

Divisions & approximate number of teams

Tee Ball and Minor	111,844
Little League Baseball	41,962
Jr./Senior League Baseball	15,147
Big League Baseball	2,275
Tee Ball and Minor League Softball	8,743
Little League Softball	10,539
Senior League Softball	6,736
Big League Softball	820
Challenger Division	1,518

Player age

Tee Ball and Minor	*5-8 & 9-12
Little League Baseball	**9-12
Junior League Baseball	13-14
Senior League Baseball	14-16
Big League Baseball	16-18
Tee Ball and Minor Softball	*5-8 & 9-12
Little League Softball	**9-12
Junior League Softball	13-14
Senior League Softball	14-16
Big League Softball	16-18
Challenger Division	5-18

*7-8 year olds may play Tee Ball or Minors
**9-10 year olds may play Minors or Little League

Local league

Local leagues operate under an annual charter. Each league has protected boundaries with a population base of 20,000. It is recommended that each league have 4 to 10 teams.

Number of participants

Nearly 3 million youth ages 5 through 18 play Little League throughout the world every year.

Little League Season

The length of the Little League season depends on the region and is generally a three-month period during the Spring and Summer.

Challenger Division

The Challenger Division of Little League Baseball is a program designed specifically for mentally and physically disabled youth to enjoy the full benefits of Little League participation in an athletic environment structured to their abilities. Some flexibility in applicable rules and regulations is permitted to meet individual program needs in this division.

Tournament

All leagues are eligible to participate in the Little League tournament. Each league selects one representative team to compete against other leagues.

World Series level tournaments are available for Little League, Junior League, Senior League and Big League Baseball, as well as Little League, Girls Junior League, Senior League and Big League Softball.

Publications

Little League Headquarters publishes and distributes more than three million manuals, rule books, handbooks and informative pieces each year. More than 500,000 rule books are printed annually for use by Little League programs.

Training & development program

Recognizing the needs of a changing climate in youth sports, Little League Baseball has added an optional Training and Development program (T.A.D.). The program, which is an extension of the regular season for all Little Leagues, enables youngsters to participate in the activity of their choice throughout the year and offers instruction in a relaxed, informal program. The program also enables youngsters to make a smoother transition from Little League to Junior League play.

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*Organized baseball and softball
for the youth of the world*

Purpose of Little League

To assist youth in developing qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being, with proper guidance and exemplary leadership.

Founded

Little League was founded in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in 1939. It is the largest organized youth sports program in the world.



Federal incorporation

Little League operates under charter of Federal Incorporation granted under a bill signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson, July, 1964 - with unanimous approval of both House and Senate - the highest honor the federal government can accord.

Little League Week

By Presidential Proclamations initiated by Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1959 and John F. Kennedy in 1961, Little League Week is declared the second week in June.

Charter

Terms of charter issued to each Little League program extends use of the words LITTLE LEAGUE, LITTLE LEAGUER, SENIOR LEAGUE, BIG LEAGUE and CHALLENGER DIVISION, for every year it is chartered. It does not, however, grant the right of the league to extend the use thereof to another person, company or organization.

Headquarters complex

Constructed in 1959 and dedicated in August 1960, development of the present 60-acre complex was financed by generous support of the Williamsport community. The initial 28-acre property was donated by the Williamsport Foundation with money made available by Grit, the weekly newspaper.

Includes: Three-story administrative office on U.S. Highway 15, Howard J. Lamade Stadium, Peter J. McGovern Little League Museum, John W. Lundy Conference Center, four regular Little League fields, two Senior League fields, four batting cages.

Dr. Creighton J. Hale International Grove includes: dining hall, housing units, Jr. Olympic size swimming pool, office and infirmary for summer camp, series, and umpiring personnel.

Field centers

Little League offices are also located in St. Petersburg, Florida; Waco, Texas; San Bernardino, California; Indianapolis, Indiana; Bristol, Connecticut; and Kutno, Poland.

Peter J. McGovern Little League Museum

A quality "hands-on" museum, educating, training, and entertaining visitors to the Little League Complex, it tells the story of the phenomenon of Little League through displays of Little League memorabilia, a film theater, fibre optics map, video monitored batting and pitching cages, a running track, The Hall of Excellence, Drug and Alcohol Education Exhibits and other exhibits in the seven theme rooms.

Facility use

The Headquarters facility is used year-round by local sports, church, school and civic organizations for outings and meetings. Regional Centers are also utilized for many non-Little League functions.

Camp

Summer baseball camps operate at Headquarters and Regional Centers, as well as in Hillsgrove, Pennsylvania, north of Williamsport.

Employees

Approximately 100 full-time employees during the year, with others added for summer and camp purposes.

Conferences, seminars, clinics

Held during Spring, Fall and Winter for league officials, District Administrators, umpires, managers and coaches. Conducted at all Little League Centers, and other selected sites, around the country.

District Administrators

An experienced volunteer, elected by leagues of the district to counsel, direct and provide leadership in the policies and rules of Little League. Acts as a liaison between Headquarters and the local league.... 15 to 20 leagues in each district....approximately 640 district administrators throughout the world.

Little League Congress

International meetings are held tri-annually in various locations. District administrators participate in the democratic revision and formation of rules and regulations.

Equipment

Little League affiliates are the largest purchasers of baseball equipment. Manufacturers of approved supplies and equipment advertise in the Little League Equipment & Supply Catalog which is mailed to chartered Little League programs.

Fee

The charter fee is \$13.00 per team. League supplies are gratis.

Financial operation

Little League Baseball is partially supported by charter fees and membership enrollment from local leagues, which constitute less than 30% of the annual budget. The additional funds required are received from corporate sponsors, contributions, sales of licensed supplies, royalties and receipts from other special activities.

Graduates

More than 2,500 men in organized baseball....450 of whom are on Major League rosters. To name a few:

Mark McGuire	Mike Greenwell	Orel Hersheiser
Mike Mussina	Frank Thomas	Cal Ripken
Cecil Fielder	Jim Eisenreich	Jimmy Key
J.T. Snow	John Olerud	Nomar Garciaparra

Insurance

Little League offers the best insurance program in any comparable activities. It is mandatory that all leagues insure their players with insurance coverage.

Accident Coverage is available through CNA.

Claims are processed and paid from Headquarters for eligible medical expenses due to accidental injuries while participating in scheduled Little League activities.

General Liability Insurance is available through CNA and protects the leagues against lawsuits for bodily injury, property damage and product liability.

Association Directors and Officers Liability Insurance is available through the Chubb Group of insurance companies, providing protection for the league and its members against discrimination, insufficient administration, libel, slander and similar legal situations.

Crime Insurance Policy is available through the Chubb Group and is designed to help leagues safeguard against monetary loss caused by dishonesty, disappearance of money, securities or other property and destruction of money and securities.

Field measurements

Little League	Base line - 60 ft. Pitching Distance - 46 ft. Outfield fence - 200 ft. from home plate (recommended)
Junior, Senior and Big League	Base lines - 90 ft. Pitching distance - 60 ft. 6 in. Outfield fence - 300 ft. (Modified field size permitted for Junior/Senior Leagues)
Softball	Little League, Junior League, Senior League and Big League Softball play on regulation Little League fields except for a 40 ft pitching distance.

Little League Foundation

A non-profit trusteeship of prominent citizens dedicated to encourage, support and make permanent the benefits of Little League to children everywhere and is a supporting sponsor of the Little League movement.

It is a tax-exempt corporation established to stabilize and insure Little League's future, protect its ideals and extend its benefits.