

## A-Ball aka Tee Ball ( Ages 4-6 )

*A-Ball (Tee Ball transitioning into Coach pitch) Tee Ball is required for all League Age 4-year-old players as well as first year 5-year-old players. Tee Ball is open to first-year 6-year-olds, but we recommend they play AA if they can hit a ball pitched by a coach.*

This is an introductory division specifically designed to provide a foundation and introduction to baseball that is grounded in fun, fitness, and fundamentals. All players begin the season by hitting off of a Tee. As the season progresses, managers, at their discretion, may introduce Coach Pitch to those ready to advance. 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. and everyone rotates positions and bats each inning.

Note: Late Midseason transition from T-Ball to Coach Pitch is encouraged

## AA ( Ages 7-8 )

AA (Coach Pitch transitioning to Kid Pitch)— The Double A division is the first introduction to a baseball that is harder than the traditional Tee ball, although it is not as hard as that used in the Majors divisions. This is also the first introduction to 3 outs per inning and 5 swinging strikes, where the game starts to look more like an actual game. Players are now allowed to take extra bases on a hard hit ball to the outfield and they also get introduced to “kid pitch” baseball where the players pitch to the opposing team. Swinging strikes will be recorded, but no walks. Positional play developed and also defensive pre-pitch preparedness taught.

NOTE: Kid Pitch transition starts at mid year. As 8 year olds start to pitch, Coaches will step in if "walk" is issued

## AAA ( Ages 9-10 )

The Triple A Division is the first “draft” level division consisting primarily of league age nine and ten-year-old players as well as stronger skilled 8 year old players. Tryouts are held and teams are formed through a manager draft process supervised by the Player Agent. All 9 and 10 year old players will be drafted.

Players pitch and all players in the lineup bat. The standard nine defensive positions are used and scores and standings are kept. Trained 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 specific positions, defensive pre-pitch preparedness, live batting and more aggressive base running. A postseason tournament in which all teams in the division participate will determine the champion for the division. The final team will receive trophies.

NOTE: Any 8-year-old interested in being considered for Triple A MUST attend evaluations.

## Majors (Ages 11-12 )

The Majors Division is "draft" level and represents true competitive play. Major Division teams carry a mandatory roster of 12 players. Majors is generally oriented for experienced players league age eleven and twelve years old, however stronger skilled 10 year old players are eligible to be drafted to a team. Tryouts are held in late winter and teams are formed through a manager draft process supervised by the Player Agent.

Players pitch and all players in the lineup 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. Professional umpires enforce the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball.

NOTE: Any 10-year-old interested in being considered for Majors MUST attend evaluations.