
LITTLE LEAGUE AUSTRALIA GOVERNANCE

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Baseball Australia each year moves to further align our local competitions with Little League® International (LLI) rules and regulations as referenced in the BA Pathway Review. As Australia continues to stamp itself on the Little League® landscape, it is essential that local competitions and leagues continue to comply with the rules and regulations implemented by State District Administrators.

Team Reporting

All Junior teams participating in Local competitions MUST be allocated to one (1) of the below Little League Division based on the age of the participants.

*League Age 12 players MUST be afforded the opportunity to participate in the Little League Division. Players that are participating in the Minor Division must complete a [League Age 12 Waiver form.](#)

When a Division within a Charter achieves more than ten (10) teams, that Charter is required to enter two (2) All Star teams to be eligible for International Tournament Play.

When a Division within the Charter achieves more than twenty (20) teams, that Charter is required to enter three (3) All Star Teams to be eligible for International Tournament Play.

All Charters are required to complete the [Charter Application Form](#) and submit to the State District Administrator no later than **October 31st** each calendar year.

Selecting All-Star Teams

No All-Star team is to be named prior to **1st February** each calendar year. Failure to adhere to this will result in automatic removal from the International Tournament.

When a Charter achieves the opportunity through successful growth and retention strategies to enter multiple teams in the International Tournament, they must use one of the methods outlined in the below form to select their All-Star teams.

[Application form for Selecting Multiple All-Star Teams from one \(1\) Charter.](#)

League Age/Player Eligibility

Division	League Age	INNINGS
Minor League	7, 8, 9, 10, 11	Six (6) or 1 hour 45 min
Little League Division II	10, 11, 12	Two 2 hours or Six 6 innings
Little League (Major) Division	10, 11, 12	Six (6) innings
Intermediate (50/740) Division	11, 12, 13	Seven (7) innings
Junior League	12, 13, 14	Seven (7) innings
*Senior League	12 , 13, 14, 15, 16	Seven (7) innings

***12yo will not be included in the Australian Senior League age bracket.**



Bat Regulations

Division	2021/22
Minors & Majors/Division II	USA Baseball marking 2 5/8" barrel maximum
Intermediate (50/70) & Junior	USA Baseball marking 2 5/8" barrel maximum 2 5/8" composite barrel with BBCOR stamp
Senior	ALL bats must be BBCOR Wood bats are permitted

Special Games

The opportunity to organise special games is a direct result of the local leagues and districts wanting to provide more, Little League® games to its players. Special Games are those events involving on-field competition between youth baseball such as Tournament of Champions, city, or country wide tournaments, etc, as well as any kind of tournament other than games to determine a league champion.

The District Administrator and Regional Director must approve A Special Games request form prior to the games being played.

Special Games may be played under Regular-Season or Tournament Rules, but not in combination. Protests in Special Games cannot be referred to Regional Headquarters.

Special Games

1. Are non-regular games,
2. Are not Little League® tournament games:
3. Involve only teams from chartered Little League® programs,
4. Have been approved by the Regional Office.

There are times where special games can be requested with teams that are not part of the Little League® program. For that purpose, the [application for special games](#) with non-Little League® teams was created.

May be played between

1. Regular season teams or:
2. Tournament teams.

Teams participating in Special Games during the regular season shall be regular season teams only. Tournament teams may participate in Special Games after February 1st.

Teams that resemble a tournament team cannot participate in any other program that is not part of the LLI tournament games or are not approved by the District Administrator and the Regional Office as Special Games.

Violation may result in revocation of Charter and/or suspension of tournament privileges.

This rule does not prohibit pre-season practice games between teams in the same division in the same league or the practicing of the league tournament team against other players in the same division, in the same league, provided such practice is done out of uniform.



TOURNAMENT PLAY IN AUSTRALIA

Mandatory Play

Baseball Australia will be enforcing the below regulations for Mandatory Play within the International Tournament domestically.

Little/Intermediate/Junior League

ALL teams are required to have continuous batting that will include all players on the team Affidavit, to appear in the batting order. Each player is required to bat in his/her respective spot of the batting order. All players MUST have at least one At-Bat.

If a tournament team has thirteen (13) or more eligible players in uniform t a game, then every player on a team roster shall participate in each game for a minimum of three (3) consecutive defensive outs and at least one (1) at bat. If a tournament team has twelve (12) or fewer eligible players in uniform at a game for a minimum of six (6) consecutive defensive outs and at least one (1) at bat,

Defensive Outs is defined as: a player enters the field in one of the nine defensive positions when his/her team is on defence and occupies a defensive position while three (3) outs are made.

Bat at least one (1) time is defined as: A player enters the batter's box with no count and completes that time at bat by being retired, retired as a batter-runner or runner, scores, the inning, or game ends.

PENALTY: The player/s involved shall start the next scheduled game, play any previous requirement not completed and the requirement for this game before being removed.

Failure to meet **Continuous Batting** mandatory play requirements in this rule is a basis for protest. If one or more players on a roster do not meet this requirement, and if protested or brought to the Tournament Committee's attention, in the removal of the team's manager, without replacement, for the remainder of the International Tournament.

1. Prior to the start of play in the top of the fourth inning (Intermediate/Junior Divisions: fifth inning), the umpire-in-chief or other individual designated by the game Tournament Director in consultation with the official scorekeeper, shall advise both team managers of their obligation to insert all players who have not completed their mandatory play requirement into the line-up as outlined below. A manager's failure/refusal to insert players into the line-up as outlined below shall result in immediate ejection of the manager and removal for the remainder of the International Tournament.
 1. If a team has 12 or fewer players in uniform at the start of a game, and is:
 - 1.1 Visiting Team: Any player(s) who has yet to enter the game to meet the defensive requirement of mandatory play must be inserted prior to the first pitch or play in the bottom half of the fourth inning(Intermediate/Junior: fifth inning) into a position in the line-up that will ensure all requirements of mandatory play will be satisfied, absent a shortened game, including one at-bat.
 - 1.2 Home Team: Any player(s) who has yet to enter the game to meet the defensive requirement of mandatory play must be inserted prior to the first pitch or play in the top half of the fifth inning (Intermediate/Junior: sixth inning) into a position in the line-up that will ensure all requirements of mandatory play will be satisfied, absent a shortened game, including one at-bat.



2. If a team has 13 or more players in uniform at the start of a game, players must be inserted into the line-up to bat offensively during the:
 - 2.1 Visiting Team: Any player(s) who has yet to enter the game to meet the defensive requirement of mandatory play must be inserted prior to the first pitch or play in the bottom half of the fifth inning (Intermediate/Junior: sixth inning) into a position in the line-up that will ensure all requirements of mandatory play will be satisfied, absent a shortened game, including one at-bat.
 - 2.2 Home Team: Any player(s) who has yet to enter the game to meet the defensive requirement of mandatory play must be inserted prior to the first pitch or play in the top half of the sixth inning (Intermediate/Junior: seventh inning) into a position in the line-up that will ensure all requirements of mandatory play will be satisfied, absent a shortened game, including one at-bat.
- 3 Managers are solely responsible for ensuring that all players fulfil the requirements of mandatory play, **even if notification is not made.**
- 4 There is no exception to this rule unless the game is shortened for any reason. NOTE: A game is not considered shortened if the home team does not complete the offensive half of the sixth or seventh inning (or any extra inning) due to winning the game.
- 5 Failure to meet **Defensive Outs** mandatory play requirements in this rule is a basis for protest. If one or more players on a roster do not meet this requirement, and if protested or brought to the Tournament Director's attention, it shall result (by action of the Tournament Director) in the removal of the team's manager, without replacement, for the nominated breach penalty.
 - 5.1 Management of a breach will be the Tournament Directors role, with the follow penalties:
 - First Offence – Warning and Education on the participation and player management
 - Second Offence – 2 game Suspension
 - Subsequent Offence/s– the state/territory to provide feedback to BA on team manager's continued role, i.e. head to Nationals or World Series.
 - Any Subsequent breach is to be noted on the Affidavit.
- 6 Additional penalties(including but not limited to forfeiture of a game, additional mandatory play requirements for players who failed to meet mandatory play, and/or disqualification of the team or coaches from further tournament participation) may be imposed if, in the opinion of the Tournament Committee:
 - 6.1 A manager or coach takes any action that results in making a travesty of the game, causing players to intentionally perform poorly for the purpose of extending or shortening a game, or:
 - 6.2 A team fails to meet the requirements of this rule more than once during the International Tournament, which begins with District pay and ends at the World Series level (State level for 8-10 and 9–12-year-old division).
 - 6.3 A manager wilfully and knowingly disregards the requirements of this rule.
- 7 When a manager or coach is suspended for any reason is not permitted to be at the game site and must not take part in the game/s, nor have any communications whatsoever with any person at the game site. This includes pregame and postgame activities. Violation may result, by action of the Tournament Committee, in further suspension; forfeiture of a game; and/or disqualification of the team, managers, or coaches from further tournament participation.
- 8 All catchers are required to wear protective head gear, and an attached-type protective throat guard, pitcher warmup, and any form of infield or infield/outfield practice. The "Hockey Style" helmet is authorized for use at all levels of play.
- 9 Any player on a tournament team may pitch. Exception: Any player, who has played the position of



catcher in four (4) or more innings in game, is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day. A player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, moves to the pitcher position, and delivers 21 pitches or more in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day.

EXCEPTION: If the pitcher reaches the 20-pitch limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to return to the catcher position, until any one of the following conditions occur: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired.
or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game.

Pitching Regulations

Little/Intermediate/Junior League

The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the pitch limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

League Age	13-14	95 pitches per day
	11-12	85 pitches per day
	10	75 pitches per day

Any Player pitching a Major will be required to complete the calendar days rest from pitching and two (2) days rest from catching.

A player pitching in two (2) Minor assignments in consecutive days is required to have one (1) calendar days rest from pitching.

Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirement:

- If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar days of rest must be observed.

Note: Under no circumstances shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

A pitcher may only exceed the pitch limit to finish the batter.

Senior League

The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the pitch limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

League Age	13-16	95 pitches per day
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Pitchers league age 13-16 must adhere to the following rest requirement:

- If a player pitches 76 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 61-75 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 46-60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 31-45 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1-30 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar days of rest must be observed.

Note: Under no circumstances shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

A pitcher may only exceed the pitch limit to finish the batter.



Base coaches are required to wear a 'Skull Cap" style helmet (i.e., without ear cover).

International Tournament Requirements

Requirements for all adults participating in World Series level Tournaments.

1. All adult volunteers that participate on a team that qualifies for World Series play must have a background check completed before traveling to the World Series
2. A copy of a current passport must be sent via email following completion of the Regional Tournament. This is for Adult Volunteers ONLY. All passports to be provided to Baseball Australia
3. Little League International will complete the background check. There is NO fee for these checks, LLI will cover that.
4. **No exceptions will be provided.**

At conclusion of each tournament, the team Manager and both Assistant coaches are to provide their passport via email to sharon.butty@baseball.com.au .
Passports will be forwarded to LLI for the background check/s.

2023 World Series Dates

- 2023 Little League World Series – August 16-27, 2023 – Williamsport, Pennsylvania
- 2023 Intermediate (50/70) World Series – July 30 to August 6, 2023 – Livermore, California
- 2023 Junior League World Series – August 13-20, 2023 – Taylor Michigan
- 2023 Senior League World Series – July 29 to August 5, 2023 – Easley, South Carolina

Playing Field

Little League

Infield is 60-foot square, 46' Pitching Distance.

Junior League

Infield 80-foot square Australian variation, 54' Pitching Distance.

(90-foot LLI)

Intermediate League

(50/70) 50-foot pitching distance and infield 70-foot square.

Senior League

Infield 90-foot square





BASEBALL AUSTRALIA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP

CRITERIA & EVENT RULES

CRITERIA

- 9.1 A charter may qualify for Division II in Little League, if they meet at least ONE of the set criteria.
 - New to Little League.
 - Cannot meet the Little League International tournament criteria.
 - Has a team in Division I (Majors):
 - Geographically isolated from other charters, i.e., Mt Gambier, Broome, Cairns.
 - At the discretion of Baseball Australia
- 9.2 Existing Charter applications being considered are done so, case by case. If a Charter can field a team in Division 1 then they should first and foremost.
- 9.3 The state/territory District Administrator to approve, which will then pass onto the BA Australian Little League Administrator for BA approval.
- 9.4 All charters are under the expectation to continue to build on their player membership and must seek the approval for Division II concept each year.
- 9.5 Players aged 9-12 years old may be included in the Division II team.
- 9.6 An affidavit must be completed.
- 9.7 If one state/territory drops out, the LLAP will conduct a discussion on a national pool, a random draw for a replacement team.
- 9.8 The National Championships will be hosted at the same venue as Little League Championships.
- 9.9 The winner of the Division II national competition will be awarded a trophy each year.
- 9.10 State/Territory Division II representatives to be determined by the process not performancebased and is set by each state/territory.

RULES

Regulation Game

- All games are two (2) hours, no cut-off, can finish the inning or six (6) innings.
- Mandatory Play
 - All teams must bat through the line up (12, 13 or 14 players, whatever is in uniform at the start of the game)
 - 3 DO (13 + players) and 6 DO (12 or less players)
 - 6 runs scored – side away; first 4 innings then freedom to score.
 - Any inning shortened due to the 6-run rule shall be considered 3 defensive outs (DO), for mandatory play purposes.
- A regulation game will be 4 innings.
- After 2 hours, games can finish with a tied score. (Except finals)
- If games are tied after 6 completed innings and the two-hour time limit is not reached, extra innings can be played up until the time is reached.
- All other Little League rules apply.

CHARTER APPLICATION FORM

DISTRICT: Enter District
CHARTER/LEAGUE: Enter Charter/League name
TEAM NAME/S: List Team Name/s

PRESIDENT Enter Name	TREASURER Enter Name	PLAYER AGENT Enter Name
EMAIL Enter Email	EMAIL Enter Email	EMAIL Enter Email
MOBILE Enter with +61	MOBILE Enter with +61	MOBILE Enter with +61

League Age	No. Players	Clubs Within Charter			
10	#	1	#	8	Enter Club
11	#	2	Enter Club	9	Enter Club
12	#	3	Enter Club	10	Enter Club
13	#	4	Enter Club	11	Enter Club
14	#	5	Enter Club	12	Enter Club
15	#	6	Enter Club	13	Enter Club
16	#	7	Enter Club	14	Enter Club
Division		Reg. Season Teams	All Star Teams	Denied/Approved State DA – x or ✓	Denied/Approved BA DA
Little League		#	#		
Intermediate League		#	#		
Junior League		#	#		
Senior League		#	#		

Declaration

This Charter hereby agrees to participate in the 2022 Little League Tournament Pathway. The Charter confirms herewith their participation following and accepting all Baseball Australia policies, and regulations, including, but not limited to, the payment of the registration & participation fee in relation to the State or Australian Championships.

Little League
 Intermediate League
 Junior League
 Senior League

League President:

Signature: _____

Regional District Administrator:

Signature: _____

League Player Agent:

Signature: _____

District Administrator:

Signature: _____



Application form for Selecting Multiple All-Star Teams

Boundary Map Attached

We request to operate (check one):

- One chartered league with split divisions
- Two chartered leagues under one board of directors

1. League/Division Name 2. League/Division Name

Method for Splitting (*check one and supply noted information*)

- Geographical Method (a map, with clearly defined boundaries for each league/division, signed and dated by the President(s) involved and the District Administrator, must be sent with this application to Baseball Australia for approval.)
- Odd-Even Birthdate Method (*specify below which league/division will use players with odd birthdates and which will use players with even birthdates.*)
- Odd Birthdates Even Birthdates
- First Letter of Last Name/Surname Method (*specify below which league/division will use players with first letter of last name/surname of A-L, and which will use M-Z.*)
- A-L M-Z
- Common Pool Draft Method (*Teams must be drafted by the appointed coaches in the presence of the state district administrator to ensure there is no deliberate stacking of an All-Star Team.*)

Declaration

I understand that each league/division will be required to field one tournament team at each level of tournament play, unless permission to combine for tournament teams is granted in writing for the year listed above by the Regional Director.

President's Signature
Date

District Administrator's Signature
Date

Player Agent's (Secretary) Signature
Date

Received by Region Director (*Initials*):
Date:





LITTLE LEAGUE® BASEBALL

Report of Players Claimed
under Regulation II(d) or II(a)

Date:

League Name:

League ID#:

League President:

Current Division Baseball Level

- Tee Ball Minor League Intermediate (50/70) Major League
 Junior League Senior League (Check One)

Player's Name:

Player's Date of Birth

1. Former Address Within Boundaries:
2. Divisions Played and Year:

This claim under II(d) is being filed because:

- The player's address changed.
 The league's boundaries have changed
 The player is a sibling of a player who previously qualified for II(d) or II(a)
 The player's Club address is located within the league's boundary

Please indicate name of sibling that qualifies this player under Regulation II(d) or II(a)

Verification: League President:

_____ Signature (Name)

District Administrator:

_____ Signature (Name)

If the Charter/Tournament Committee subsequently finds that the information submitted as acceptable documentation regarding Regulation II(d) or II(a) now shows that the previously submitted information/documentation was falsified, misrepresented or insufficient then Little League Baseball, Incorporated reserves the right to impose sanctions and/or penalties on all appropriate parties, including but not limited to players, coaches, league officials, and/or the league which could result in suspension and/or terminations with Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

The District and the Local League will maintain this form and supporting documentation in their files. Completion of this form is only required ONCE during a participant's career.



Little League Regulation V (a) Waiver Request Form for

12-Year-Old Participation in Minor Division

All players who are league age 12 must be selected to a Little League Major Division team, Intermediate (50/70) or Junior League team. Exceptions can only be made with written approval from the District Administrator, and only if approved by the local league and the parent/guardian of the players (See Regulation V [a].)

Local League Name: _____ Season (year): _____

Player's Name: _____

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian's Agreement/Signature

I/we, the parent(s) of the league age 12-year-old candidate named above request that he/she be placed onto a Minor League Division team for the current regular season in the local Little League named above.

I/we understand and agree that the local league Board of Directors for the league named above may or may not approve this request.

I/we understand and agree that the District Administrator is the final authority in determining whether the candidate named above will be approved for this waiver.

I/we understand and agree that if the District Administrator does not approve this request, it cannot be appealed except to the District Administrator.

I/we understand and agree that if this request is approved, the candidate named above will:

- NOT be eligible for play in the Little League International Tournament ("All-Stars").
- NOT be eligible to be promoted to a Little League/Intermediate or Junior Division team for the balance of the current season.

Signature(s) of parent(s) or legal guardian

_____ Date:

Local League President's Certification/Signature, I Approve/Disapprove of this request.

_____ Date:

State District Administrator Action Approve/Disapprove

_____ Date:



APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL GAMES

Host League: Date:

Submitted By
(District Administrator or League President):

Level/Division (Check ONE in each - use a separate form for each level or division required)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coach Pitch | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior League |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minor League | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior League |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Little League | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate (50/70) | |

List all leagues involved in Special Games (use separate sheet if necessary):

LEAGUE NAMES:

DETAILS:

Start Date: _____

End Date: _____

Tournament Format: _____

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Season Teams | <input type="checkbox"/> All-Star/International Tournament Teams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Season Rules | <input type="checkbox"/> Tournament Rules |

District Administrator's Signature/Date

State-District: Approved Denied

Regional Director's Signature/Date

Approved Denied

