

WSLL
Spring 2019
Registration Guide



WSLL Spring 2019 Registration FAQ

1. How can parents volunteer to manage or coach a team?

- Online Registration – Parents can register to manager or coach a team at the same time they register players.

2. Can I request a specific teammate/coach for my child?

- Requests can be made for players at the 5T, T-Ball, and 1A levels using the Friend/Coach Request field during online registration.
- However, please note that we can not guarantee that all requests will be fulfilled.
- AA, AAA, and Majors teams are formed by a player draft. As such, requests for specific teammates/coaches can not be considered.

3. Can players select their uniform number?

- Majors players only can select the number on the back of their uniform jersey during registration.
- We may consider expanding this option to other levels in future seasons.

4. Will players be provided custom-sized uniforms?

- Yes, we plan to continue custom sizing for our Spring 2019 season.
- Players at all levels will select their jersey size during online registration
- Players at 5T-AAA will also select their desired pants size. Majors players will provide their own game pants.

5. Will my child automatically be assigned to the same team or league as last spring?

- Returning Majors players will be assigned to the same team (e.g., Majors Tigers, etc.).
- Players who are League Age 10+ in Spring 2019, and who played in WSLL in Spring 2018, will be assigned to/drafted by a team in the same league (AL or NL) that he/she played in last spring. *Please note that this is a National Little League policy and not a WSLL policy*.
- Players who are League Age 9 or below may also be 'League Affiliated' based on an older sibling's affiliation.

6. Will WSLL offer Intermediate (50/70) baseball for players who are League Age 13 (DOB: 9/1/05-8/31/06)?

- Based on results of a recent survey of WSLL families, there appears to be limited interest in Intermediate baseball among eligible players and potential coaches.
- Given the significant resources and effort needed to successfully run an Intermediate division, WSLL has decided to not offer registration for Intermediate baseball this spring.
- However, WSLL is exploring other potential opportunities for League Age 13 players to play Intermediate baseball (e.g., via partnership with another local little league). Please contact WSLL Player Agent, Todd Harding, if you are interested in exploring this option (todd.harding@wsllbaseball.net).²

Online Registration

- All players (new and returning) should register online
- Registration Dates:
 - Early Registration: 10/28/18 – 12/15/19
 - Late Registration (+\$25/player): 12/16/18 - 1/8/19

1. New to WSL? Verify WSL eligibility

- enter home or school address at <http://www.littleleague.org/LeagueFinder.htm>

2. Go to www.wsllbaseball.net and click on the link for Spring 2019 registration

3. Log in to your WSL SI Play family account

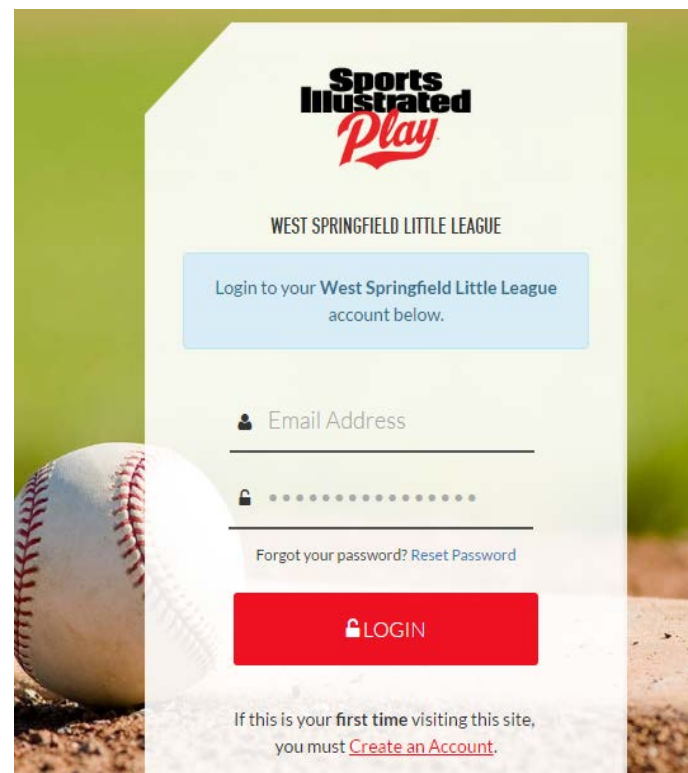
- Log in with your email and password
- Click 'Reset Password' if you forgot your password
- Click 'Create an Account' only if your family is new to WSL and does not already have an account

4. Click on Account Settings to update player/family information

- Add/update Emergency Contact info (required)
- Click on child's name to add/update child's Medical Info (required) and other information (e.g., player's school, current grade, etc.)
- Click on Add Adult to add other parents/relatives to your account

4. Complete Registrations

- Follow the online registration process for players and adult volunteers (e.g., managers/coaches/team parents)
- Complete payment process as instructed



What playing level should I register my child for?

If you have questions about the proper playing level/division for your child, please email:

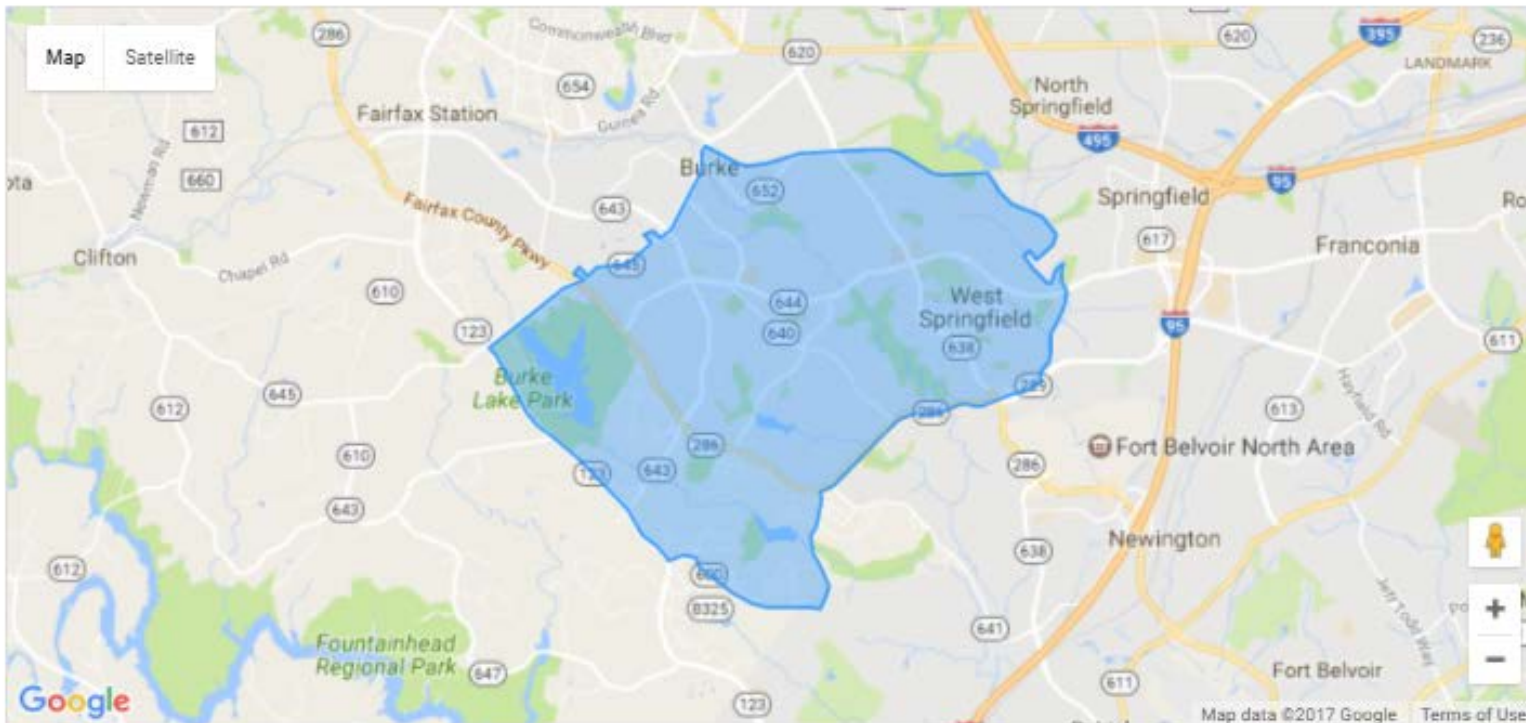
- Player Agent, Todd Harding (todd.harding@wsllbaseball.net)
- Asst Player Agent, Mike Williams (mike.d.Williams@wsllbaseball.net)

Online Registration - WSLL Boundary Map

- Verify WSLL eligibility - enter home or school address at <http://www.littleleague.org/LeagueFinder.htm>
- Your registration will be 'flagged' if the system does not recognize your address to be within the WSLL residential boundaries
- You will be allowed to complete registration, but may be asked for additional documents to prove eligibility to play in WSLL (e.g., proof of school enrollment within WSLL boundaries)
 - For returning WSLL players, this documentation may already be on file with the WSLL Player Agent

The primary address on your account falls outside of the WSLL boundaries as defined by Little League International.

You will be allowed to register, by clicking **Skip** below, but may be required to provide additional information to prove non-residential eligibility (e.g., school enrollment) to play in WSLL this upcoming season.



In Person Sessions

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL IF YOU NEED TO ATTEND AN IN PERSON SESSION

- Sat 1/5/19 (12-3:30pm) & Wed 1/9/19 (7pm-9pm) - Washington Irving MS
- Most returning players will not need to attend an In Person session
- You may be required to attend an In Person Session if:

Status	Required Documents
Your family is new to WSLL Spring Baseball	Proof of Residency, Birth Certificate
A player in your family is new to WSLL Spring Baseball	Birth Certificate
You live outside WSLL boundaries but your child attends school within WSLL boundaries	School Enrollment Form
You are a returning WSLL player who no longer lives or attends school within WSLL boundaries	ii(d) Waiver Form

- Proof of residency - <https://ll-production-uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/2018/01/Residence-Eligibility.pdf>
- School Enrollment Form - <https://ll-production-uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/2017/12/School-Enrollment-Form.pdf>
- ii(d) Waiver Form - <https://ll-production-uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/2017/12/Regulation-IId-1.pdf>

- You may also attend an In Person Session if:
 - You want to learn more about WSLL Volunteer Opportunities (e.g., manager, coach, team parent, umpire, etc.)
 - You wish to make payment in person by check (registration fee and/or volunteer fee)
 - You have other questions about WSLL and wish to speak to a WSLL BOD member

Spring 2019 Registration Rates

Playing Level	Registration Rates – First Child*
5T	\$90
T-Ball	\$125
1A (Machine Pitch)	\$175
AA	\$175
AAA	\$175
Majors	\$175

- ***\$25 discount for second child, \$50 discount for third child and beyond in same family**
- Registration rates includes cost of player uniform and other equipment (e.g., bats, helmets, catcher's equipment, etc.)
- Players are responsible for providing their own baseball glove, cleats, protective cup, etc.

WSLL Refund Policy

Upon written request submitted to the President or Treasurer received before January 31 (on or before March 1 for 1A and below), the League will refund 100% of amounts paid. Upon written request submitted to the President or Treasure before the last day of tryouts, the League will refund 50% of the registration fee and 100% of any volunteer fee paid. A \$10 handling charge for all refunds will be assessed. A \$15 returned check fee will be charged for all returned checks (not sufficient funds/closed account.)

Scholarships Available

No child will be turned away due to an inability to pay, regardless of ability. If you wish to apply for a league scholarship, please contact WSLL President, Mike Warbel, at mwarbel@gmail.com

2019 Little League Age Determination Table

Your player's Little League Age for the 2019 season can be determined using this table

2019 - League Age Determination													
AGE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE
5	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	5
6	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	6
7	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	7
8	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	8
9	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009	9
10	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	10
11	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	11
12	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2006	2006	2006	2006	12

WSLL Playing Level Age Guidelines

- The table below may be helpful in identifying the proper playing level for your player
- If you have questions regarding the proper playing level for your player's age and skill level, please Email WSSL Player Agent Todd Harding (todd.harding@wsllbaseball.net) and WSSL Assistant Player Agent Mike Williams (mike.d.williams@wsllbaseball.net)

WSLL Playing Level Guidelines - Spring Season						
League Age	5T	T-Ball	1A	AA	AAA	Majors
5	5T					
6		T-Ball	1A			
7		<i>T-Ball</i>	1A	AA		
8			1A	AA	AAA	
9			1A	AA	AAA	Majors
10				AA	AAA	Majors
11					AAA	Majors
12						Majors

- Permitted only with WSSL approved age waiver

- Permitted only in special cases (e.g., first time player, developmental limitations, etc.)

WSLL Playing Level Descriptions (5T-Majors)

1) 5-T

- Introduction to baseball concepts and skills for 5 year olds.
- Teams meet weekly on Saturdays for 90 minutes. The weekly meetings will consist of two parts, a practice session and a game.

2) T-Ball

- For young players who require some training in basic baseball concepts and skills

3) 1A (Machine Pitch)

- Player can catch most balls thrown to them overhand from 40'.
- Throw accurately to a 40' target.
- Hit the ball regularly in T-Ball, and at least occasionally, out of the infield.
- Catch fly balls with glove fingers facing up.

4) AA (Player Pitch)

- Catch 75% of the balls thrown to them overhand from 50'.
- Throw accurately to a 50' target
- Hit the ball regularly at the 1A level, and at least occasionally out of the infield.
- Catch fly balls routinely with glove fingers facing up and throw with good form.

5) AAA (Player Pitch)

- Catch, with ease, almost every ball thrown from 60 feet.
- Throw a ball with good mechanics accurately to a receiver 60' away.
- Hit the ball regularly with some authority, and, at least occasionally, out of the infield at the AA level.
- Routinely catch fly balls in a proper fielding position.

6) Majors (Player Pitch)

- Meet all of the qualifications of AAA players (as described below).
- Have had some success in AAA; or, if they never played in AAA, demonstrate through tryouts or their play at other levels or leagues that they could have.

If you have questions about the proper playing level/division for your child, please email:

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- **Assistant Player Agent, Mike Williams**
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WSLL Age Waiver FAQ

1. Who needs an age waiver?

- League Age 6 players applying for 1A
- League Age 7 players applying for AA
- League Age 8 players applying for AAA
- League Age 9 players applying for Majors

2. Do players applying for an age waiver need to tryout?

- Yes, all players meeting the criteria above must attend a tryout on 2/3/19
- Tryout times and location will be posted on www.wsllbaseball.net in mid/late January

3. Is the tryout the only factor used in approving/disapproving the waiver request?

- No. Approval of the waiver (by the WSLL Player Agent) will be based on the tryout **and** the availability of open roster slots at higher playing level after all age appropriate players have been placed

4. What happens if the age waiver is approved?

- League Age 6 players with approved age waivers will be placed on a 1A team
- League Age 7 players with approved age waivers will be drafted by a AA team
- League Age 8 (or 9) players with approved age waivers will be placed in the AAA (or Majors) draft pools. However, if the player goes unselected in the AAA (or Majors) draft, he/she will then be placed in the AA (or AAA) draft pool for selection

5. What else should I know?

- If the waiver is approved, your child may play with other children that could be up to 3 years older than him/her
- If the waiver is approved, your child may play in weekday games that may run past 9pm (e.g., at the AAA and Majors levels)

Spring 2019 – Season Timeline (Tentative)

- After final registration is complete in January, here is what happens next...

1. Manager Recruitment and Selection **(AAA and below)**

- ***When: Mid/Late January***
- WSLI will contact all parents who volunteered to manage a team to confirm their interest and intent
- If additional managers are needed, WSLI will solicit parents of players registered at those levels still in need

2. Player Tryouts

- ***When:***
 - February 3, 2019 (Majors, AA, Age Waivers)
 - February 10, 2019 (AAA)
- Tryout dates/time/locations will be posted at www.wsllbaseball.net when finalized
- See ‘Tryout Process’ info on slide 12 for additional information re: who needs to attend the tryouts

3. Team Formation

- ***When: Early/Mid Feb***
- 5T/T-Ball/1A
 - Teams formed based primarily on school attended
 - Requests for specific teammates/coaches considered but not guaranteed
- AA/AAA/Majors
 - Teams formed by manager draft
 - Requests for specific teammates/coaches not considered
- Shortly after your player has been assigned to/drafted by a team, you will be notified by his/her manager and/or via SI Play notification

4. Practices Start

- ***When: Late February/Early March***

5. Games Start

- ***When: Late March/Early April***

Please note that all time frames are general/tentative and dependent on weather, field conditions, etc.

Tryout Process

It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure their player(s) attend tryouts. Please arrive 15 minutes ahead of your child's scheduled time.

• Overview

- Every registered child will be assigned to a team. Tryouts are held to evenly distribute playing talent and assign players to the proper level of play
- Tryouts will be held on 2/3/19 (Majors, AA, Age Waivers) and 2/10/19 (AAA)
- Individual tryout times will be posted on www.wsllbaseball.net in mid/late January

• Who needs to tryout?

- **5T and T-Ball:** No tryouts required
- **1A:** Only League Age 6 players seeking an age waiver
- **AA:** Only players new to WSL, League Age 7 players seeking an age waiver, & children of AA managers
- **AAA:** All players (including manager's sons/daughters and League Age 8 players seeking an age waiver)
- **Majors:** Players new to WSL, players interested in playing at the Majors level for the first time in the spring, and League Age 9 players seeking an age waiver

• Tryout Process

- Approximately 30 minutes total, including warm up time
- About 20 to 30 coaches and WSL BOD members will observe the tryouts
- Each player will be given 5 balls to hit and will field 3-5 ground balls and fly balls thrown by a coach
- Pitching tryout is optional

• What Happens Next?

- Approximately two weeks after tryouts, the annual drafts for the Majors, AAA, and AA playing levels will be conducted. Some players who tried out for Majors (or AAA) may go undrafted and will then be automatically entered in the AAA (or AA) draft.
- Players will be notified of their team assignment 1-2 days post draft

\$150 Volunteer Fee FAQ

Why does WSLL charge a volunteer fee?

- To successfully run a spring baseball season requires hundreds of hours of volunteer effort above what can be performed by the WSLL BOD
- Accordingly, WSLL charges a refundable volunteer fee to each family (excluding families with players only registered at the 5T and T-ball levels) in order to motivate families to perform that work or to provide additional funds with which the Board can contract out such work
- The volunteer fee also helps WSLL avoid time consuming fund-raising endeavors that can be frustrating for both players and parents.

How can families pay the volunteer fee, and how is it refunded if volunteer work is performed?

- Online Registration: If paying by credit card, the \$150 volunteer fee must be pre-paid when registering online. The full \$150 will be refunded later if your volunteer work requirements are met.
- In-Person Session: Families paying at an In Person session can pay the volunteer fee by credit card or check.

Volunteer fee checks will be cashed after the season only if the volunteer requirements are not met. (Please include your player's name on your check.)

How can parents earn back their volunteer fee?

- Working one (1) four-hour shift on any of the dates during any of the preseason field preparation dates.
- Working two (2) 3-hour shifts in the Snack Bar/Concession Stand, two (2) tryout sessions (as available), or any combination of two (2) shifts of these activities.
- Attending umpire training and umpiring five (5) games at the 1A level or above.
- Serving as a League photographer and submitting photos that meet the requirements specified by the WSLL Yearbook chairperson.
- Serving as a Team Manager at the 1A level or above, plus two (2) Gray Hat sessions with designated WSLL Board Members.
- Volunteering for special events (e.g., Byronfest)
- Special Projects in Facility Improvement as approved by Volunteer Coordinator and League President.

Conditions of Registration

- **Behavior.** I understand that failure by either a parent or player to abide by Little League, WSLI, or team rules is grounds for suspension, and *removal of the player* from the league. Grounds for such actions include: persistent, unexcused absences from practices; verbal and physical abuse of parents, coaches, managers, umpires or league officials; misuse of league grounds and equipment; violations of public law; and any other behavior that undermines the league's effort to conduct itself according to the rules of Little League Baseball.
- **Disputes.** I understand that the team must try to satisfy up to 12 different families, within the restraints imposed by the Rules of Little League Baseball and WSLI. Thus, if I cannot volunteer to be a manager or coach, I will do my best to support the manager. If I have a serious disagreement with the manager, I will seek an appointment with him or her away from a game setting to discuss my concern. I understand that, if the dispute cannot be resolved, I may contact the League Director, who is my manager's supervisor. League Director email addresses can be accessed through the web site. I also may contact the Vice President for Baseball Operations, who supervises the League Directors, or the President any time I have a concern or question that cannot be resolved at the team level.
- **Umpires.** I understand that if I do not volunteer to umpire, and if no one on my team volunteers to umpire, there may be no umpires for my child's games. WSLI has multiple training opportunities for new and returning umpires. The league does not assign umpires to 5T, T-Ball, and A-level games. While WSLI endeavors to attract and assign at least one umpire to AA, AAA, and Majors-level games, our experience indicates that on average volunteers will cover only 75% of the games (less at lower levels, more at higher levels).
- **Rainouts.** Unless otherwise notified by their manager or the league, players must come to the game field. On weekdays, the league attempts to make a decision regarding the status of scheduled games by 3pm, then will communicate that information via email or website posting. On weekends, when the weather is so bad that there clearly will be wholesale cancellations, WSLI endeavors to communicate cancellations as soon as they are known.

WSLL Registration Contacts

WSLL Player Agent Information

- **Todd Harding** - WSLL Player Agent
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