

**Tee Ball:**

The Tee Ball Division is required for all league age five year old players and six year old players participating in a Little League Program for the first time. Teams are organized by league age, neighborhood and school attendance when possible.

Tee Ball is an introductory division focused on instruction where players hit off a tee rather than a pitched ball. Soft, Reduced Injury Factor (RIF) balls are used for safety. No scores are kept, every offensive player bats each inning regardless of outs and no player sits on defense. Players are taught the basic fundamentals of baseball including throwing, catching, batting, defensive ready position and base running.

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**Rookie:**

The Rookie division is designed to transition players from tee ball to coach pitch play. It consists primarily of league age seven year old players although League age six players can participate provided they played one full year of tee ball in an approved Little League program. Teams are organized by league age neighborhood, and school attendance when possible.

This is an instructional division where players hit "live" Reduced Injury Factor (RIF) balls pitched by their own coach from a short distance with a tee being used to assist players who struggle to hit a live pitch. No scores are kept and every offensive player bats each inning regardless of outs. On defense each team will have ten (10) defensive positions. In addition to the change in batting format the fundamentals of baseball are reinforced and players are introduced to additional aspects of the game.

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**Farm:**

The Farm Division consists of league age seven, eight and nine year old players. While the division is comprised primarily of eight year old players, seven year olds are permitted to play if they have completed a season of coach pitch. Nine years participating in their first season or looking to improve their fundamentals are placed in the division to prepare them for kid pitch. Teams are organized by league age, neighborhood and school attendance when possible.

This is an instructional division where players hit "live" Reduced Injury Factor (RIF) balls pitched by their own coach from a short distance during the first half of the season and players during the second half. No scores are kept but at this level outs are recorded with three ending each half inning. On defense each team will have ten (10) defensive positions. In addition to the exposure in the second half of the season to pitching and hitting kid pitching the fundamentals of baseball are reinforced and players are introduced to additional aspects of the game.

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**Minors B:**

The Minors B Division is the first "draft" level division consisting primarily of league age nine and ten year old players. League age eight players are allowed to try-out given they participated

in the Farm division in the prior season with the League or a similar division in another Little League. All players are required to try-out and teams are formed through a manager draft process supervised by the Division Coordinator, Player Agent and League President.

Players pitch and all players in the line-up bat. The standard nine defensive positions are used and scores and standings are kept. Trained volunteer umpires enforce the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball. Players are taught advanced fundamentals of baseball such that they are exposed to pitching techniques, playing positions, defensive pre-pitch preparedness, live batting and aggressive base running.

A post-season tournament will determine the champion for the division. The top 2 teams will receive trophies.

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### **Minors A:**

The Minors A Division is a "draft" level division consisting primarily of league age nine, ten and eleven year old players. All players are required to try-out and teams are formed through a manager draft process supervised by the Division Coordinator, Player Agent and League President.

Players pitch and all players in the line-up bat. The standard nine baseball defensive positions are used and scores and standings are kept. Trained volunteer umpires enforce the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball. Players are taught advanced fundamentals of baseball such that they are exposed to pitching techniques, playing positions, defensive pre-pitch preparedness, live batting and aggressive base running.

A post-season tournament will determine the champion for the division. The top 2 teams will receive trophies. The winning team represents the League in the District 57 Tournament of Champions (TOC).

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### **Majors:**

The Majors Division is "draft" level and represents true competitive play. It is generally oriented for experienced player's league age eleven and twelve years old however league age ten players are eligible to be drafted to a team. All players are required to try-out and teams are formed through a manager draft process supervised by the Division Coordinator, Player Agent and League President.

Players pitch and all players in the line-up bat. The standard nine baseball defensive positions are used and scores and standings are kept. This level focuses on more advanced skill development. Players are exposed to faster pitching speeds, harder hit balls and the overall

pace of the game is much faster. Trained volunteer umpires enforce the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball.

A post-season tournament will determine the champion for the division. The top 2 teams will receive trophies. The winning team represents the League in the District 57 Tournament of Champions (TOC).