



# Land Park Pacific Little League 2017

## FAQ's



### 1. What is Little League?

Since 1939, Little League has sought to instill leadership, character, courage and loyalty in all that participate. Now, there are nearly 1.5 million adult volunteers and 2.4 million children playing in more than 80 countries worldwide. Land Park Pacific was founded in 1954. More of our history [is here](#).

### 2. What is my child's league age? What does that mean?

League age (sometimes called "baseball age") is the age your child is by a certain cut-off date. The easiest way to determine your child's league age is to click and [use this calculator](#).

### 3. What is the youngest age that can play?

The Land Park Pacific program is open to players who are league age 5 and older. That means the child must be 5 on or by August 31, 2017. No exceptions are made.

### 4. Can we talk about the 11 year olds in the 2017 season?

If you have a child this age and have been around a few years, you know this "class" is exceptionally large, due in part to Little League age changes that are underway. We expect more 11 year olds (players born 5/1/05 to 8/31/06) to come out this season than any other age group. Generally the 11's play in the Majors division, but with high numbers there will be some fluidity to this this year. Players will be eligible for the Majors draft, but must be selected by managers. The numbers of players on each team in our competitive divisions (Majors and AAA) must be equal.

### 5. What happens at walk-in registration?

We will process your paperwork and you will move from station to station to check residency, submit forms, make payment, etc. Lines can sometimes be long, so thank you for your patience and remember we are all parent volunteers doing our best. There are only 2 walk-in dates, Dec. 14 and Jan. 8.

### 6. What if I can't make it to walk-in registration?

We offer two dates; one December, one January, one evening, one weekend, and both are open for 4 hours. If it is still impossible, you will need to find a friend to stand in your place. No emailed or US postal mailed registrations will be accepted.

### 7. What if my registration is incomplete at walk-in registration?

There's a lot to keep track of! If your packet is incomplete, we will let you know exactly what you are missing and you will be responsible to mail or hand deliver it within 1 week to the registrar. Remember, no photocopies can be made on site. Emails and scanned documents will not be accepted.

8. Why is Little League registration so detailed?

We proudly adhere to the rules and policies of Little League International. Our charter provides us with training, credibility, accountability, and organization on the field and in the office. We are part of a proud legacy and American tradition. Little League establishes age and residency requirements for playing so that all young people playing in 80 countries and 50 states are held to the same standards. Baseball is a game of rules!

9. Wouldn't online registration be easier?

Actually, no – for a few reasons. We have done so in the past and there was an exponential increase in the number of errors that took time to manually correct. Also, Little League requires league officers to see birth certificates and collect hard copy documentation of residency. Even leagues that do have online registration, still need an in-person event to gather these documents properly. Higher cost of an online service would be passed on through higher fees. Lastly, it's a little bit old fashioned, but we are a neighborhood league and our community spirit is one of our greatest assets. We like seeing you come out and we hope you like seeing old friends and coaches when you do.

10. What happens to documents with my personal information?

The registrar maintains files through the season and into the summer for district and All-star play. Personal documents are professionally shredded in the fall. As of 2017, we no longer archive birth certificate copies and all previous copies are professionally shredded.

11. Can I register my child after the January 8 date?

No late registrations will be accepted.

12. What are the boundaries for LPPLL?

The map [is here](#).

13. If I live outside the boundaries, can my child still play?

If your child attends school inside the LPP boundaries, yes, we hope you'll play! You need to submit the [Little League School Enrollment Form](#). Children who live outside the boundaries and attend TK or preschool within the boundaries are not eligible to play. The school rule applies to kindergarten and above. This form is kept on file and verifies eligibility for the player's years in LPPLL.

14. I completed the School Enrollment Form in the past. Do I need to do it again?

Your form is on file with us and still valid. You do not need to complete this again.

15. Can I request a manager?

In T-Ball and Rookie only, players can request a manager. We will do our best, no guarantees.

16. Can I request team mates?

You cannot request teammates at any level.

17. How do I stay informed?

We have 2 methods to post updates and announcements. 1) Follow our Facebook page [here](#). 2) Sign up [here](#) to receive emails.

18. [When do we find out our team?](#)

Team rosters are announced immediately following the draft for each division. Team managers will contact each family to welcome them to the team. Majors teams are drafted first, then AAA, then AA, followed by Rookie and lastly T-Ball teams. This happens in February.

19. [Can girls play?](#)

Yes! Girls are welcome to play baseball at all levels.

20. [Do players tryout?](#)

Players "League age 8" and above are required to attend one try-out date at Dooley Field: **January 21 or 22, 2017**. "League age 8" means you will be 8 on or before Aug. 31, 2017. In case of rain-out, tryouts will be rescheduled and announced via social media and email. All players will be placed on a team; there are no "cuts."

21. [My child has physical or developmental disabilities. Are there opportunities to play?](#)

Yes, the [Challenger Division of Little League](#) is a very fun and successful program for players 4-18 (or through age 22 if still in high school.) Please contact our league president ([crystal@lppll.com](mailto:crystal@lppll.com)) to learn more about our Sacramento District 7 Challenger teams.

22. [Are there ways to save money?](#)

Yes!

- Plan to attend the free Gear Swap in February at Sutterville Elementary School. In the winter, league families donate used and outgrown baseball gear and clothing. All league players and their families are invited to come pick up gear for the season – and you do not have to give to get. Date will be announced via social media and our league emails.
- You can also volunteer 8 hours for league events and receive a \$75 refund for your volunteer fee. Volunteer opportunities are regularly announced through team parents, on league emails, and on the league Facebook page.

23. [Is financial assistance available?](#)

We want to provide every eligible player the opportunity to experience Little League. In some circumstances, fees may be reduced or waived, or paid in installments. Requests should be addressed to the League President by submitting the Financial Assistance Application form found on the website under the "Forms" heading. This may be submitted at walk-in registration. All applications will be confidential.

24. [Where does my money go?](#)

The league's top expenses are: equipment purchases, uniforms, insurance, field rental fees to the city, Dooley Field maintenance, upgrades and care for city fields, umpires for older divisions, dues to Little League International to maintain our charter.