centered baseball and softball activities; Zionsville, Ind., was officially selected as the new location for the Central Region Headquarters; Former Little League President and CEO Dr. Creighton J. Hale passes away at the age of 93; Davie Jane Gilmour, Ph.D., concludes tenure after five years as Chairman of the Little League International Board of Directors; Hugh E. Tanner takes over as new Chairman; Steven P. Johnson appointed as Chairman Elect.



DIVISIONS OF PLAY

Little League® provides an organized youth sports program for all children. Charter fees are \$10 per team, per year with rulebooks and organizational material provided free. In order to determine which division a child can play in, parents are encouraged to utilize the League Age Calculator at LittleLeague.org/AgeCalculator.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL®

TEE BALL for children 4-7 years old who want to learn the fundamentals of hitting and fielding. Players hit a ball off a batting tee. Rules may be varied to accommodate for teaching.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL is for players ages 5-12. Divisions may be established within the Minor League for "machine pitch," "coach-pitch," or "player-pitch." The diamond used is a 60-foot diamond and the pitching distance is 46 feet.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL® (or the Major Division) is for children 9 to 12 years old, with an annual World Series in South Williamsport, Pa., for 11- and 12-year-olds. The diamond used is a 60-foot diamond and the pitching distance is 46 feet.

LITTLE LEAGUE INTERMEDIATE (50/70) BASEBALL DIVISION, launched in 2013 for 11- to 13-year-olds, the division utilizes a 50-foot pitching distance and 70-foot base paths and offers a transition for players between the standard Little League field size and the Junior/Senior League field size.

JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL created in 1981, is for 12- to 14-year-olds. The division uses a conventional size field, but leagues are allowed to use an intermediate size diamond during the regular season. The Junior League Baseball World Series is held in Taylor, Mich.

SENIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL started in 1961, it is Little League's oldest division and is designed for players 13 to 16 years old, using a conventional size field. Starting in 2017, the Senior League World Series will be held in Easley, S.C.

SECOND SEASON (Training and Development Program) for baseball and softball, the rules are somewhat relaxed, providing a more instructional atmosphere. Second Season programs can be operated indoors. Local Little Leagues may operate a Second Season program with no additional Charter or insurance fee.

LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL®

TEE BALL SOFTBALL is for girls 4-7 years old who want to learn the fundamentals of hitting and fielding. Players hit a ball off a batting tee. Rules may be varied to accommodate for teaching.

MINOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL is for girls ages 5-12 (or 6-year-olds with one year of Tee Ball). Divisions may include "machine pitch," "coach pitch," and "player pitch." Minor divisions play with an 11-inch ball and on a diamond that has 60-foot basepaths and 35-foot pitching distance.

LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL®, launched in 1974 and is for girls 9 to 12 years old. The diamond used is 60-foot basepaths and a 40-foot pitching distance. The Little League Softball World Series is played in Portland, Ore.

JUNIOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL is for 12- to 14-year-olds, with its inaugural season in 1999. Rules are similar to the National Federation of State High School Associations. The diamond used is 60-foot basepaths and 43-foot pitching distance. The Junior League Softball World Series is held in Kirkland, Wash.

SENIOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL began in 1974. It is for girls 13 to 16 years old, with its World Series held in Lower Sussex, Del. The diamond used is 60-foot basepaths and a 43-foot pitching distance.

BOYS SOFTBALL began in 2000. It has age groups similar to those of the girls softball divisions.



ADDITIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE® PROGRAMS

LITTLE LEAGUE CHALLENGER DIVISION®

The Little League Challenger Division was created in 1989 to enable youth with physical and intellectual challenges, ages 4-18, or up to age 22 if still enrolled in high school, the opportunity to enjoy the game of baseball along with the millions of other children who participate in this sport worldwide. In 2014, the Senior League Challenger Division was created to offer the same opportunity to anyone over the age of 15, with no upper age limit. Players, ages 15-to-18, have the option to play in either the Challenger Division or in the Senior League.

Teams are set up according to abilities, rather than age, and can include as many as 15-20 players. Challenger games can be played as tee ball games, coach pitch, player pitch, or a combination of the three. Today, more than 30,000 children participate in more than 900 Challenger Divisions worldwide.

In a Challenger game, each player gets a chance to bat. The side is retired when the offense has batted through the roster, when a pre-determined number of runs have been scored, or when three outs are recorded. Little League recommends that no score be kept during Challenger games. The Challenger players wear the same uniforms, shoulder patches, and safety equipment as other Little League players. The Senior League Challenger Division is played on a 90-foot diamond and continues to be a non-competitive division.

One of the benefits of the Challenger Division is that it encourages the use of "buddies" for the Challenger players. The buddies assist the Challenger players on the field, but whenever possible, encourage the players to bat and make plays themselves. However, the buddy is always nearby to help when needed.



LITTLE LEAGUE URBAN INITIATIVE

The Little League® Urban Initiative, established in 1999, is a component of Little League Baseball and Softball and is currently operating with more than 220 leagues in nearly 90 cities in the United States. The Little League Urban Initiative has stimulated the participation of 4,000 teams, which equals out to approximately 52,000 players, and has participated in nearly 30 field renovation and development projects. The Little League Urban Initiative provides assistance packages for eligible leagues that aid the local volunteer group with equipment acquisition, capital improvement cash grants, field development and renovation, access to Little League Baseball and Softball Education and Training programs, advocacy, and networking.



2018 AGE DETERMINATION CHART - BASEBALL DIVISION

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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2005	2005	2005	2005					2004	2004	2004	2004	13
2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2003	2003	2003	2003	14
2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2002	2002	2002	2002	15
2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2001	2001	2001	2001	16

NOTE: This age chart is for **BASEBALL DIVISIONS ONLY**, and only for 2018.

2018 AGE DETERMINATION CHART - SOFTBALL DIVISION

2018 Little League® Age Chart FOR SOFTBALL 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
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	4
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	5
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	6
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	7
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	8
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	9
2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	10
2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	11
2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	12
2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	13
2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	14
2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	15
2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	16

NOTE: This age chart is for **SOFTBALL DIVISIONS ONLY**, and only for 2018.



THE INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Each Little League® season concludes with International Tournament play for Little Leaguers® in seven divisions. The tournament trail begins in early June and leads to seven World Series tournaments in July and August.

The oldest, and best-known, championship tournament is the annual Little League Baseball® World Series held in late August in Williamsport, Pa. These games are held in Howard J. Lamade Stadium and Little League Volunteer Stadium.

The other six World Series tournaments are held at sites across the United States during the week or weeks prior to the Little League Baseball World Series. It is the culmination of many weeks of local league play and provides participants with the opportunity to travel, make new friends, and engage in friendly competition-activities few other summer programs provide.

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

Double-elimination is played at most levels of the Little League International Tournament, which includes a full tournament structure in seven divisions of baseball and softball.

The tournament is under the direction and authority of the Little League International Tournament Committee in Williamsport, Pa. Members of the Tournament Committee are:

Chairman Patrick W. Wilson (International Tournament Director, Senior Vice President of Operations and Program Development),

Stephen D. Keener (President and Chief Executive Officer),

Nick Caringi (Senior Assistant Tournament Director, Senior Director of Operations and Education),

Demiko Ervin (Director of the Urban Initiative),

Jamie Joy (Manager of Operations),

Daniel Kirby (Vice President of Risk Management),

Sam Ranck (Assistant Tournament Director and Director of the Challenger Division/League Development Manager);

Brent Stahlnecker (Assistant Director of Risk Management and Insurance Operations);

Sara Thompson (Director of Softball Development),

Daniel Vette (Senior Tournament Director, Senior Director of Regional Operations and League Development).

DIFFERENT LEVELS OF PLAY

District: This is the first level of play. Most district tournaments begin around the first week of July, lasting from one to three weeks. Some large districts, or those made up of widely dispersed teams, play in area tournaments before advancing to a district final or semifinal. Some district tournaments are played in a modified Olympic Pool Play format.

State, Province, or Country: This is the next major level of play. However, in some states, provinces, or countries where there are many leagues, a sub-tournament is played, usually referred to as Sectionals. State, provincial, or national tournaments are generally played around the last week of July or the first week of August. Most of these tournaments are played in a standard double-elimination format.

Region: This is the third level. However, there may be one or two pre-regional tournaments (Section or Division Tournaments) played in some areas before advancing to the regional level. Regional tournaments are usually played in the first or second week of August. Most are double-elimination, but a few use the modified Olympic Pool Play Format.

World Series: This is the final level of tournament play. There are seven World Series tournaments: Little League Baseball®, Little League Intermediate (50/70) Baseball, Junior League Baseball, Senior League Baseball, Little League Softball®, Junior League Softball, and Senior League Softball.

TOURNAMENT FUN FACTS

- More than 6,500 teams, approximately 6,000 teams in the U.S., begin the tournaments in the Little League Baseball division. About 5,500 are eliminated in the first three weeks of play.
- About 43,000 games are played in seven divisions leading up to the various World Series tournaments. More than 16,000 of those games are played in the Little League division, the equivalent of more than six Major League Baseball seasons.



2018 LITTLE LEAGUE® WORLD SERIES INFORMATION

Little League Baseball®

Age: 10- to 12-year-olds

Location: South Williamsport, Pa.

Dates: August 16-26, 2018

Stadium: Lamade/Volunteer Stadiums

- 60th season in South Williamsport

- 72nd season overall

Tournament Director: Patrick Wilson;

pwilson@LittleLeague.org

Website: *LLBWS.org*

Little League® Intermediate (50/70) Baseball

Age: 11- to 13-year-olds

Location: Livermore, Calif.

Dates: July 29-August 5, 2018

Stadium: Max Baer Park

- Sixth season in Livermore;

- Sixth season overall

Tournament Director: Dave Wetmore;

dswetmore1@yahoo.com

Website: *IntermediateWorldSeries.org*

Junior League Baseball

Age: 12- to 14-year-olds

Location: Taylor, Mich.

Dates: August 12-19, 2018

Stadium: Heritage Park

- 38th season in Taylor;

- 38th season overall

Tournament Director: Greg Bzura;

bgregbz@att.net

Website: *CityOfTaylor.com/WorldSeries*

Senior League Baseball

Age: 13- to 16-year-olds

Location: Easley, S.C.

Dates: July 28-August 4, 2018

Stadium: J.B. "Red" Owens Recreation Complex

- Second season in Easley

- 58th season overall

Tournament Director: Kimber Nelson;

slbws.easley@gmail.com

Website(s): *SLBWS.org*

Little League Softball®

Age: 10- to 12-year-olds

Location: Portland, Ore.

Dates: August 8-15, 2018

Stadium: Alpenrose Stadium

- 25th season in Portland

- 45th season overall

Tournament Director: Bob Hudlow;

rpnahud@comcast.net

Website: *LLSWS.org*

Junior League Softball

Age: 12- to 14-year-olds

Location: Kirkland, Wash.

Dates: July 29-August 4, 2018

Stadium: Everest Park

- 20th season in Kirkland;

- 20th season overall

Tournament Director: John Chadwick;

chad98006@comcast.net

Website: *LittleLeagueJSWS.com*

Senior League Softball

Age: 13- to 16-year-olds

Location: Lower Sussex, Del.

Dates: July 30-August 5, 2018

Stadium: Pyle Center

- 18th season in Lower Sussex;

- 43rd season overall

Tournament Director: Martin Donovan;

martinbdonovan@aol.com

Website: *SeniorSoftballWS.org*



2017 LITTLE LEAGUE® WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL® WORLD SERIES

2017 CHAMPION: Japan Region - Tokyo Kitasuna Little League (Japan)

The 71st Little League Baseball® World Series was played Aug. 17-27 in South Williamsport, Pa. Tokyo Kitasuna Little League of the Japan Region defeated Lufkin (Texas) Little League of the Southwest Region, 12-2, in five innings in the championship game.

LITTLE LEAGUE INTERMEDIATE (50/70) BASEBALL WORLD SERIES

2017 CHAMPION: Puerto Rico Region - Radames Lopez Little League (Guayama, P.R.)

The fifth Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division World Series was played July 30 to August 6 in Livermore, Calif. Radames Lopez Little League (Guayama, Puerto Rico) of the Puerto Rico Region defeated Freehold (N.J.) Township Little League of the East Region, 6-5, in the championship game.

JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES

2017 CHAMPION: Asia-Pacific Region - Shing-Ming Junior Little League (Taoyuan City, Chinese Taipei)

The 37th Junior League Baseball World Series was played Aug. 13-20 in Taylor, Mich. Shing-Ming Junior Little League (Taoyuan City, Chinese Taipei) of the Asia-Pacific Region defeated Kennett Square (Pa.) KAU Little League of the East Region, 12-1, in five innings in the championship game.

SENIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES

2017 CHAMPION: Latin America Region - Aguadulce Cabezera Little League (Aguadulce, Panama)

The 57th Senior League Baseball World Series was played July 29 to Aug. 5 in Easley, S.C. marking the first time the tournament was played in that city. Aguadulce (Panama) Cabezera Little League of the Latin America Region defeated North Springs Little League (Coral Springs, Fla.) of the Southeast Region, 5-4, in the championship game.

LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL® WORLD SERIES

2017 CHAMPION: Southwest Region - Lake Air Little League (Waco, Texas)

The 44th Little League Softball World Series was held Aug. 9-16 in Portland, Ore. Lake Air Little League (Waco, Texas) of the Southwest Region defeated Rowan Little League (Salisbury, N.C.) of the Southeast Region, 7-2, in the championship game.

JUNIOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES

2017 CHAMPION: Central Region - Poland (Ohio) Community Little League

The 19th Junior League Softball World Series was held July 30 to Aug. 5 in Kirkland, Wash. Poland (Ohio) Community Little League of the Central Region defeated Kirkland (Wash.) American/National Little Leagues of the Host Region, 7-1, in the championship game.

SENIOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES

2017 CHAMPION: Host Region (Delaware District 3) - Georgetown (Del.) Little League

The 42nd Senior League Softball World Series was held July 31 to Aug. 6 in Lower Sussex, Del. Georgetown (Del.) Little League of the Host Region (Delaware District 3) defeated Negros Occidental Little League (Bacolod City, Philippines) of the Asia-Pacific Region, 4-0, in the championship game.



LITTLE LEAGUE® UNIVERSITY

Launched in 2015, Little League® University is designed to transform the way volunteers, league and district administrators, coaches, and parents experience learning about the Little League program.

The dedicated, user-friendly portal features customized instruction, an assortment of practice plans for all facets of the program, including District Administrators, League Presidents and local board members, umpires, coaches, and parents.

Little League University provides a one-stop online experience for all Little League volunteers and parents to receive training and educational materials.

LittleLeagueU.org is responsive and optimized to be viewed on electronic devices of all sizes.

Here are some of the materials that are available on LittleLeagueU.org:

District Administrator and their assistant(s):

- Educational and operational tools
- Assembling the District staff
- How to effectively service and manage your district
- Agenda calendar and presentations
- Best practices for administering to your district

Local League Administration:

- Marketing and promotion
- Board member training
- Description of league responsibilities
- League Resource Guide
- Best Practices for administering to your league

Managers and Coaches:

- Age-appropriate skills and drills
- Practice plans
- Player fundamentals
- Direction on how to create a positive and fun experience for players and parents
- Best practices for coaching and managing games

Umpires:

- "Basic 6," home plate and base mechanics
- Positioning instruction for two-, three-, four-umpire crews
- Situation case studies
- Umpire-In-Chief recruitment, training, and evaluation
- Best practices for pre- and post-game conferences

Parents:

- Explanation and education on Little League rules, regulations, and divisions of play
- Age determination charts and League-Age determination dates
- Volunteering in your local league
- Best practices for supporting your children, your local league; and enjoying the Little League experience



ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

League Resource Guide: Formerly known as the Chartering and Marketing Toolkit, the Local League Resource Guide provides information that will assist local leagues in their day-to-day management. All of the content has been designed and produced to help train, educate, strengthen, and grow local leagues. Each local league receives a printed copy of the Little League Resource Guide, and a digital copy is available on LittleLeagueU.org.

Tax Exemption: Little League is federally incorporated; the highest honor the federal government can accord to any organization. This incorporation offers tax-exempt status to all chartered leagues that apply for it, allowing donations to local leagues to be listed as charitable contributions.

LITTLE LEAGUE® OFFICIAL NEWSLETTERS

Along with the educational materials provided on Little League University, newsletters are sent to each of the different constituent groups within Little League.

LITTLE LEAGUER®: The oldest of the Little League newsletters, the Little Leaguer is a monthly collection of stories for anyone interested in Little League. The Little Leaguer originated as a print publication that was mailed each month and is now delivered electronically to hundreds of thousands of Little League enthusiasts and volunteer constituents.

LITTLE LEAGUE NOTEBOOK: The newest addition to the monthly newsletters, the Little League Notebook utilizes content from the Little League University website, and provides local league officials with information, best practices, and educational resources to assist in the operation of local leagues.

D.A. BULLETIN: Specifically designed for District Administrators and Assistant District Administrators, the D.A. Bulletin gives this volunteer group descriptions and explanations of the timely and pertinent information they can use to effectively operate the district. It is also an effective vehicle for sharing and communication with the local leagues.

THE PARENT CONNECTION: Targeted towards Little League parents, The Parent Connection newsletter provides parents with the information they need to ensure that their Little Leaguers have the best experience possible, while also providing a community-based resource that the whole family can be a part of.

COACH'S BOX: Being a Little League team Manager or Coach can be made more enjoyable by reviewing the content provided in the monthly Coach's Box newsletter. Drawing on the informative videos and engaging articles available on the Little League University website, the Coach's Box provides this corps of volunteers with access to resources that can make the Little League season more enjoyable for the both themselves and the children they coach.

FAIRBALL: The Fair Ball newsletter is a bi-monthly publication sent to all members of the annual Little League Registry, and is also available on the LittleLeague.org website. Fair Ball includes articles and videos from the Little League University website that discuss rules and regulations, offer best practices, encourage training, and promote recruitment.

ASAP: Safety of every Little Leaguer and the volunteers who support Little League in their community is the program's top priority. To share and promote safe practices, the ASAP (A Safety Awareness Program) newsletter is printed and mailed to each local league in the United States. An electronic version is also posted on LittleLeague.org. The bi-monthly ASAP newsletter is published six times per year, and is produced in cooperation with Little League's corporate partner, Musco Lighting.



LITTLE LEAGUE® AWARDS

Annually, Little League® recognizes several people/organizations with its awards program. The awards are presented to:

- Highlight the critical importance of volunteers at the program's grass roots level.
- Honor special children whose current participation in Little League exemplifies a positive attitude, team spirit and good sportsmanship.
- Honor distinguished graduates who serve as positive role models for children.
- Acknowledge individuals who have contributed significantly to the promotion of the ideals and goals of the Little League movement.

Nominations for the Little League International Awards are made by local leagues. Award recipients are honored during the Little League Baseball® World Series in a ceremony prior to one of the World Series games.

AIG Insurance is the sponsor of the following awards: Volunteer of the Year, Good Sport Award, Mom of the Year, and the Challenger Award.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Designed to provide local leagues the opportunity to honor a deserving individual with this prestigious distinction, the Little League® Volunteer of the Year Award was established in 1989 as a vehicle for recognizing the selfless efforts of one million volunteers at the grass-roots level of Little League Baseball and Softball.

Past Recipients

- 1989-Ed Janser, Terryville (Conn.) LL
- 1990-Robert Beberg, American LL, Concord, Calif.
- 1991-Floyd Hull, Federal LL, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
- 1992-George W. Groce, Kernersville (N.C.) LL
- 1993-John Barrow, Holbrook (Ariz.) LL
- 1994-Bob Crutchley, National LL, East Marietta, Ga.
- 1995-Lynne Humphries, Lamar LL, Richland, Texas
- 1996-Marlin Culp, Osolo LL, Elkhart, Ind.
- 1997-Wendy Covert, Saugerties (N.Y.) LL
- 1998-Sam Fleishman, American LL, Fort Myers, Fla.
- 1999-Vic Price, Great Falls (Va.) LL
- 2000-Richard Hilton, National LL, East Marietta, Ga.
- 2001-John Masucci, Lake of the Clouds LL, Ontonagon, Mich.
- 2002-Jeff Gray, Deer Park LL, Newport News, Va.
- 2003-Eloy Sutton, Oregon District 8, Central Pointe, Ore.
- 2004-Rebecca Alviso, Jourdanon (Texas) LL
- 2005-Dorothy Foster, Lionsville (Pa.) LL
- 2006-William Bryan, Georgetown (Del.) LL
- 2007-Kenny Mull, Mountaineer LL, Waynesville, N.C.
- 2008-Michael Smith, Nanticoke (Del.) LL
- 2009-Michael Shutter, North LL, Jackson, Mich.
- 2010-Mike Messick, Pennsville (N.J.) LL
- 2011-Fred Lewers, Palm Coast (Fla.) LL

- 2012-Greg Hodges, Needville (Texas) LL
- 2013-Dave Mantlo, Grand Mesa (Colo.) LL
- 2014-Ed Wilson, Midland (Mich.) Northeast LL
- 2015-John M. Murtin, Mahanoy City (Pa.) LL
- 2016-Donald "Donny" Overholser, Fort Myers (Fla.) LL
- 2017-Joe O'Connor, Braintree (Mass.) American LL

SOFTBALL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Introduced in 2016, the Little League Softball® Volunteer of the Year award was established to honor those who have provided dedicated service to developing Little League Softball programs around the world.

Past Recipients

- 2016-Suzie Garcia, Thornydale LL, Tucson, Ariz.
- 2017-Cat McDowall, Magnolia LL, Seattle, Wash.

HOWARD AND GAIL PASTER LITTLE LEAGUE® URBAN INITIATIVE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

In recognition of the vital volunteer service being performed by thousands of dedicated people in urban settings throughout the United States, Little League International created the Howard and Gail Paster Little League® Urban Initiative Volunteer of the Year Award in 2005. This award annually acknowledges a Little League volunteer who is involved with a local Little League organization that has benefited from the Little League Urban Initiative.

Mr. Paster, one of five people who served as president of the former Little League Foundation, passed away in 2011. He was the Executive Vice President, Public Relations/Public Affairs, of WPP Group. Mrs. Paster is director of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C.

Past Recipients

- 2005-Michael Alban, Ironbound American LL, Newark, N.J.
- 2006-Gaither and Rebecca Beard, North Richmond LL, Richmond, Va.
- 2007-Dr. Wilford Weber, Neartown LL, Houston, Texas
- 2008-James Wright, Yellow Jackets LL, Tampa, Fla.
- 2009-Frank Velasquez, C.H.I.L.L., Houston, Texas
- 2010-Bill Haley, Jackie Robinson West LL, Chicago, Ill.
- 2011-Kerry Cobb, Memphis (Tenn.) LL
- 2012-Linda Ruff, South Baltimore (Md.) LL
- 2013-Bob McCamey, West Dallas (Texas) LL
- 2014-Ray Bernal, San Diego (Calif.) American LL
- 2015-James Beckum, Beckum-Stapleton LL, Milwaukee, Wis.
- 2016-Ben Ravenel, North Seminole LL, Tampa, Fla.
- 2017-Joanne Jauregui, Airport LL, Sacramento, Calif.



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GOOD SPORT AWARD

The Little League® Good Sport Award provides local leagues the opportunity to recognize a Little Leaguer® who has demonstrated superior qualities of sportsmanship, leadership, a commitment to teamwork and a desire to excel. Most importantly, the criteria for selecting the recipient is in no way based on the child's playing ability or personal statistics. The award was established in 1989 to amplify the importance of Little League Baseball and Softball as a leadership training program, utilizing baseball and softball as a vehicle for instilling valuable principles in children.

Past Recipients

- 1991-Rondy Spardella, Aldine LL, Houston, Texas
- 1992-Scott Ford, Walla Walla (Wash.) LL
- 1993-Luis Rivera, Coatesville (Pa.) LL
- 1994-Joey Pitchford, Pinole (Calif.) LL
- 1995-Jose Aguire, Sunrise LL, Canoga Park, Calif.
- 1996-Tracy Theriault, Sanford-Springvale LL, Sanford, Maine
- 1997-Greg Turner, Northern LL, San Angelo, Texas
- 1998-Madison McDaniel, York County LL, Yorktown, Va.
- 1999-Zachary Dwight, Sunrise LL, Woodland Hills, Calif.
- 2000-Caitlin Neeson, Southwestern Port St. Lucie (Fla.) LL
- 2001-Robert "Bobby" Malouin, Central Country (R.I.) LL
- 2002-Taylor Thompson, Amelia LL, Beaumont, Texas
- 2003-Brianna Dudley, Northwest LL, Butte, Mont.
- 2004-Aaron Willis, West Side LL, Santa Rosa, Calif.
- 2005-Dawson Fair, National LL, Elizabethtown, Tenn.
- 2006-Cory Bowman, Dubuque (Iowa) LL
- 2007-Riley MacKnight, Southside American LL, Syracuse, NY
- 2008-Kevin Trainor, Viera Suntree LL, Melbourne, Fla.
- 2009-Dieter Miller, Golden Hill LL, Fullerton, Calif.
- 2010-Cody McCoy, Saddleback LL, Lake Forest, Calif.
- 2011-Colton Bullard, Rye (N.H.) LL
- 2012-Braeden Swiley, East Marietta LL, Marietta, Ga.
- 2013-Jaylon Fong, West Covina (Calif.) LL
- 2014-Cole Daniels, Montesano (Wash.) LL
- 2015-Alex Illes, Parkland (Fla.) LL
- 2016-Laci Carter, Dade City (Fla.) LL
- 2017-Ayden Harris, North Bothell (Wash.) LL

MOM OF THE YEAR

The Little League Mom of the Year Award was established in 1991 as a symbolic form of recognition and tribute to the millions of mothers in communities around the world who contribute their time and effort to the Little League Baseball and Softball program. Each year Little Leaguers compose an essay that

explains why their mother should be the Little League Mom of the Year. More important than the recognition received by the Mom of the Year is the true appreciation for their mother each child develops as they list in their essays the special efforts she has made on their behalf.

Past Recipients

- 1991-Lisa Parker, Anderson (W. Va.) LL
- 1992-Monique Evans, Riverside (Calif.) LL
- 1993-Theresa Wiseman, Louisville (Ky.) LL
- 1994-Donna Dahlen, Hanover (Pa.) LL
- 1995-Dee Brankley, Onancock (Va.) LL
- 1996-Julie Erskine, Storm Lake (Iowa) LL
- 1997-Melissa Teeples, American LL, Sparta, Tenn.
- 1998-Sherry Boyd, North LL, Palatine, Ill.
- 1999-Sheelah Elliott, North Clark LL, Yacolt, Wash.
- 2000-Brenda Hopper, Coventry (R.I.) LL
- 2001-Collette Nellis, Mexico (N.Y.) LL
- 2002-Susan DiPrinzio, Audubon (N.J.) LL
- 2003-Stacy Deibel, Poquoson (Va.) LL
- 2004-Debbie Esenwein, Columbiana (Ohio) Youth LL
- 2005-Alison Payne, York County LL, Yorktown, Va.
- 2006-Elaina Jurecki, American LL, San Ramon, Calif.
- 2007-Michelle Foglia, East Hampton LL, Montauk, N.Y.
- 2008-Abby Contini, Dover (Ohio) Baseball LL
- 2009-Chrissey Lisle, Apopka (Fla.) LL
- 2010-Tyler Prewitt, Eastern LL, Lexington, Ky.
- 2011-Karen Smith, Fountain Valley (Calif.) LL
- 2012-Judy Watts, Laguna Hills (Calif.) LL
- 2013-Robyn Aiken, St. Augustine (Fla.) LL
- 2014-Elizabeth (Betsy) Wilson, Orange (Calif.) LL
- 2015-Michele Manahan, Napa (Calif.) LL
- 2016-Nancy Newton, Tomball (Texas) LL
- 2017-Stephanie Moore, Central Greenbrier LL, Lewisburg, W.V.

GEORGE AND BARBARA BUSH LITTLE LEAGUE® PARENTS OF THE YEAR

The George and Barbara Bush Little League Parents of the Year Award, established in 1980, is presented annually to the parents of a Major League Baseball player who were actively involved in their son's Little League experience. More than recognition of one set of parents annually, the Parents of the Year Award is designed to be a symbolic recognition of the millions of mothers and fathers who each year answer the call of parental duty and help provide a wholesome, healthy arena for leadership training for the children of their respective communities. The award is named for former President Bush and his wife, Barbara, who were volunteers during their children's early years in Texas, and continue to support Little League today.



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Past Recipients

1981-Mr. & Mrs. Jack Schmidt (Mike Schmidt)
1982-Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Garvey (Steve Garvey)
1983-Mr. & Mrs. John Hernandez (Keith Hernandez)
1984-Mr. & Mrs. Max Palmer (Jim Palmer)
1985-Mr. & Mrs. James Carter (Gary Carter)
1986-Mr. & Mrs. Charles Murphy (Dale Murphy)
1987-Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Nolan Ryan, Sr. (Nolan Ryan)
1988-Mr. & Mrs. Orel Hershiser, Jr. (Orel Hershiser)
1989-Mr. & Mrs. Carl Yastrzemski (Carl Yastrzemski)
1990-Mr. & Mrs. Warren Scott (Mike Scott)
1991-Mr. & Mrs. Tony Drabek (Doug Drabek)
1992-Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dravecky (Dave Dravecky)
1993-Mr. & Mrs. Frank Thomas (Frank Thomas)
1994-Mr. & Mrs. John Olerud (John Olerud)
1995-Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Greenwell (Mike Greenwell)
1996-Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Mussina (Mike Mussina)
1997-Mr. & Mrs. Lee Caminiti (Ken Caminiti)
1998-Dr. John & Mrs. Ginger McGwire
(Mark McGwire)
1999-Mr. & Mrs. Charles Jeter (Derek Jeter)
2001-Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Delgado (Carlos Delgado)
2002-Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Hoffman (Trevor Hoffman)
2003-Mr. & Mrs. Joe Varitek (Jason Varitek)
2004-Mr. & Mrs. Charles Johnson, Sr. (Charles Johnson)
2005-Mr. & Mrs. Jose Valentin, Sr.
(Jose & Javier Valentin)
2006-Ms. Joyce Guy (Dontrelle Willis)
2007-Mr. & Mrs. Gene Bonderman
(Jeremy Bonderman)
2008-Mr. & Mrs. Richard Verlander
(Justin Verlander)
2009-Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Inge (Brandon Inge)
2010-Mrs. Margie Sabathia-Lanier (CC Sabathia)
2011-Mr. and Mrs. Mike Victorino (Shane Victorino)
2012-Mr. and Mrs. David Gonzalez
(Edgar & Adrian Gonzalez)
2013-Mr. and Mrs. Keith Zimmerman
(Ryan Zimmerman)
2014-Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rasmus (Colby & Cory Rasmus)
2015-Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Frazier (Todd Frazier)
2016-Mr. & Mrs. George Springer (George Springer)
2017-Mr. & Mrs. John Rizzo (Anthony Rizzo)

CHALLENGER DIVISION AWARD

The Little League Challenger Division® Award was established in 1998 as a way to recognize an individual whose loyal support and inspired volunteer commitment allows intellectually and physically challenged children the opportunity to enjoy the full benefits of Little League through the Challenger Division.

Past Recipients

1998-Ed Beardsley, Edgewood LL, Bristol, Conn.
1999-Jim Green, Jacksonville (Fla.), District 11
2000-Jake Hardison, Virginia Beach (Va.), District 8
2001-Eddie Garetson, Springfield (Va.), District 9
2002-Nick Harris, Peachtree City (Ga.) LL
2003-Bonnie McClellan, Holly Hills LL, Canton, Ohio
2004-Pablo R. Burgos, Admiral Daniel P. Gallery LL, San Juan, Puerto Rico

2005-Jennifer Burns, New Mexico District 5, Edgewood, N.M.
2006-Raleen Hockenberry, Oregon District 7, Scotts Mills, Ore.
2007-Dr. Darrell Burnett, Laguna Niguel LL, California District 55
2008-Bill Fields, Tucson (Ariz.) Challenger LL
2009-Marilyn Wittstock, Clinton Valley (Mich.) LL, Michigan District 6
2010-Mark Muench, Fairport (N.Y.) LL
2011-Thomas Taycher, Challenger Little League of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, Nev.
2012-Mike Muranaka, California District 57
2013-Dan Vaandering, Oregon District 4, Beaverton, Ore.
2014-Joni Fichter, West U Challenger, Houston, Texas
2015-Barbara Sky, California District 43, San Bernardino, Calif.
2016-Matt Pokorney, Highland Baseball Club, Evansville, Ind.
2017-James Kelly, Toms River (N.J.) East LL

WILLIAM A. "BILL" SHEA DISTINGUISHED LITTLE LEAGUE® GRADUATE AWARD

The Bill Shea Distinguished Little League Graduate Award, established in 1987, is presented to a former Little Leaguer currently associated with Major League Baseball, who best exemplifies the spirit of Little League Baseball. Consideration for selection includes the individual's ability, accomplishments and status as a positive role model for aspiring Little Leaguers. The award was established in honor of the many contributions made to Little League by the late Bill Shea, who was former president of the Little League Foundation.

Past Recipients

1987-Bobby Valentine, Mickey Lione LL, Stamford, Conn.
1988-Steve Garvey, Drew Park LL, Tampa, Fla.
1989-Tom Seaver, Spartan LL, Fresno, Calif.
1990-Jim Palmer, Beverly Hills (Calif.) LL
1991-Dave Dravecky, South Youngstown Optimist LL, Boardman, Ohio
1992-Steve Palermo, Oxford (Mass.) LL
1993-Gary Carter, West Fullerton (Calif.) LL
1994-Len Coleman, Montclair (N.J.) LL
1995-Rick Monday, Sunset LL, Santa Monica, Calif.
1996-No Award
1997-Ken Griffey, Sr., Donora (Pa.) LL
1998-Don Sutton, Cantonment (Fla.) LL
1999-Robin Yount, Sunrise LL, Woodland Hills, Calif.
2000-George Brett, American LL, El Segundo, Calif.
2001-Orel Hershiser, Southfield (Mich.) and Chery Hill (N.J.) LL
2002-Tommy John, Terre Haute (Ind.) LL
2003-Shawon Dunston, Youth Services LL, Brooklyn, N.Y.



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2004-Billy Connors, National LL, Schenectady, N.Y.
2005-Larry Bowa, Land Park LL, Sacramento, Calif.
2006-Mike Flanagan, South LL, Manchester, N.H.
2007-Torii Hunter, National LL, Pine Bluff, Ark.
2008-Kent Tukulve, Underwald LL, Hamilton, Ohio
2009-Jeff Bagwell, Killingworth (Conn.) LL
2010-Ron Darling, Millbury (Mass.) LL
2011-Tom Glavine, Billerica (Mass.) LL
2012-Jason Varitek, Altamonte Springs (Fla.)
National LL
2013-Joe Torre, East Highway LL, Brooklyn, N.Y.
2014-Roy Smalley, Westchester National LL,
Los Angeles, Calif.

W. HOWARD HARTMAN LITTLE LEAGUE® FRIENDSHIP AWARD

The W. Howard Hartman Little League Friendship Award was created to honor W. Howard Hartman, one of Little League International's most generous and loyal friends, and to perpetuate his memory through special recognition of an individual/organization who has demonstrated a similar relationship with Little League.

Past Recipients

1988-Ray Keyes
1989-Robert Yasui
1990-Putsee Vannucci
1991-Howard Baldwin
1992-Jack Lundy
1993-Bill Byham
1994-Gary Mayer
1995-John Troisi
1996-Mary Lib Stockwell
1997-Sharon Verbos
1998-Ed Claudius
1999-Terry Gramling
2000-Tom Dempsey
2001-Williamsport-Lycoming Foundation
2002-Alan Wells
2003-Peter Luppachino
2004-Thomas 'Tuck' Frazier
2005-Hon. William Miller
2006-Susquehanna Health System
2007-Lycoming County Law Enforcement
Association
2008-Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of
Commerce
2009-Fred Plankenhorn & Paul Weaver
2010-WRAK Radio (Williamsport, Pa.)
2011-Dave and Don Fowler
2012-Lenel Systems International, Inc.
2013-Steve Moff
2014-Federal Correctional Complex Allenwood
& U.S. Penitentiary Lewisburg
2015-Pennsylvania State Police, Troop F
2016-American Honda Motor Co.
2017-Jim Darby, Easton Sports & Easton Foundation

CARL E. STOTZ LITTLE LEAGUE® SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Carl E. Stotz Little League Scholarship Award program was established by the Little League International Board of Directors to reward academic excellence with higher education financial assistance, and to perpetuate the memory of Little League founder Carl E. Stotz, recognizing his commitment to the development of Lycoming County (Pa.) youth.

The scholarships are awarded annually to several graduates of high schools located in Lycoming County, in which Williamsport is located. All graduating seniors in the top 25 percent of their class who have demonstrated good citizenship and whose spirit exemplifies effort, determination, and persistence in attaining the goal of higher education are eligible for participation. Of the 10 selected finalists, one male student and one female student each receive a \$2,500 scholarship, with the eight other finalists each receiving \$1,000.

Past Recipients

1994

Lindsay M. France, Williamsport H.S.
John J. Danneker, Loyalsock H.S.

1995

Jennifer L. Baker, South Williamsport H.S.
James Street, South Williamsport H.S.

1996

Kathryn Mackenzie, Williamsport H.S.
Ryan Cassidy, Williamsport H.S.

1997

Rebecca Schneider, South Williamsport H.S.
Matthew Fowler, Montoursville, H.S.

1998

Sarah Best, South Williamsport H.S.
John Paul Tobin, Williamsport H.S.

1999

Sarah Blackman, Williamsport, H.S.
J.J. Manikowski, South Williamsport H.S.

2000

Kristen E. Eichensehr, Williamsport H.S.
Neal P. Mankad, Williamsport H.S.

2001

Emma Grace Somers, Williamsport H.S.
Robert Laird Judson, Williamsport H.S.

2002

Michael Connor, Muncy Area H.S.
Kathryn Somers, Williamsport H.S.

2003

Mark Poblete, Muncy Area H.S.
Meghan Mahoney, Williamsport H.S.

2004

Cong Ma, Williamsport H.S.
Anna Douthat, Williamsport H.S.

2005

John Haefner, South Williamsport H.S.
Callah Antonetti, Williamsport H.S.



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2006

Jared Joella, Loyalsock Township H.S.
Laura Odorizzi, Loyalsock Township H.S.

2007

Michael Stratton, Williamsport H.S.
Elyssa Okkelberg, Williamsport H.S.

2008

Francis Lovecchio, Williamsport H.S.
Amber Lee, Williamsport H.S.

2009

Nathaniel Lamoreaux, Muncy Area H.S.
Caitlin Cromley, Jersey Shore H.S.
Kathryn Robinholt, St. John Neumann
Regional Academy

2010

Jonathan McJunkin, Muncy Area H.S.
Kelsey Metz, Williamsport H.S.

2011

Riley Wentzler, Hughesville H.S.
Hannah Facey, St. John Neumann Regional
Academy

2012

Alekander Keller, South Williamsport H.S.
Sophia Reeder, Muncy H.S.

2013

Daniel Ma, Williamsport H.S.
Hannah Merrifield, Hughesville H.S.

2014

Mark Odorizzi, Loyalsock H.S.
Crystal Good, Muncy H.S.

2015

Sydney Blosser, South Williamsport H.S.
Benjamin Nesselrodt, Hughesville H.S.

2016

Olivia Pierce, St. John Neumann Regional Academy
Connor Pardoe, Williamsport H.S.

2017

Autumn Deitrick, Loyalsock H.S.
Hunter Crawley, South Williamsport H.S.

ASAP AWARD

Each year, the national winner of the ASAP (A Safety Awareness Program) Award is recognized during the Little League Baseball World Series in Williamsport for having the "Best Safety Program." The ASAP program was introduced in 1995 with a goal of improving the safety for all Little League participants by sharing the best safety ideas among chartered leagues. Each year a winner is selected in each of the five U.S. regions. One of those regional selections is then named the recipient of the national ASAP Award.

Past Recipients

1995-Lakeside (Calif.) LL
1996-South Beaches LL, Melbourne, Fla.
1997-Blackwood (N.J.) LL
1998-Virginia Beach (Va.) LL
1999-Fairfax (Va.) LL
2000-Avon Grove Area LL, West Grove, Pa.
2001-Granada Hills (Calif.) LL

2002-Port St. Lucie (Fla.) American LL
2003-Port Cypress (Calif.) Federal LL
2004-Winslow Township (N.J.) LL
2005-Pinole Hercules (El Sobrante, Calif.) LL
2006-Painesville (Ohio) American LL
2007-Warwick (R.I.) National LL
2008-Unicoi County (Tenn.) LL
2009-Big Pocono LL, Tannersville/Reeders, Pa.
2010-Redrock LL, Las Vegas, Nev.
2011-Hopkins (Minn.) Area LL
2012-Rancho Niguel LL, Laguna Niguel, Calif.
2013-Plymouth Canton (Mich.) LL
2014-Oak Ridge Woodland Area (Texas) LL
2015-Mill Creek (Wash.) LL
2016-Horseheads (N.Y.) LL
2017-Granada (Calif.) LL

JACK LOSCH WORLD SERIES TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

As a boy, Jack Losch was the center fielder on the first Little League Baseball World Championship team in 1947. As a young man, he established football rushing marks that are records to this day at the University of Miami, where he was an All-American in 1955 as a senior. A year later, he became the first Little League Baseball World Series participant to play a professional sport when he was selected in the first round of the National Football League amateur draft by the Green Bay Packers.

In 2004, the Jack Losch Little League Baseball World Series Team Sportsmanship Award was established and is presented to a Series team each year that best exemplifies the spirit that Mr. Losch displayed on and off the playing field.

Following first-round play in the World Series, input from World Series umpires, hosts, teams and media is used to narrow the field and one team is ultimately chosen by the Little League International Tournament Committee for the honor. All aspects of the team's experience during the World Series will be examined, including the team's comportment in the dormitories, the dining hall, and the interview room as well as their on-field actions.

Past Recipients

2004-Kutno LL, Kutno, Poland
2005-Whalley LL, Surrey, B.C., Canada
2006-Whalley LL, Surrey, B.C., Canada
2007-Windmills Alpeddoorn (Netherlands) LL
2008-Edogawa Minami LL, Tokyo, Japan
2009-Hastings Community LL, Vancouver, B.C.
2010-Edogawa Minami LL, Tokyo, Japan
2011-Hamamatsu Minami LL, Hamanatsu City, Japan
2012-Lugazi LL, Lugazi, Uganda
2013-Perth Metro Central LL, Perth, Australia
2014-Coquivacoa LL, Maracaibo, Venezuela
2015-AVRS LL, Kampala, Uganda
2016-Maine-Endwell LL, Endwell, N.Y.
2017-Hills LL, Sydney, Australia



LITTLE LEAGUE® BASEBALL CAMP

Baseball camp at Williamsport, home of the Little League Baseball® World Series, is now in its 54th year. Each summer, five weeks of overnight camps and one week of day camps (9 a.m. to Noon) are offered in one-week sessions for campers between the ages of nine and 14.

Teaching baseball skills and molding character during five one-week sessions, the program is open to campers 9-14, whether or not they are members of Little League® teams. The 72-acre complex provides the perfect setting for youngsters to learn baseball fundamentals, sharpen skills, and enjoy a wide range of other recreational activities. Located in North Central Pennsylvania surrounded by Bald Eagle mountains, the Williamsport Little League Baseball Camp offers youngsters a fine opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors in a healthful, positive environment. Youngsters are also encouraged to develop leadership skills and self-confidence amid new found friends.

Competent instructors and counselors, all with baseball backgrounds, understand and relate to the needs of youngsters. Qualified instructional staff is selected from high school and college personnel. Little League Baseball Camp games are played daily at the World Series Stadiums. The camp provides the latest training aids, pitching machines, and instructional techniques. All equipment is approved by Little League Baseball to provide maximum safety and permit the finest instruction for the Little League age camper. Clean, spacious, dormitory-style housing is adjacent to World Series Stadium and recreational areas. Appealing, well-balanced meals are prepared by trained school cafeteria personnel. A fully stocked canteen offers necessities and souvenir items. More information on Little League Baseball Camp can be found at LittleLeague.org/Camp.

ROBERT H. STIRRAT LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL® CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

The Robert H. Stirrat Little League Baseball Camp Scholarship was created in honor of the late vice president and director of public relations of Little League Baseball. The recipient, who must submit an essay, is provided with round-trip transportation from his home to the summer camp held in Williamsport, Pa. The winner is selected from more than 100 children throughout the nation.

Past Recipients

- 2006-Michael Horvath, Palmerton, Pa.
- 2007-Carson Staube, Kalamazoo, Mich.
- 2008-Wyatt Devlin, Mount Union, Pa.
- 2009-Kyle Krauch, Hicksville, N.Y.
- 2010-Christian Gurgainus, Wendell, N.C.
- 2011-Sam Hughes, Pittsboro, Ind.
- 2012-Jason Ardan, Scranton, Pa.
- 2013-Nick Martin, Delaware, Ohio
- 2014-Sam Erskine, Killingsworth, Conn.
- 2015-Frankie Prince, Odessa, Fla.
Alex Lopez, Tampa, Fla.
- 2016-Ryan Schell, Collingswood, N.J.
- 2017-Dylan Witkowski, Allentown, Pa.



LITTLE LEAGUE® HALL OF EXCELLENCE

Established in 1988, enshrinement in the Little League® Hall of Excellence is conducted annually for a Little League graduate (or graduates) who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in their chosen profession and exemplify the values learned as children in Little League. Selection to the Hall of Excellence is done through a defined voting system conducted by the Peter J. McGovern Little League Advisory Board.

56 MEMBERS OF THE LITTLE LEAGUE HALL OF EXCELLENCE

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KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR (1992), NBA Hall of Famer and the NBA's all-time leader in points scored with 38,387 points, played Little League Baseball® in the Inwood Little League in New York City.

DUSTY BAKER (2007), played 19 years of Major League Baseball, including winning the World Series in 1981 with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Mr. Baker previously managed the San Francisco Giants, the Chicago Cubs, and the Cincinnati Reds. Baker played Little League Baseball in Riverside, Calif.

DAVE BARRY (1998), Pulitzer Prize-winning humor columnist/author, played in the Armonk (N.Y.) Little League.

DON BEAVER (1999), North Carolina businessman and owner of several sports franchises, played in the 1952 Little League Baseball World Series for Morrisville, N.C.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN (2009), Vice President of the United States after 36 years in the U.S. Senate. Played in the Green Ridge Little League in Scranton, Pa.

BILL BRADLEY (1989), of New Jersey, a former U.S. Senator, Rhodes Scholar and a member of the NBA's Hall of Fame, was a Little Leaguer® in Crystal City, Mo.

GEORGE W. BUSH (2001), 43rd President of the United States and former governor of Texas, played catcher for the Cubs in the Central Little League of Midland, Texas, in the middle and late 1950s.

MICHAEL CAMMARATA (2002), firefighter, played in the 1991 Little League Baseball World Series for the South Shore Little League team from Staten Island, N.Y. 10 years later, he was last seen alive entering the burning World Trade Center on the morning of September 11, 2001.

CHRIS CHRISTIE (2013), current Governor of New Jersey, and former U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, was teammates with fellow enshrinee, Harlan Coben, for Livingston (N.J.) American Little League.

HARLAN COBEN (2013), New York Times bestselling author, and teammate of Gov. Christie at Livingston (N.J.) American Little League. Mr. Coben has 50 million books in print worldwide and was the first author to win all three of the Edgar Award, Shamus Award, and Anthony Award.

LEONARD S. COLEMAN (1996), former president of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs, played Little League in Montclair, N.J.

KEVIN COSTNER (2000), one of the most highly respected figures in motion pictures and two-time Academy Awards winner, played in the Saticoy Little League, Ventura, Calif.

TOM COUGHLIN (2016), Two-time Super Bowl Champion and accomplished National Football League coach, played for Waterloo (N.Y.) Little League in the 1950's.

WILBERT DAVIS (2003), U.S. Army Staff Sergeant, Third Infantry Division, played Little League in Tampa, Fla., and helped the 1975 Belmont Heights Little League team reach the Little League Baseball World Series. On April 3, 2003, Sgt. Davis perished when his Humvee overturned into a canal en route to Baghdad.

NANCY DOSREIS (2004), police detective, played Little League in Providence, R.I. She helped the 1979 North Providence Little League squad win the Little League Softball® World Series. A member of the Providence K-9 unit in 1985, Mrs. DosReis garnered national attention as the lead officer in the apprehension of an escaped murderer.

CHRIS DRURY (2009), former captain of the New York Rangers, Hobey Baker Award winner, three-time U.S. Olympian, and current Assistant GM for the N.Y. Rangers, led the Trumbull (Conn.) National Little League team to the 1989 Little League Baseball World Series championship.

TONY DUNGY (1998), former head coach of the NFL's Indianapolis Colts and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, is one of the most respected people in pro football. Mr. Dungy, the first African American head coach to win a Super Bowl (Colts, 2007), played in the Southeast Little League in Jackson, Minn.



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DR. VINCENT FORTANASCE (1994), a Board certified psychiatrist and neurologist, and a clinical professor at the University of Southern California's School of Medicine, played in the Elmont Little League in Queens, N.Y.

JOSE MAIZ GARCIA (2005), real estate developer and principle owner of the Mexican League's Monterrey Sultans, played outfield for the 1957 Little League World Series champions from Monterrey - the first non-U.S. team to win the championship.

KATHY GERRING (2004), a professional golfer, played Little League in the Times Corners Little League in Fort Wayne, Ind.

RUDOLPH GIULIANI (2002), former mayor of New York City, played Little League in the Garden City South Little League in Long Island.

BILLY HUNTER (2000), a player on the Delaware Township (N.J.) Little League team that advanced to the 1955 Little League Baseball World Series, went on to star in football at Syracuse University and with the NFL's Miami Dolphins and Washington Redskins. He is the former executive director of the NBA Players Association.

TORII HUNTER (2016), a five-time Major League Baseball all-star and winner of nine Gold Gloves, played for Pine Bluff (Ark.) National Little League in the mid-1980s. In 2007, Mr. Hunter was selected as the William A. "Bill" Shea Distinguished Little League Graduate Award recipient for his accomplishments and for being a positive role model, making him the first active Major League player to be honored with the award.

HALE IRWIN (1993), scholar/athlete at the University of Colorado and one of the most successful members of the PGA, is a graduate of the Baxter Springs (Kan.) Little League.

SYDNEY LEROUX (2017), U.S. Women's National Soccer Team forward and 2015 World Cup winner; played for Whalley Little League (Surrey, British Columbia) in the 2002 Little League Baseball Canada Region Championship.

ANGEL MACIAS (2017), the only pitcher to ever pitch a perfect game in the Little League Baseball World Series.

ROBERT D. MANFRED, JR. (2018), the first Little League graduate to be named the Baseball Commissioner.

LLOYD McCLENDON (2006), a player on the Anderson Little League team from Gary, Ind., that advanced to the 1971 Little League Baseball World Series Championship Game. Mr. McClendon became known as "Legendary Lloyd" for hitting five home runs in five official at-bats. He played nine seasons in Major League Baseball and later managed the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Seattle Mariners.

ROSS MCGINNIS (2011), earned the Medal of Honor for his heroic action that saved four of his fellow soldiers. On Dec. 4, 2006, Pfc. McGinnis and his platoon were on mounted patrol in Adhamiyah, Iraq. An unidentified insurgent positioned on a rooftop nearby threw a fragmentation grenade into Ross' vehicle. Pfc. McGinnis threw his back over the grenade, pinning it between his body and the Humvee's radio mount absorbing all lethal fragments and the concussive effects of the blast with his own body - giving his life to save his four comrades. He played in the Knox (Pa.) Little League.

DALE MURPHY (1995), a graduate of the Tualatin Little League, Portland, Ore., was a two-time National League Most Valuable Player.

DR. STORY MUSGRAVE (1994), a NASA astronaut who has flown more than 17,000 hours in space, is a Boston area Little League graduate.

MIKE MUSSINA (2014), a former five-time All-Star and seven-time Gold Glove winner in the MLB, as well as a member of the Little League International Board of Directors. Mr. Mussina played for the Montoursville (Pa.) Little League.

OZZIE NEWSOME (2008), played Little League Baseball in Muscle Shoals, Ala. He was elected to the Professional Football Hall of Fame in 1999 after a 13-year playing career. Mr. Newsome is now an executive with the Baltimore Ravens, and was part of the front office for the franchise's 2000 and 2013 Super Bowl Championships.

DAN O'BRIEN (1997), an Olympic decathlon gold-medalist and former world-record holder, played Little League in South Suburban Little League in Klamath Falls, Ore.

CAT OSTERMAN (2016), one of the most accomplished pitchers in softball history with accolades at the collegiate, Olympic, and professional levels, played for Bear Creek Little League in Houston, Texas, in the 1990's.

PETER PACE (2003), U.S. Marine General and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; played in the Teaneck (N.J.) Southern Little League in the 1950s.



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JIM PALMER (1994), three-time Cy Young Award winning Major League pitcher and Baseball Hall of Famer, is a graduate of the Beverly Hills (Calif.) Little League.

CHAMP PEDERSON (2017), inspirational speaker and brother to Los Angeles Dodgers' Outfielder Joc Pederson; played in the Palo Alto (Calif.) Little League Challenger Division; first Challenger Division graduate to be enshrined.

KYLE PETTY (2010), former NASCAR driver and owner, played in the Randleman (N.C.) Southern Little League.

MICHAEL PLADUS (1999), National Principal of the Year (Interboro High School, Prospect Park, Pa.), is a graduate of the Shenandoah North (Pa.) Little League.

DAN QUAYLE (1990), former U.S. Senator and former Vice President of the United States, played baseball in the Hoosier Little League of Huntington, Ind., during the mid-1950s.

RON RICKS (2012), is currently the Executive Vice President of Southwest Airlines. He played in the 1962 Little League Baseball World Series as a member of the Val Verde County Little League from Del Rio, Texas.

CAL RIPKEN, JR. (1996), Major League Baseball's all-time "ironman," played Little League Baseball at West Ashville (N.C.) Little League. He was elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2007.

MARIANO RIVERA (2015), Major League Baseball's all-time save leader (652) after being named a 13-time MLB All-Star, played for Barrio Colon Little League in La Chorrera, Panama, in the 1980's.

NOLAN RYAN (1991), Major League Baseball's all-time strike out record holder and Baseball Hall of Famer, is a graduate of the Alvin (Texas) Little League.

MIKE SCHMIDT (1991), Baseball Hall of Fame third baseman who was a 12-time All-Star, is a graduate of North Riverdale Little League in Dayton, Ohio.

TOM SEAVER (1988), Major League Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher who was a 12-time All-Star, is a graduate of Spartan Little League in Fresno, Calif.

TOM SELLECK (1991), actor and entertainer, played in the Sherman Oaks (Calif.) Little League.

BRIAN SIPE (1999), former National Football League quarterback, played in the Northern Little League, El Cajon, Calif., and in the 1961 Little League Baseball World Series.

DR. ROBERT SLOAN (1996), Former President of Baylor University in Waco, Texas, played at Western Little League in Abilene, Texas.

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN (1997), award-winning singer/songwriter, played Little League in Freehold, N.J.

DR. ROBERT STRATTA (2000), who pitched a no-hitter in the 1967 Little League Baseball World Series for North Roseland Little League from Chicago, is Professor of Surgery and Director of Transplantation at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

PIERRE TURGEON (2007), played Little League Baseball in Rouyn, Quebec, Canada that played in the 1982 Little League Baseball World Series. In 19 NHL seasons he scored more than 500 career goals. He is the first Canadian-born enshrinee into the Hall of Excellence.

DICK VITALE (2012), an accomplished basketball coach, television personality, and author, has been with announcing basketball games on ESPN since 1979. A 2008 inductee into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Vitale played Little League in Garfield, N.J.

KRISSY WENDELL-POHL (2004), an Olympic silver medalist and NCAA champion in women's ice hockey, was the first female to start at catcher in the Little League Baseball World Series. A member of the Brooklyn Center (Minn.) American Little League, she played in the 1994 Little League Baseball World Series.

GEORGE WILL (1992), journalist, political analyst and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, played Little League in Champaign, Ill.



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LITTLE LEAGUE® AND SAFETY

As the leader in youth sports, Little League® has taken a pioneering role in researching baseball and softball safety. Dr. Creighton J. Hale joined the Little League International staff in 1955 to conduct safety research and has helped Little League become a leader in making all of baseball and softball a safe sport for participants. Formerly the President and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Hale became Senior Advisor in 1996 and retired at the end of 2001.

The padded, double ear flap batting helmet developed by Little League has become a standard in all levels of baseball and softball. Little League was instrumental in developing the aluminum bat for children, which provides additional safety, and in modifying the catcher's chest protector to provide better protection for the throat, shoulder and groin. Little League research also led to designing a catcher's helmet with an attached mask. In 2008, bases that disengage from their anchors became mandatory.

In addition to equipment advances, Little League maintains strict rules to protect player safety. For example, no metal spikes or head-first slides are allowed in lower age groups of Little League play and, there is no "on-deck" circle. Rules also include strict limitations on the use of pitchers, including a pitch count or inning restriction to determine the eligibility of a pitcher. The pitch count, in place since 2007, replaced the innings-pitched rule for baseball.

Asserting its concern for safety, regulations call for election of a safety officer in each local Little League. The safety officer's job is to review field conditions, maintain protective equipment, assist in first aid/emergency training and treatment, to instruct in safe play on and off the field and to serve as the conduit for safety-related correspondence between Little League International and local leagues.

As a result of Little League's emphasis on safety and the development of safety equipment, less than one percent of the children who play each year receive injuries that require medical attention. In addition to equipment and rules, there is another assurance of safety and quality that comes with Little League membership. The Little League insignia and its related names are registered federal trademarks and cannot be used by any organization or for any purpose other than those approved by Little League Baseball, Incorporated. Under this trademark protection, communities that form a Little League program are guaranteed the quality of play and consistency of leadership that has become synonymous with the name Little League.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR LOCAL LEAGUES

All children who play Little League Baseball and Softball, as well as adults who serve as managers, coaches, volunteer umpires, official scorekeepers, player agents and safety officers must be covered adequately by accident insurance. Action to require all leagues to carry accident insurance was legislated by the Little League Congress in 1957.

Money to pay insurance premiums is raised by chartered leagues in the name of Little League Baseball and Softball, and it must be applied to assure the best insurance for the lowest cost. Leagues may purchase insurance from any source, but coverage must be at least comparable to that provided by the low-rate plan through AIG and Little League Baseball and Softball. Little League Baseball and Softball has campaigned vigorously, and will continue to do so, to provide the best possible insurance coverage at the lowest costs.

An excess provision with a deductible is included in the AIG blanket accident policy, eliminating payments for medical expenses covered by any other insurance compensation. This in no way affects the broad benefits of protection available to all leagues, but it does prevent unwarranted double payments to parents for accident coverage purchased by the local league.

Currently, the cost for accident insurance ranges from \$23 to \$60 *per team*, depending on the location and the division of play. Little League enjoys low-cost accident insurance thanks to scrupulous safety practices and effective measures in combating rising costs. Continued efforts to control accidents and prevent duplicate payments for medical treatment represent substantial savings for all leagues. The accident insurance benefit is \$100,000 per person/claim, with a \$50 deductible. There is no extra premium for tournament (all-star) teams, Training and Development (Second Season, Winter League, Fall Ball, etc.) teams, or Little League teams playing under the provisions of Regulation IX (Special Games).

AIG accident insurance for Little League covers eligible participants while traveling directly, without delay, to and from the field as well as during scheduled practice sessions and scheduled games. The benefits include provisions for accident, death or dismemberment and also for medical expenses. Coverage also extends to volunteers involved in authorized activities.

Local Little League organizers are encouraged to institute ASAP (A Safety Awareness Program)



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in their leagues. This program, supported by Musco Sports Lighting and AIG Insurance, shares the best safety ideas of volunteers, and has been extremely successful.

While the national trend moves toward higher premiums, the opposite is true in Little League. States have had premiums remain stable or reduced because participation in the ASAP program has resulted in fewer injuries. In 2003, rates were adjusted to accommodate the elimination of a separate fee for the Training and Development (Second Season, Fall Ball, Winter League, etc.) program.

Leagues that participate in the national accident insurance program and submit a qualified safety program by the announced deadline receive a monetary award that can be used for the following season's fees. For many leagues, this means savings of more than \$150 annually.

Blanket accident coverage is underwritten by an insurance company, not Little League Baseball, Incorporated. However, insurance forms are returned to Little League International for processing – another money-saving measure of direct benefit to local Little Leagues.

GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Any organization that handles other people's children and allows the public to come in as spectators is liable to be taken into court if accidents occur. Some examples of classic jeopardy would be an explosion in the concession stand, bleachers collapsing and injuring a large number of spectators, or a player injured when a bench collapses in the dugout.

If something like this happens, the local league's general liability insurance will guarantee the league protection and the insurance program will defend the league against suits even if they are groundless. If the suits are justified, the insurance program will settle and pay all claims up to the maximum limits and provisions of the plan.

The general liability insurance program protects the league, its sponsors, executive officers, directors, managers, coaches, volunteer umpires and other volunteer workers. This is the reason it is required for each local Little League to carry general liability insurance. Costly legal action and damage claims could ruin an innocent league and its individual operators if the protection is not in place.

The basic policy is \$1 million combined single limit bodily injury and property damage occurrence and \$2 million aggregate where applicable. Higher limits are available upon request.

The premium varies for liability insurance but includes the general liability, directors and officers liability, and Cyber Liability insurance (new for 2017). The policies total cost range from a minimum range of \$376 to \$750, for up to 14 teams in a local league, to \$39 per team above 14, plus \$233 per league, with a \$250 per claim property damage deductible. There is also a \$27 fee for each additional insured added to the general liability policy coverage.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS LIABILITY INSURANCE/CYBER LIABILITY/CRIME INSURANCE

Little League endorses distinctly different and equally important optional insurance policies to its chartered programs. Directors and officers liability insurance policies offer valuable protection to all your dedicated league volunteers. This Directors and Officers Liability Insurance policy is distinctly separate and in no way duplicates or replaces the local league's General Liability policy.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS LIABILITY INSURANCE

Protects district and league personnel, including members of the board, against lawsuits involving wrongful decisions or acts such as discrimination, slander, errors and omissions, libel or related wrongful acts as detailed in the policy brochure.

- Coverage \$1 million per loss, per policy
- Policy period Jan. 1 through Dec. 31
- No deductible

CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE

Provides individual leagues or Districts with protection against the following:

- Third-party claims arising from a failure of the insured's network security or a failure to protect data. Insurance also responds to regulatory actions in connection with a security failure, privacy breach or the failure to disclose a security failure or privacy breach.
- Direct first-party loss mitigation costs of responding to a security failure or privacy breach by paying costs of notifications, public relations, and other services to assist in managing and mitigating a cyber-incident, including forensic investigations, legal consultations and identity monitoring costs for victims of a breach.

The policy is NOT intended to provide any benefits for the third party vendors, such as companies that provide the league with online registration services.



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CRIME INSURANCE

Protects districts/leagues against a monetary loss caused by dishonesty, disappearance of money, securities, or other property, and destruction of money and securities.

- Premium \$250 per year
- Coverage \$35,000 per loss
- Deductible \$250 for each property loss
- \$1,000 for each money/securities loss
- Policy period Jan. 1 through Dec. 31
- Claim notice must be submitted within 180 days of discovery of the loss.

LITTLE LEAGUE

CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM

The Little League Child Protection Program is designed to educate local league volunteers in ways they can help ensure the safety of the children in their leagues.

The program was unveiled at the 21st International Congress in January 1998 in San Antonio, Texas. Information for helping local leagues implement the program is included in the operating policies within the Little League rule books. The program educates local league volunteers on background checks and improving communications within the league, with the goal to ensure that only those who have the best interests of children in mind are involved. A database is available to all local league volunteers at LittleLeague.org, providing information on the best way to conduct background checks in each state, including information for leagues on searchable sex offender databases.

In 2003, Little League became the first national youth sports organization to mandate background checks on coaches. In 2007, the background check requirement was expanded to include, at minimum, a check of national sex offender registries.

Starting in 2018, Little League's official regulations have been revised to state that all leagues in the United States are required to conduct background checks that utilize the JDP Screening Solutions program provided by Little League International, or another provider that is comparable to JDP in accessing background check records for sex offender registry data and criminal records. For those leagues that have satisfied this regulation utilizing First Advantage, there are no additional expectations.

Each local league must also be aware of its state laws, which may require other separate and additional background check processes to be completed before individuals would be permitted to assume local league volunteer responsibilities. No local league shall permit any person to participate in any manner whose

background check reveals a conviction, guilty plea, no contest plea, or admission to any crime involving or against a minor or minors. All local leagues must take into consideration criminal records when making the determination whether the individual is unfit to participate in any manner in the league. In addition to the background checks, all individuals wishing to volunteer with a local league must submit a volunteer application annually, and all volunteer appointments are subject to the approval of the local league Board of Directors.

Little League International provides 125 free national background checks to every U.S. Little League through JDP. Individuals also are required to complete and submit a Little League Volunteer Application to their local league. More information is available at: LittleLeague.org/ChildProtection.

The Child Protection Program includes practical advice to parents and volunteers on how to spot potential child sex offenders. The publication "Parent's Guide to the Little League Child Protection Program" describes the most common type of child sex offender, and gives tips on how to spot signs of abuse in children. The publication also is available on the Little League web site.

The Child Protection Program also includes information on conducting more extensive searches through Little League's special arrangement with JDP, a criminal and sex offender registry search tool.

ASAP

(A SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM)

Introduced in 1995, the main goal of ASAP is to improve safety for all participants by sharing the best safety ideas among chartered leagues. Enhancement of ASAP continues today with support from Musco Sports Lighting and AIG Insurance. Leagues that submit a qualified safety program by the announced deadline and participate in the national insurance program receive an award on the following season's fees. For many leagues, this means a savings of more than \$150 annually. The entire ASAP Program Manual is available at LittleLeague.org, which includes other helpful items for league operations. Reported injuries have been reduced by nearly 80 percent since the program was introduced.



LITTLE LEAGUE® INTERNATIONAL COMPLEX

In the 1950s, the *Grit* newspaper donated \$35,000 to the Williamsport Foundation (now the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania) to purchase a 29-acre tract on U.S. Route 15 in South Williamsport. The land, most of it purchased from Lycoming College, was then deeded to Little League Baseball®, Incorporated, as a memorial to Howard J. Lamade, Vice President and Secretary of Grit, who began his tenure on the Little League Board of Directors in 1951, and died on May 15, 1958. From this original donation, has grown the current 72-acre complex which serves as the center of the Little League® International organization.

DR. CREIGHTON J. HALE INTERNATIONAL GROVE

A housing, dining, and recreation area on the Little League International complex. The area houses visitor/participants in summer camps, seminars, and schools, and has been used to house victims of natural disasters.

It is the area where the teams that participate in the Little League Baseball World Series are housed. Each building, which was built in 1992, houses the players and has a separate area for the coaches for all 16 teams that participate in the Little League Baseball World Series. Each dormitory-style building has separate areas for four teams. The design reflects Little League Baseball and Softball's dedication to safety with shatter-proof windows, scald-free showers, and an exceptionally sensitive fire alarm system that can be sensed by individuals with hearing and/or visual impairments.

In addition, the 10,000-square foot dining and recreation building was completed in 1994 and accommodates 350 seated players and volunteers in the lower level dining room, with a modern and safe recreation facility on the upper level. The recreation area also provides an excellent classroom for the many leadership training programs provided by Little League, as well as superb meeting facilities for Little League and community functions. The area also has a swimming pool.

The Grove is named for the former President and Chief Executive Officer of Little League International.

HOWARD J. LAMADE STADIUM

Howard J. Lamade is the only person to have served on both the first corporate Board of Directors of Little League International and the first Board of Trustees of the Little League Foundation.

Plans for Lamade Stadium came not from an architectural firm, but from a student project at Pennsylvania State University. Tractors, steam shovels, and graders were supplied by the Williamsport Technical Institute (now

the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport) and operated by its students, cleared the land during the spring and summer of 1958.

The field, built in 1959 for the World Series, was originally called Howard J. Lamade Memorial Field. It was renamed Howard J. Lamade Stadium when the original wood and steel stands were razed and a concrete stadium was constructed in 1968. Extra seating was added in 1972 and the first night game at the stadium was played on Aug. 24, 1992.

In 2006, thanks to a gift from the Lamade family, the covered section of seating was extended to the ends of the stadium, adding 14,700 square feet to cover the majority of bench seating. The number of individual seats with backs was also expanded from 584 to 1,530.

It is estimated that approximately 45,000 fans could watch a game at Lamade Stadium, including those on the terraced hills beyond the outfield fences. The stadium seats between 3,300 fans, but the exact number of seats available is not known since admission is free and most of the seating during the Little League Baseball World Series is first-come, first-served.

Under the current Little League World Series format, Lamade is the stadium utilized for 11 of the first 21 games of the tournament over the first five days, and all games on the final five days of the tournament.

The outfield fences at Howard J. Lamade Stadium and Little League Volunteer Stadium were moved back from 205 feet to 225 feet for the 2006 Little League Baseball World Series. In 2013, stadium-style seating was extended, removing all bleacher-style seating.

LITTLE LEAGUE® INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The headquarters building houses all administrative and business offices of Little League, as well as facilities for storage and mailing of large quantities of materials distributed annually to local leagues.

The building, which originally opened in 1960, underwent an extensive one-year renovation that was completed in May 2009. The project included adding 12,000 square feet of additional office space, renovation of the existing building and beautification of the adjacent property. The project was necessary to eliminate overcrowding, upgrade the mechanical systems in the building, and provide additional space to support program growth into the future. In addition, the new building is fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and took advantage of the most recent technological advancements. Many "Green" technologies and processes were designed into the project.



LITTLE LEAGUE® INTERNATIONAL COMPLEX

LITTLE LEAGUE® VOLUNTEER STADIUM

Construction on Little League® Volunteer Stadium, just north of Howard J. Lamade Stadium, began in the spring of 2000 and was completed in July 2001. Accommodating approximately 5,000 spectators, the stadium has been used for competition during the Little League Baseball World Series since the expansion from eight teams to 16, which was implemented in 2001. The stadium also features batting cages and an area for pitchers to warm up underneath the stands behind the dugout on the third base side of the stadium.

LUNDY CONFERENCE CENTER

A three-level, 5,700 square foot conference center adjacent to the *World of Little League®: Peter J. McGovern Museum and Official Store* that serves several different purposes. Dedicated on Aug. 22, 1996, the building can serve as meeting center or space that can be utilized by groups for any number of needs. The conference center also houses 14 bedrooms and sleeps 15 people. There is also a small kitchen area on two of the levels and parking for approximately 25 cars in the area surrounding the outside of the building.

WORLD OF LITTLE LEAGUE®: PETER J. MCGOVERN MUSEUM AND OFFICIAL STORE

After undergoing a \$4.3 million renovation starting in September 2012, the *World of Little League®: Peter J. McGovern Museum and Official Store* reopened on June 15, 2013. A two-story, 23,000 square foot, colonial style structure, the original museum was dedicated August 28, 1982, to the countless volunteers upon whom the Little League program thrives. The museum, adjacent to the Little League International Administration Building, traces the Little League program from one league in 1939 to an international movement involving millions of children, with a variety of educational and entertaining "hands-on" exhibits and displays.

The *World of Little League* is open seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Working media are admitted free of charge.

The museum features more than 300 artifacts, 200 of which have never been on display before. Some highlights include items from the personal collection of Little League Founder, Carl E. Stotz; the only complete, game-worn Babe Ruth uniform on display in the world; the Global Connections Touch Table and more.

Peter J. McGovern came to Little League in 1952 as the first full-time president. He was elected chairman of the board in 1955, a post he held until his retirement in 1983. He continued to serve Little League as chairman emeritus until his death on June 30, 1984.

PETER J. MCGOVERN MUSEUM ENDOWMENT FUND

The Peter J. McGovern Little League Museum Endowment Fund has been established to ensure the museum remains a dynamic showpiece for the Little League program. Long-term stability must be provided to document for future generations the importance and influence of the Little League movement in youth sports.

Contributions to the Peter J. McGovern Little League Museum Endowment Fund may be sent to:

**Peter J. McGovern Little League Museum
Endowment Fund
P.O. Box 3485
South Williamsport, PA 17701**



LITTLE LEAGUE® INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

More than a thousand Little League volunteers from around the globe attend the Little League® International Congress, held once every four years. The purpose of the Congress is to chart the course of the world's largest organized youth baseball and softball program.

Approximately 500 of those attending are volunteer District Administrators, who serve as liaisons between the local leagues and International Headquarters. District Administrators are elected by their constituent leagues to provide support and to represent their interests as delegates to the International Congress.

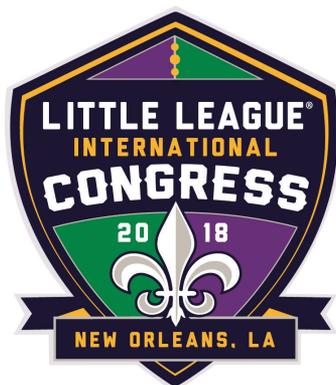
The primary purpose of the Congress is to amend rules and regulations. In the years leading up to each Congress, volunteers from dozens of nations submit their ideas for changes to a steering committee, and an agenda is prepared.

The delegates meet in round table discussions, making any necessary changes in the proposed amendments, then vote on the changes on the final day of the Congress. A two-thirds vote is required for passage. Those amendments receiving the necessary vote are then presented to the International Board of Directors for final approval.

Delegates, and their Assistant District Administrators, will also attend training seminars and informational assemblies at the Congress. Also at the Congress, delegates from three of the nine regions in the world (five U.S. regions and four international regions) vote on a representative nominee for election to the Little League International Board of Directors. The nine field representatives serve rotating four-year terms with three new members from the field elected each year.

Little League® International Congress Sites

- 1956: Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
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- 1961: Statler Hilton, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 1963: Waldorf Astoria, New York, N.Y.
- 1965: Hilton, Washington, D.C.
- 1967: Shamrock Hilton, Houston, Texas
- 1969: Sheraton-Cadillac, Detroit, Mich.
- 1971: Portland Hilton, Portland, Ore.
- 1973: Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, Fla.
- 1975: Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Chicago, Ill.
- 1978: Sheraton Harbor Island, San Diego, Calif.
- 1981: Charlotte Civic Center, Charlotte, N.C.
- 1984: Hyatt Regency, Tampa, Fla.
- 1987: Anaheim Hilton & Towers, Anaheim, Calif.
- 1989: Various Facilities, Williamsport, Pa.
- 1992: Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass.
- 1995: Reno Hilton, Reno, Nev.
- 1998: Marriott Rivercenter, San Antonio, Texas
- 2001: Ottawa Congress Center, Ottawa, Ontario
- 2004: Pavilion Convention Center, Virginia Beach, Va.
- 2007: Hilton Americas, Houston, Texas
- 2010: Lexington Convention Center, Lexington, Ky.
- 2014: Hilton Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 2018: Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, La.



LITTLE LEAGUE® INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

LITTLE LEAGUE® INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS AWARDS

Peter O'Malley

Distinguished Ambassador Award

Recognizes an individual who has made a contribution to the advancement of the Little League program, both domestically and abroad.

- 1992-Peter O'Malley
- 1995-George H.W. Bush
- 1998-Stan Musial
- 2001-Ed Piszek
- 2004-Tom Ridge
- 2007-Eric Hilton
- 2010-George W. Bush
- 2014-Jin Roy Ryu

Peter J. McGovern

Distinguished Service Award

Recognizes the special efforts of an individual who has embraced the ideals of Little League and, in turn, exemplifies the benefits of children learning life lessons through playing Little League Baseball and Softball.

- 1958-Arnold White
- 1960-Perry Winstead
- 1961-Harris Plaisted
- 1963-Nick Aromandi
- 1965-Joe Eckert
- 1967-Art Mikelsen
- 1969-Bill Robertson
- 1971-Faith Colombo
- 1973-Pat Knight
- 1975-Ellen & Luckey Porterfield
- 1978-Y. Hada
- 1981-H. Taylor Bell
- 1984-James Whittington
- 1987-Milton F. Ziehn
- 1989-Reuben B. Hill
- 1992-George Berardi
- 1995-Fred Taylor
- 1998-Richard Buckelew
- 2001-Joe Shea
- 2004-Jake Hardison
- 2007-Tony Richardson
- 2010-Paul Flanagan
- 2014-Maryellen Holden
- 2018-Dave Wetmore

President's Award

Recognizes an individual for their friendship, assistance, and leadership to the Little League program.

- 1987-Ted Ferreira
- 1989-Robert W. Fiondella
- 1992-Russ Tinsley
- 1995-Jose "Pepe" Gonzales
- 1998-Bob Kloss
- 2001-Mike "Doc" Lantierre
- 2004-Greg Bzura
- 2007-Joe Crookham
- 2010-Paul Gray
- 2014-Pitch in for Baseball
- 2018-Gary Kay

Chairman's Award

Recognizes an individual for their contribution and dedicated service to Little League Baseball and Softball.

- 2007-Bud Vanderberg
- 2010-John Chadwick
- 2014-Bill Carter
- 2018-Cadonau Family

Character, Courage, and Loyalty Award

Recognizes an individual who exemplifies the Little League motto of Character, Courage, and Loyalty.

- 2014-Bernie Kozen



NOTABLE PEOPLE WHO PLAYED LITTLE LEAGUE®

*denotes Hall of Excellence Member; ^denotes Little League® International Board Member

- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar:** All-Time Leading Scorer in NBA History/NCAA Basketball Champion
- Jason Aldean:** Country Music Singer
- Troy Aikman:** NFL Hall of Fame Quarterback/Sports Broadcaster
- Dusty Baker:** 19-year MLB veteran; MLB Manager
- Elizabeth Banks:** Professional Actress
- Dave Barry:** Pulitzer-Prize Winning Columnist/Author
Don Beaver: North Carolina Businessman (played in 1952 LLBWS)
- Joseph R. Biden:** Vice President of U.S./Former U.S Senator
- Chadwick Boseman:** Professional Actor
- Tom Brady:** Super Bowl MVP Quarterback
- Drew Brees:** NFL Quarterback
- Kurt Busch:** NASCAR Driver/Sprint Cup Series Champion
- Bill Bradley:** Former U.S. Senator/Rhodes Scholar/Member of NBA Hall of Fame
- George W. Bush:** 43rd President of the United States/Former Governor of Texas*
- Michael Cammarata:** NYC Firefighter who lost his life in 9/11 (played in 1991 LLBWS)*
- William Cohen:** Former U.S. Secretary of Defense/Former U.S. Senator
- Leonard Coleman:** Former President of MLB's National League
- Kevin Cosner:** Academy-Award Winning Actor/Director/Musician*
- Tom Coughlin:** Two-time Super Bowl Champion Head Coach in the NFL*
- Wilbert Davis:** U.S. Army Staff Sergeant (played in 1975 LLBWS)
- Austin Dillon:** NASCAR Driver (Played in 2002 LLBWS)
- Nancy Dosreis:** Detective (played in 1979 LLSWS)*
- Chris Drury:** NHL Player/3-time U.S. Olympian (played in 1989 LLBWS)**^
- Tony Dungy:** Former NFL Football Player/Former Head Coach of Indianapolis Colts
- John Elway:** Hall of Fame NFL Quarterback
- Jimmy Fallon:** Host of *The Tonight Show*
- Brett Favre:** NFL Career Leader in Passing Yards
- Ray Ferraro:** Former NHL Player (played in 1976 Little League Baseball World Series)
- Doug Flutie:** Heisman Trophy Winner/Former NFL player/Sports Broadcaster
- Dr. Vincent Fortanasce:** Board-Certified Psychiatrist and Neurologist/Professor/Author
- Ricky Fowler:** Professional Golfer
- Chip Gaines:** Host of HGTV's *Fixer Upper*
- Kathy Gering:** Professional Golfer*
- John Grisham:** Best-Selling Author
- Rudolph Giuliani:** Former Mayor of New York
- Becky Hammon:** San Antonio Spurs Assistant Coach
- Mark Harmon:** Professional Actor
- Tony Hawk:** Professional Skateboarder
- Sam Hunt:** Grammy-Winning Country Music Artist
- Billy Hunter:** Former NFL Player/Executive Director of NBA Players Association
- Torii Hunter:** Five-time MLB All-Star*
- Hale Irwin:** Professional Golfer
- Steve LaTarte:** NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Crew Chief
- Sydney Leroux:** USWNT Forward & World Cup Winner*
- Huey Lewis:** Professional Singer/Songwriter
- Dustin Lynch:** Professional Country Music Singer
- Rob Manfred:** Baseball Commissioner*
- Dan Marino:** Hall of Fame NFL Quarterback
- Lloyd McClendon:** MLB Players and Manager (played in the 1971 LLBWS)*
- Ross McGinnis:** Medal of Honor Recipient
- Tracy McGrady:** NBA Hall of Famer
- Robert Merton:** Nobel Prize Laureate (Economics)
- Seth Meyers:** Host of *Late Show with Seth Meyers*
- Joe Montana:** Hall of Fame NFL Quarterback
- Beth Mowins:** Sports Journalist/Broadcaster
- Brent Musburger:** Sports Broadcaster
- Dr. Story Musgrave:** NASA Astronaut/Pilot/Hubble Space Telescope Repairer
- Dale Murphy:** Retired MLB Player
- Mike Mussina:** Retired MLB Player**^
- Ozzie Newsome:** Hall of Fame NFL Tight End*
- B. J. Novak:** Professional Actor
- Dan O'Brien:** Olympic Decathlon Gold Medal Winner
- Cat Osterman:** Former NPF/Olympic Softball Pitcher*
- Gen. Peter Pace:** Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff/U.S. Marine Combat Veteran
- Jim Palmer:** Hall of Fame MLB Pitcher
- Kyle Petty:** Former NASCAR Driver
- Laffit Pincay, Jr.:** National Horse Racing Hall of Fame Jockey
- Michael Pladus:** National Principal of the Year
- Edward Prescott:** Nobel Prize Laureate (Economics)
- Dan Quayle:** Former U.S. Senator/Former Vice President
- Ron Ricks:** Former Executive Vice President of Southwest Airlines (played in 1962 LLBWS)*
- Cal Ripken Jr.:** Hall of Fame MLB Shortstop*
- Mariano Rivera:** MLB All-Time Saves Leader*
- Aaron Rodgers:** NFL Quarterback
- Ray Romano:** Professional Actor
- Kurt Russell:** Professional Actor
- Nolan Ryan:** Hall of Fame MLB Pitcher
- Craig Sager:** Basketball Broadcaster
- Adam Sandler:** Professional Actor/Comedian
- Mike Schmidt:** Hall of Fame MLB Third Baseman
- H. Lee Scott:** President and CEO of Walmart Inc.
- Tom Seaver:** Hall of Fame MLB Pitcher
- Tom Selleck:** Professional Actor
- John Shuster:** U.S. Curling Olympic Gold Medalist
- Brian Sipe:** Former NFL Quarterback (played in 1961 LLBWS)
- Dr. Robert Sloan:** Former President of Baylor University
- Michael Smith:** NASA Shuttle Pilot
- Bruce Springsteen:** Professional Singer/Songwriter
- Steve Spurrier:** Heisman Trophy Winner/College Football Coach
- Julia Stiles:** Professional Actress
- Dr. Robert Stratta:** Transplant Surgeon (played in 1967 LLBWS)
- Pat Tillman:** Former NFL Player/Decorated Army Ranger
- Karl-Anthony Towns:** 2015-16 NBA Rookie of the Year with the Minnesota Timberwolves
- Donald Trump:** 45th President of the United States
- Pierre Turgeon:** Former NHL Player (played in 1982 LLBWS)
- Sick Vitale:** Sports Commentator/College, Professional Basketball Coach*
- Krissy Wendell-Pohl:** Olympic Silver Medalist (played in the 1994 LLBWS)*
- Michelle Wie:** LPGA Golfer
- George Will:** Political Analyst/Pulitzer Prize-Winning Columnist/Author*
- Russell Wilson:** NFL Quarterback
- Jay Wright:** 2016 NCAA Champion Villanova Men's Basketball Head Coach



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