

**WSLL**  
***Spring 2021***  
***Registration Guide***



# WSLL Spring 2021 Registration FAQ

- 1. Where can I find information related to WSLL COVID-19 Guidelines?**
  - By registering, you accept the [WSLL Waiver](#)
  - Please read and understand our [WSLL COVID-19 Safety Plan](#).
- 2. 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.
- 4. Will players be provided custom-sized uniforms?**
  - Yes, we plan to continue custom sizing for our Spring 2021 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 and Intermediate players will provide their own (gray) game pants.
- 4. 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.
- 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 2021, and who played in WSLL in Spring/Summer 2020, will be assigned to/drafted by a team in the same league (WSLL AL or WSLL NL). \*Please note that this is a National Little League policy and not a WSLL policy\*.
  - See Slide 13 - WSLL League Structure & Affiliation Rules
- 6. Will WSLL offer Intermediate (50/70) baseball for players who are League Age 13 (DOB: 9/1/07-8/31/08)?**
  - WSLL hopes to field at least 1 Intermediate team in Spring 2021.
  - Players who are League Age 13 will be eligible for the Intermediate Division in Spring 2021
  - See separate page titled “Intermediate (50/70) FAQ”

# Online Registration

- All players (new and returning) should register online
- Registration Dates:
  - Early Registration: 10/24/20 – 12/15/20
  - Late Registration (+\$25/player): 12/16/20 - 1/7/21

## 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](http://www.wsllbaseball.net) and click on the link for Spring 2021 registration

## 3. Log in to your WSL SSU 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., home address, 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?

- See Playing Level Guidelines
- If you still have questions, please email:
  - Player Agent, Todd Harding ([todd.harding@wsllbaseball.net](mailto:todd.harding@wsllbaseball.net))
  - Asst Player Agent, Marco Flores ([marco.flores@wsllbaseball.net](mailto:marco.flores@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 spring players, 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.



# Required Documentation

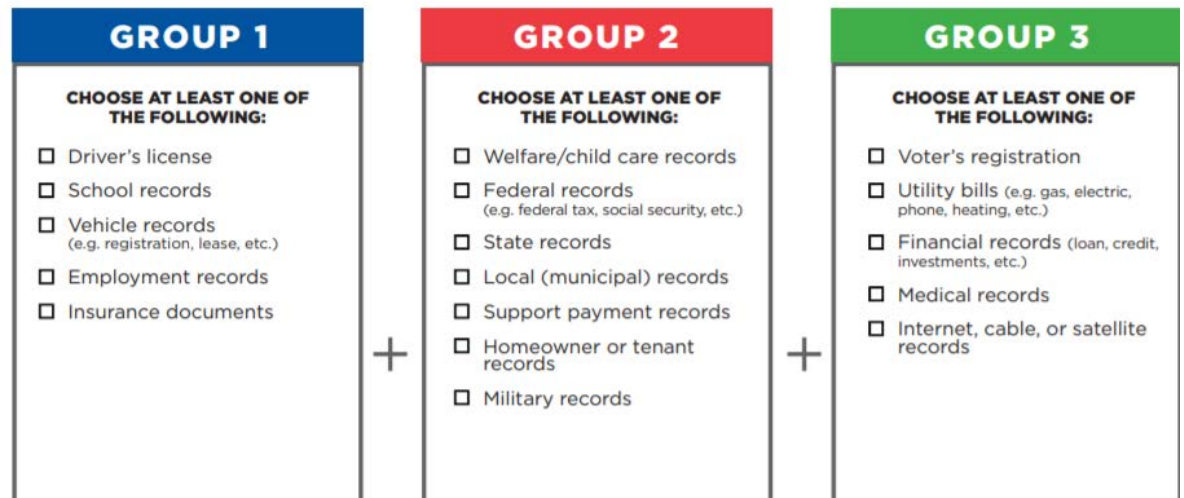
Most returning spring players will **not** need to provide any new documentation

- You will be contacted via email by the WSLL Player agent to provide documentation if...

Status	Required Documents	Links
Your family is new to WSLL Spring Baseball	Proof of Residency, Birth Certificate	<a href="https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/residency-eligibility-checklist/">https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/residency-eligibility-checklist/</a>
A player in your family is new to WSLL Spring Baseball	Birth Certificate	
You live outside WSLL boundaries but your child attends a school within WSLL boundaries	School Enrollment Form	<a href="https://www.littleleague.org/downloads/school-enrollment-form/">https://www.littleleague.org/downloads/school-enrollment-form/</a>
You are a returning WSLL player but no longer live or attend school within WSLL boundaries	ii(d) Waiver Form	<a href="https://www.littleleague.org/downloads/regulation-ii-d/">https://www.littleleague.org/downloads/regulation-ii-d/</a>

## Proof of Residency

- 1 document from each group →
- Must include parent/guardian name(s)
- Must include current address
- Must be dated no earlier than 2/1/20



# Spring 2021 Registration Rates – Early Registration

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

- **\*\$25 discount for second child and beyond in same family**
- **\*Rates increase by \$25 per player on 12/16/20**
- Registration fees can be paid online via credit card or by personal check mailed to *WSLL, PO Box 2563, Springfield, VA 22152*
- Registration rates includes cost of player uniform and shared team equipment (e.g., bats, 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 Treasurer 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 Scholarship Chair, Kelly El Yacoubi, at [kellyyac@gmail.com](mailto:kellyyac@gmail.com)*



# 2021 Little League Age Determination Table

- Your player's Little League Age for the 2021 season can be determined using this table
- League Age for the 2021 Spring Season will be based on a player's age as of 8/31/21

2021- League Age Determination													
AGE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE
5	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	2015	5
6	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	6
7	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	7
8	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	8
9	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	9
10	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	10
11	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009	11
12	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	12
13	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	13

# WSLL Playing Level Age Guidelines

- The table below may be helpful in assisting you in registering your player
- League Age for the 2021 Spring Season will be based on a player's age as of 8/31/21
- Please see Draft Process on Slide 14 for AA/AAA/Majors Team Formation information
- If you still have questions regarding the proper playing level for your player's age and skill level, please Email WSLI Player Agent Todd Harding ([todd.harding@wsllbaseball.net](mailto:todd.harding@wsllbaseball.net)) and WSLI Assistant Player Agent Marco Flores ([marco.flores@wsllbaseball.net](mailto:marco.flores@wsllbaseball.net))

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

- Permitted only with WSLI approved age waiver. No special registration form required. Waivers decisions to be made based on player tryout evaluation and/or available roster spots)

- Permitted in special circumstances (e.g., first time player, developmental limitations, etc.), due to tryout assessment, age waiver decision or as the result of the player draft at the Majors and AAA level.



# 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.

***\*\*Note: Playing level may change after initial registration as a result of player assessments, age waiver decision, and/or the result of the drafts at Majors and AAA***

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

- **Player Agent, Todd Harding**  
[todd.harding@wsllbaseball.net](mailto:todd.harding@wsllbaseball.net)
- **Asst. Player Agent Marco Flores**  
[marco.flores@wsllbaseball.net](mailto:marco.flores@wsllbaseball.net)

# Intermediate (50/70) FAQ

Depending on interest and enrollment, WSLL may field 1-2 Intermediate teams for the Spring 2021 season

## 1. Who can play Intermediate?

- Intermediate in the spring is open to players who will be League Age 13 (i.e., DOB between 9/1/07 and 8/31/08)

## 2. How is Intermediate different than Majors

- The pitching mound is set at 50' (versus 46' for Majors and below) and the bases are set at 70' (versus 60' at Majors and below). Thus, Intermediate is often referred to as '50/70 baseball.'
- Some rules are also different; specifically those related to base running and stealing.

## 3. Why is WSLL having an Intermediate division?

- Many 13 year olds want to continue to play baseball, but are not yet ready to play on the full size (90') field that is used in Babe Ruth Baseball or travel team baseball.
- WSLL's goal is to have an opportunity for these kids to continue to play baseball and develop on a field that is best suited to their age, size, and skill level.

## 4. Will WSLL definitely have an Intermediate team?

- WSLL expects to field at least one team if at least 11 players register.
- WSLL will consider adding an additional team if we have sufficient player interest AND a confirmed manager in place.

## 5. Will Intermediate players need to tryout?

- We have not yet determined if Intermediate players will need to attend a tryout/assessment.
- If we do not have enough players for two teams, we may hold a tryout/evaluation session to determine placement.

## 6. Who will the WSLL team play against?

- The WSLL Intermediate teams will primarily play Intermediate teams from other local Little Leagues. As such, some local travel may be required for games.

## 7. Can WSLL fields be used for Intermediate games?

- Currently, Byron-Wrigley and Fenway (at Burke School) are both adaptable to 50/70 dimensions.

## 8. Will WSLL field an Intermediate All Star team?

- We have not yet determined if WSLL will field a team in the Virginia District 9 Intermediate All Star tournament.

## 10. What are the costs/fees to play Intermediate?

- The fees are the same as for 1A-Majors (\$175 registration fee + \$150 refundable volunteer fee). Sibling discounts will also be applied.
- Like Majors, players will provide their own game pants.

# 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

## 2. How do I apply for an age waiver?

- No additional action/paperwork is needed
- The WSLL Registrar and Player Agent will automatically ‘flag’ any registrants who require a waiver based on their League Age and desired playing level

## 3. Do players requiring an age waiver need to tryout?

- Yes, all players meeting the criteria above must attend a tryout on **January 31 (Majors, Age Waivers) or February 7 (AAA, AA)**
- Tryout times and location will be posted on [www.wsllbaseball.net](http://www.wsllbaseball.net) in mid/late January

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

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

## 5. 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 players with approved age waivers will be placed in the AAA draft pool. However, if the player goes unselected in the AAA draft, he/she will then be placed in the AA draft pool for selection

## 6. What else should I know?

- If the waiver is approved, your child may play with other children that could be up to 3-4 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 level)
- No refunds will be provided based on the denial of an age waiver for any reason

# Tryout Process

It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure their player(s) attend tryouts at their designated 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 **January 31 (Majors, Age Waivers) and February 7 (AAA, AA)**. Location is TBD.
- Individual tryout times will be posted on [www.wsllbaseball.net](http://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 & Coaches of Record
- **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
- **Intermediate:** We have not yet determined if Intermediate players will need to attend a tryout/assessment.

## • 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 3-5 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

# WSLL Structure & Affiliation Rules

- WSLN operates two individual divisions; **WSLL American** and **WSLL National**; under one administrative operation and Board of Directors
  - Because of our large size, Little League rules dictate that we operate in this manner
  - Please note that this two-division structure only applies for our Spring seasons; not Fall Baseball
- For players who are League Age 5-8, this distinction is unimportant, and players may be assigned to/drafted by a team in either league
- However, players who are League Age 9+ become ‘affiliated’ to the division of the team they are assigned to/drafted by in that year<sup>1</sup>.
  - This means that in all future WSLN Spring seasons through League Age 12, the player may only be drafted by a team in the same division to which they became affiliated in their first WSLN year at/after League Age 9+
  - This is a Little League rule; not a WSLN rule.
- Example:
  - **2021** - A League Age 8 Player is drafted by the AA Tigers (WSLL American). This player is not yet ‘division affiliated.’ When the player registers for AAA in 2022 as a League Age 9 player, he/she may be drafted by a team in either division.
  - **2022** – The same player is now League Age 9 and is drafted by the AAA Cubs (WSLL National). The player is now ‘WSLL National affiliated’. When the player registers for AAA/Majors in 2023, he/she may only be drafted by WSLN National team.
- WSLN follows the same division affiliations as MLB teams. Below are the teams and division affiliations used for the 2020 WSLN season

<u>WSLL American</u>	<u>WSLL National</u>
Angels	Cubs
Orioles	Dodgers
Red Sox	Mets
Royals	Nationals
Tigers	Phillies
Yankees	Pirates

1) A player may be ‘pre-affiliated’ at League Age 9+ if an older sibling is League Age 10 or 11 and is already division affiliated. This is done to ensure they can play together on the same team in future WSLN seasons.

# Draft Process – Team Formation for AA/AAA/Majors

## Majors Draft

- First draft; typically held in early February.
- Majors teams have returning players, reducing the overall draft slots for new Majors registrants
- Most players are League Age 10+ and are already ‘division affiliated’ (WSLL American or WSLL National), so can only be drafted by a team in their affiliated league.
- A small number of players may not be ‘division affiliated’ (e.g., players who are new to WSLL Spring Baseball), and can be drafted by a team in either league.
- Typically, WSLL has more Majors registrants than open Majors rosters slots available. As such, some players who registered for Majors may go undrafted and will be added to the AAA draft pool.

## AAA Draft

- Second draft; typically held in mid-February.
- Players who are League Age 10+ and already ‘division affiliated’ (WSLL American or WSLL National) from a prior WSLL Spring season can only be drafted by a team in their affiliated division.
- Unaffiliated players who are League Age 9, or League Age 10+ and new to WSLL Spring Baseball, can be drafted by a team in either division.
- Typically, WSLL has more AAA registrants than AAA rosters slots available. As such, some players who registered for AAA may go undrafted and will be added to AA draft pool
- However, players who played AAA in the prior WSLL Spring season and players who are League Age 11+ must be drafted into AAA and are not eligible to drop to the AA draft pool.

## AA Draft

- Final draft; typically held the last week of February.
- A few players may be League Age 10+ and already ‘division affiliated’ (WSLL American or WSLL National), so can only be drafted by a team in their affiliated league.
- Most players are League Age 8-9, or League Age 10 and new to WSLL, and enter the draft without a division affiliation. These players can be drafted by a team in either division.
- All players are selected to AA teams. No players will drop to 1A.

# Spring 2021 – 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:***
  - **January 31 (Majors, Age Waivers)**
  - **February 7 (AAA, AA)**
- Tryout dates/time/locations will be posted at [www.wslibaseball.net](http://www.wslibaseball.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 SSU 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.*



# \$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?

- Credit Card: 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.
- Personal Check: Families may pay their volunteer fee by personal check mailed to *WSLL, PO Box 2563, Springfield, VA 22152*

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 1A games. While WSLI endeavors to attract and assign at least one umpire to AA, AAA, and Majors 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  
[todd.harding@wsllbaseball.net](mailto:todd.harding@wsllbaseball.net)
- **Marco Flores** - WSLL Assistant Player Agent  
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## WSLL Registrar & SSU Play Administrators

- **Mike Williams** - WSLL Registrar  
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- **Marco Flores** - WSLL Assistant Registrar  
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