



**Little League® University**

**Live Webinar Series**

***Divisions and Combined Teams***



# objectives

- | Discuss Division Eligibility
- | Have an understanding of what divisions are available
- | Discuss the use of the Combined Teams process



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# pre-season planning

## age eligibility

Age determination date for SOFTBALL is December 31

- The player's 'league age' for the current season is the age she was on December 31

Age determination date for BASEBALL is August 31

- The player's 'league age' for the current season is the age he/she is on August 31

Each player must present proper proof of age documentation prior to participation with the league

- Original Birth Record
- Or one of four other available options

# pre-season planning

## division eligibility

- | Each Board of Directors determines the age structure per division based on the range of ages available
- | Players participating in the Major division or above may participate in up to two divisions
  - o Players may not play in more than one league
  - o Does permit player to participate in both baseball and softball within league
  - o Player may only be selected to one Tournament team



# pre-season planning

## division eligibility

- | 5-6-year-olds are permitted to advance to Minor League Coach Pitch or Machine Pitch after participation in Tee ball for one year
- | 12-year-olds may participate in Minor League under specific circumstances
- | 15-year-olds may only participate in Junior League with Little League approval

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## softball division eligibility

Softball League Age	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Tee Ball	X	X	X	X									
Minor Coach/Machine Pitch		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Minor Player Pitch				X	X	X	X	X	X				
Major						X	X	X	X				
Junior									X	X	X	X	
Senior										X	X	X	X

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## baseball division eligibility

Baseball League Age	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Tee Ball	X	X	X	X									
Minor Coach/Machine Pitch		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Minor Player Pitch				X	X	X	X	X	X				
Major						X	X	X	X				
Intermediate								X	X	X			
Junior									X	X	X	X	
Senior										X	X	X	X

# in-season divisions of play

## Player Pitch

- Part of Minor League Division
- 7-12-year-olds
  - 12-year-olds may only play under special circumstances
- Gives children more exposure to structured play
- Players from this division more likely to be considered for tournament play





## in-season divisions of play

- Major League (Little League)

- o 9-12-year-olds

- Intermediate (50/70) Baseball

- o 11-13-year-olds

- Junior League

- o 12-15-year-olds

- 15-year-olds may only participate with Regional approval

- Senior League

- o 13-16-year-olds

# pre-season planning

## combined teams

- | Used during the Regular Season
- | When one or more leagues does not have enough players in a division of play to form a team
  - o Max of three leagues
- | Not used for leftover players
- | Each league in a combination must be chartered for the current season
- | Players must register with their own league



# pre-season planning coach / manager selection

Join us Next Week...

**When:**

February 7, 2018 at 2 P.M. Eastern

**Topic:**

**Manager / Coach Selection and Training**



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Questions?

Thank you!