

Lake Mary Little League Spring 2020 Season Guide



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Welcome Message

We are extremely happy to have your family choose to participate with the Lake Mary Little League for the Spring 2020 season. We have seen tremendous growth over the past few years and feel that the strength of our program is founded on our families and the overall dedication to help teach our children the benefits that come from playing in a sport such as baseball or softball.

We have provided this guide as way to help answer questions you may have throughout the season. If you do not find an answer in the guide, please feel free to reach out to your team manager and/or the Lake Mary Little League Board of Directors, and we will be happy to help.

Please note that there is an important rule change on baseball bats for starting in the 2018 season for all Baseball divisions of Little League. Please see the following link for the latest on the approved bats for all Baseball divisions:

[Legal 2020 Baseball Bats](#)

Thanks you

The Lake Mary Little League Board of Directors

Key Dates

Below are tentative dates we've identified for the Lake Mary Little League Spring 2020 season. A dates are tentative and are subject to change due to weather and/or field availability. Any District or All Star tournaments will occur after May 16th.

- January 3rd – 6th – Assigned group/day/times for skills assessments sent to registered players (Double A and above divisions only).
- January 6th - 11th – Skills assessments held (Double A and above divisions only) with the schedule to be communicated out for specific divisions.
- January 13th – January 16th – Teams formed and notifications start to be provided.
- January 18th – First practices start for league (Note: not all teams may practice this day due to space and overall team availability).
- February 15th – Opening Day & first games occur (Note: not all teams may play this day due to number of teams/schedule). There will however be an opening day parade and ceremonies for all teams regardless if scheduled to play a game.
- March 12th – March 22th – No games, Seminole County Public Schools Spring Break.
- May 4th – May 13th - Local Tournaments for divisions with an advancing District tournament.
- May 16th – Spring Season complete.

FAQs

Below are a number of the common questions that we field throughout the season that we hope will help answer questions you may have about the league

Registration Questions

When will I learn what team my player is on?

Our plans for the Spring 2020 season is to get things started in a manner that allows for us to have a full slate of games while working around important items such as the SCPS days off. With this in mind we are planning of having all teams formed between 1/14/2020 and 1/16/2020. You should hear from you manager shortly after that timeframe.

Do we need to attend a skills assessment?

All players who are registered in the Baseball Divisions of Double A and up or Softball Divisions Minors and up **are required** to attend a skills assessment. Assessments will be assigned out to specific time groupings to attempt to minimize wait times during the day. You will be provided more details and information on the specifics as we get closer to the assessment dates. We are tentatively planning for the assessments to occur by division the week starting January 6th and completing by Saturday January 11th. Details on specific date/times will be sent approximately January 3rd.

When will the season officially start?

First practices are planned to begin on January 18th. Opening day is planned for February 8th.

How is my player assigned to a team?

Depending on the division the player is part of determines the way the player is selected to a team. For the baseball Double A and up and softball Minors and up are all formed via a full draft this season. The managers will participate in a draft where the entire pool of eligible players will be selected to team following Little League international draft methods that are defined to each division. For all other divisions which cover the youngest players in our league, the managers will participate in selecting players to teams to make sure we account for helping making it a fun experience for the kids.

I have a request for team placement, are you able to accommodate the request?

While we do provide an opportunity to make requests during the registration process in our younger aged divisions, we are not able to guarantee that we can accommodate requests. Due to the nature of the draft methods of Little League International that we need to apply to those divisions that have a draft, those divisions players are placed to teams based on skills and the attempt to make equally competitive teams across the division. Requests are only able to be considered directly at the Baseball Single A and below and Softball Rookies levels.

We need to drop from the league can I get a refund?

We can provide refunds up to opening day; however, there is a \$5 refund fee plus if uniforms are ordered the uniform shirt cost will be reduced from the refund as the uniform is ordered specific to the player. All refund request must be received prior to 2/8/2020. All refunds are processed in a manner of a check mailed to your registration mailing address as we do not retain any credit card information to protect you data privacy.

We have not played previously, what equipment do I need to have?

The main thing that will be needed is a baseball/softball glove and it's recommended to have some sort of cleats. Players in the baseball Intermediate and up divisions are allowed to wear metal cleats, but all other divisions need to have non-metal.

Most players will also want to have their own bat. Bats can have a wide range in costs so please be aware that there are specific rules on bats in terms of the weight and composition of the bats. Please review the [Little League Bat Rules](#) prior to purchasing and unwrapping a bat to be used in Little League. Also note that for the baseball Intermediate and above divisions, there are specific rules that change the bats that are legal that is in the details within the site.

The league will provide the team with several shared helmets, but most players will also want to have their own helmet. We do not require that there be a facemask or guards on the helmet, but if the player is comfortable wearing one it does provide an added level of safety for them. We cannot allow any player to wear a helmet that is airbrushed and/or has a non manufacturer applied sticker/logo due to the fact these can conceal potential cracks and could pose a safety risk.

Season Questions

What day will games occur on?

We expect to have games scheduled Sunday – Saturday this season; however, we will work to minimize the number of times any team would play on a Sunday. Any games on Sunday would only be in the afternoon between 12-6 PM. We will attempt to keep our historical approach to games for the Tee Ball and Single A divisions on Saturday's, however, it could be that we will have an occasional game on a different day due to the large number of teams we need to schedule for and the opportunity for those divisions to have more games.

What day will practices occur on?

Practice days will be determined manager request and their availability, field space and majority of player availability. These practices could occur on a Sunday and for our older divisions, we expect there to be practice times that will occur at the Seminole Sports Complex near the Sanford Airport or Soldiers Creek to ensure adequate space for all of the teams.

Is see there is rain forecast, how do I find out if the game/practice is still on?

We make all attempts to notify of closures/delays as soon as we are made aware. The Lake Mary Sports Complex is run by the City of Lake Mary and they have sole decisions on when to open and close the fields. They will notify select members of the league to let us know of the status of the fields and our goal is we have updates on our website and Facebook within 5 minutes of that team knowing. They do work to attempt to make the fields playable for each day, but this does mean that they may be working on that determination right up to near the time a game and/or practice is scheduled. We ask our families to watch our Facebook and/or website as a quick reference as well as any communication you team manager may provide.

How do we find out about Lighting Delays?

The Lake Mary Sports Complex is run by the City of Lake Mary and they have sole decisions on when to open and close the fields. They will notify select members of the league to let us know of the status of the fields and our goal is we have updates on our website and Facebook within 5 minutes of that team knowing. We ask our families to watch our Facebook and/or website as a quick reference as well as any communication you team manager may provide. The alarm system the City uses is the Earth Networks StreamerRT weather service to monitor lightning and severe weather situations. Any lightning strike inside a 7-mile radius of the Sports Complex will result in the suspension of play/rentals on all fields, Skate Park, and Splash Pad. Play/rentals will only resume once staff has been issued an ALL CLEAR by the weather service. A link to the current status of the Lighting Alert for the complex can be located on the Lake Mary Sports Complex website, or by using the following link: [Lake Mary Sports Complex Lightning Alert System](#)

I want to help with teaching the players the game, but I'm not an official manager or assistant coach, is this allowed?

As long as the team manager is okay with additional help during practices, we do allow this to occur, but do require that a Little League background check be on file before any person is allowed to participate in any activities with the kids. During the games only the 3 designated team officials (manager/2 assistant coaches) are allowed in the field including the dugouts, except for Tee Ball, Single A, Double A baseball divisions and Rookie softball division, one approved volunteer adult may assist with the coach/manager approval.

I can't commit to be a manager and/or coach, but want to pitch in to help, what roles can I help with?

Being a volunteer run organization, we have a number of ways parents can help out with the success of the league. Each team will have a team parent who helps the manager with various activities with the parents such as arranging for pre-paid snacks at the concession stand and handing out various items to the parents and players during the season. Each team also needs a designated Team Safety Officer who needs to be CPR trained or willing to be trained (the league will provide this training each season). There are also roles that we can always use help with during the season that range as small as handing out tickets or covering a sign-up sheet for the Home Run Derby during our league events such as opening day to helping us coordinate items with the All Stars. All volunteers are welcome and feel free to reach out to your team manager and/or Board of Directors to learn more.

I'm interested in helping umpire games, how can I help?

Lake Mary Little League does contract for umpires for several of our divisions, but in addition to that we welcome volunteers to help. We do offer a credit toward a future seasons registration for each game umpired and will provide training and have equipment that can be used. Please see our website for more details on this program under our Umpire Corner.

My player got injured during a game or practice, what do I do next?

First off we hope your player is feeling better quickly. Please contact our League Safety Officer to make sure that an accident report is recorded and to help navigate the next steps.

My player is injured, but was not related to baseball/softball?

First off we hope your player is feeling better quickly. A player that requires a doctor's care must have a written release from the doctor prior to returning as an active player. This includes any injuries or illnesses not related to baseball. Until a proper release is received, the player cannot physically participate in any practices or games. For the safety of the player, any player that is injured or ill and doesn't have a doctor's release will not be allowed into the dugout or on the field during games.

Can we prepay for concessions for the season?

The concession stand is not operated by Lake Mary Little League; however, we work closely with the Grand Slam Bites that runs the concessions to provide total team rosters and game schedules to determine a cost that for each team that covers a drink and a snack on game days. This information is shared with the teams once the cost per player/per game is determined. The team managers will receive this information as we near the start of games in February and will share with the families.

I have a complaint and/or concern how to I file this?

All complaints must be submitted in writing to the Lake Mary Little League Board of Directors who will review all written concerns and work to address that specific scenario.

Post Season

Would my player potentially play beyond the season end date?

For divisions that have players approximately ages 9 and up, District 23 has historically held a Top Team tournament where our local Division winner would advance to play other Little League champions within the district. The exact divisions, dates and times will be known later in the season, but typically will fall in the week between when our season ends and Memorial Day.

How is a player eligible for All Stars?

Little League International hosts an All Stars tournament that runs over the summer months and depending on the age levels can lead to advancing to play at various locations throughout the country. All Star players are historically League Age 9 and above.

As we near the late April timeframe, we will conduct a registration / survey of all eligible players to determine who is available to participate. Those that indicate availability will be placed on a ballot that is voted on by the managers and assistant coaches within that division, any volunteer umpires, and any member of the Board of Directors. The top 9 voted in will be designated to the All Star team, with additional players being added to fill out the complete team in conjunction with the All Star manager and Board of Directors approval.

To be eligible for consideration, the player must meet the following requirements:

- Have played in at least 60% of the scheduled regular season games with their team that season. Pool play does not count towards games played. There is an exception that if the player is not able to play due to participation in their school of attendance baseball/softball program, the games played for the school can be counted towards their eligibility.
- Need to meet the league age requirements for the division they are participating. To prove the players league age, a raised seal birth certificate is required to be presented to the district administrator (NOTE: Photocopies are not accepted)
- Reside or attend school within Lake Mary Little League boundaries and provide 3 documents that support this residency dated between 2/1/2019 and 2/1/2020.
- The player is not suspended from league play for the season.

When will All Stars be announced?

Historically All Stars are not announced until 2 weeks prior to the start of the tournament. Teams that advance beyond our District level last year were announced on June first, but follow the rules of Little League International.

If my player is selected as an All Star what is the expectations?

If your player is selected as an All Star for the Lake Mary Little League there are a few things to keep in mind:

- There will be a separate cost associated with the participation on the All Star team to cover the costs of the uniform.
- The player is expected to be available for all practices and games leading up to the tournament as well as any advancement to the next levels. This will involve at least planning for a week of games in the June timeframe (exact dates will be known as we get closer to the balloting) and will occur weeknights at fields within District 23.
- It is required that each player on the roster will provide documentation demonstrating their residency within the league boundaries and/or attend a school within our league boundaries. We will be working to ensure this documentation is on hand at the beginning of the season; however, the documents are reviewed at a district level and may require additional information and/or proof. Also it is required to have a raised seal birth certificate verified by the District Administrator prior to the start of the tournament, copies will not be accepted. These documents will be returned once verified.

Accepted Waivers

During your registration there were a number of waivers that you accepted to participate in the league. We want to make sure you have a copy of these details in the event you have any follow-up questions related to any of the items.

Little League Player Registration & Medical Release Waiver

1. I/We, the parents/guardians of the above-named candidate for a position on a Little League team, hereby give my/our approval to participate in any and all Little League activities, including transportation to and from the activities.
2. I/We know that participation in baseball or softball may result in serious injuries and protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to players, and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Incorporated, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants, and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities from any claim arising out of any injury to my/our child whether the result of negligence or for any other use.
3. I/We agree that our child (candidate) may be required to try out for a team. If such does not attend at least 50 percent of the tryouts, local Board-of-Directors' approval is required for such candidate to be placed on a team.
4. I/We agree that our child (candidate) may be chosen at any time to play on a Major Division team, if he or she is of the correct age for such division as determined by the local league and Little League Baseball. Declining to move up to such Major Division team will result in forfeiture of eligibility for the Major Division for the current season, and may be subject to further restrictions by the local league.
5. I/We will furnish a certified birth certificate of the above-named candidate to League Officials.

Code of Conduct

We, the Lake Mary Little League, have implemented the following Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in our league. Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from attending games based on reported conduct. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness,
- Respect,
- Responsibility,
- Fairness,
- Caring, and

- Good Citizenship.

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

Anti-Bullying Policy

Given the serious effects that bullying has on youth and organizations, Lake Mary Little League has adopted an anti-bullying policy. This policy overview is intended to guide all Managers, Coaches, Umpires, Players, Volunteers, Parents, Guardians, and Spectators.

- **Definition of Bullying:** Bullying involving behavior by one or a group of people with the intent to ridicule, harass, humiliate or intimidate another person during league games, practices and/or other league events. Verbal bullying involves repetitious behavior and includes the use of words and gestures. Emotional bullying involves rejection, terrorizing, extorting, humiliating, rating/ranking personal characteristics such as race, disability, ethnicity, or perceived sexual orientation. Physical bullying can include a single incident of pushing, hitting or kicking a person or interfering with their property.
- **Reporting of Bullying:** If you are being bullied, or know of someone being bullied, you must tell a team manager, coach, or member of the Board of Directors of Lake Mary Little League as soon as possible.
- **Consequences of Bullying:** If a person involved in the league (including managers, coaches, umpires, players, volunteers, guardians and spectators) has taken part in bullying behavior, a minimum of a warning and/or an immediate suspension from all Lake Mary Little League activities until the Board of Directors can review the incident to determine next step of actions for the incident. The further actions the board can take is pursuant to the Little League Regulation XIV – Field Decorum, which can include further warnings, discussions with parents and guardians, future suspension or exclusions, ineligibility for playoff, tournament, and/or all-star involvement, up to and including permanent removal from the league and reporting to local law enforcement.

Refund Policy

All refunds need to be processed directly with the Lake Mary Little League Board of Directors. All refunds are processed in a manner of a check mailed to your registration mailing address as we do not retain any credit card information to protect your data privacy.

All Refunds are subject to a \$5 admin fee. After 1/16/2020 the refund is subject to additional costs of the uniform for the season.

No refunds will be issued after Opening Day of 2/8/2020.

Team Assignment Acknowledgement

All teams will be formed via a draft processes that will follow the guidelines outlined by Little League International for will involve the Player Agent and Managers within each division. The draft method for each division will be defined within our local rules and will follow a defined Little League International Section of Players options provided.

I acknowledge that this means that my player may not be on a same team as a friend and/or player from a prior season. While manager may draft with the knowledge of players from prior seasons, all players will be in a pool to be selected from to form the most even teams as possible to try to ensure equal competition.

Location & Time of Games/Practices Acknowledgement

Given the space constraints at Lake Mary Sports Complex, we have worked to grow the availability of times and alternative locations for practices and/or games to occur.

With this in mind I agree to the following:

- Our goal will be to hold games particularly for our youngest players at Lake Mary Sports Complex on traditional days of Saturdays; there may be occasions where these games could occur on a different day of the week.
- We expect to have an occasional game and/or practice that will be scheduled for teams on Sunday afternoons. These will be scheduled between 12 – 6 PM.
- Practices may not occur at Lake Mary Sports Complex and could be at an alternate location that the team manager obtains
- The league may also schedule practices at the Seminole Sports Complex located near the Sanford Airport or Soldiers Creek. This will primarily be focused on the players in the older divisions.
- Games on weeknights could have start times as early as 5:15 due to the need to allow for games that follow to have enough time to complete before the City ordinance that the lights are out at 10PM.

Special Requests

Requests are allowed, but due to draft rules are only able to be directly considered at the Tee Ball/Single A/Rookie Softball levels. We cannot guarantee that requests can/will be able to be honored.

Discount Code

I attest that if I am using a discount code for this registration, the code was given to me directly by a Lake Mary Little League Board of Director and is being used for its intended purpose. I acknowledge that if I have used this discount code in a manner that is not stated above I will be responsible for the registration fee in full and registration can be cancelled if full payment is not submitted.

Residency Proof

As part of the registration process, you are required to upload proof of residency documentation. These documents will be verified by a member of Lake Mary Little League to ensure they are valid and I attest these documents provided are valid for the purposes of establishing residency. In the event that the documents are determined not to meet the residency requirements, I will provide any requested updated documents in order for my player to be eligible to continue to participate in Lake Mary Little League.

Little League Privacy Policy

The Little League® Privacy Policy has been written to answer questions you might have about our information and privacy practices. As a youth organization we are very concerned about privacy. Therefore, we have taken measures to tailor our content and offerings to help protect the privacy of players, parents/guardians, volunteers and coaches/managers. This Privacy Policy applies to information collected on Little League International authored websites such as LittleLeague.org; LittleLeaguestore.net; videos.LittleLeague.org; LittleLeagueU.org; and other affiliated websites and our official pages on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, YouTube, Instagram or other social media (the "Sites") as well as information received from other sources such as charter enrollment and player registration data and volunteer data reporting.

This policy was last updated on December 7, 2017.

[Download Privacy Policy](#)

Advice to Children and Parents

We strongly advise children to get their parent(s) or guardian(s) to review any information they intend to transmit and get their parents' or guardians' permission before submitting any kind of personal data to anyone over the Internet. We urge parents to repeatedly discuss with their children the danger of giving personal information to anyone (online or in person) whom they do not personally know. We also encourage parents and guardians to spend time online with their children monitoring and reviewing their children's online activity. As a policy, no person under the age of 13 is permitted to register directly to receive Little League's electronic communications or participate in Little League social media activities. Such activity, if deemed appropriate, must be conducted by the parent or guardian of such individuals. For additional tips on how to help children stay safe on the Internet, we recommend the following site: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0002-parents>.

What personal information do we collect?

Little League International requires chartered Little Leagues to submit player registration data, including parent/guardian information and coach/manager data to be in compliance with Regulation IV(g) of the Little League® Official Regulations, Playing Rules and Operating Policies as well as all league officer information at the time of chartering annually. Player registration data must include the date of birth of the player and parent or guardian contact information including a valid email address. The local league

must verify the accuracy of such information annually. Submission of the same information from the previous year is not acceptable per the Regulation. A player, manager, or coach must be listed on the data submitted to Little League International in order to be covered by Little League National Accident Insurance, provided it is purchased by the league. All registration and volunteer data is submitted electronically through the secure "Little League Data Center" on LittleLeague.org/datacenter

The Little League website details the acceptable formats including a downloadable spreadsheet or automatic upload, when available, from Little League's Official Technology Partner, Dick's Sporting Goods, Team Sports HQ.

At Little League International, we may collect information in addition to player registration data and coach/manager/volunteer data in order to help identify you and/or your child's interests in the Little League program and the associated local league or district with which you may be affiliated. For example, we may collect information on our Sites and through our various links to resources and information, and when you enter contests, participate in promotions, express your opinion, shop online, or subscribe to our online portals, emails, social media sites and newsletters.

How do we use personal information collected and received?

Any information gathered by Little League International on the Sites, through the League Player Registration and Coach/Manager/Volunteer registration process and/or by any other means, will be used for the purpose of furthering the mission of Little League International and for communicating with individuals as described further below. Little League International does not sell any information collected from you to outside companies.

We may use registration and other personal information to provide program information, special offers or services through Little League International and/or its trusted sponsors, partners, or licensees. We also may use the information to fulfill your requests for information or products or to respond to your inquiries about our programs. We may use this information to communicate with you, such as to update you on new rules, regulations, or risk management issues, to ask your opinion through surveys and research, to register you for or notify you that you have won a contest, or to provide you with the latest news or program updates distributed by Little League International.

The information you provide in connection with our Sites and email communications, online submissions and surveys, social media sites, and communities is used to create an interactive experience. We may combine your registration information with other information that you have provided through social media or other platforms and may use this information to facilitate conversation and to occasionally offer you information, programs, and services.

Should you receive information from Little League or one of our partners, this information will be clearly identified with Little League International identification marks in adherence with our trademark registration.

In addition, the data provided to Little League International is utilized in the following ways:

- To catalog and record each individual player into a yearly listing of participants in the Little League program. These records are maintained in the Little League archives and for historical purposes through the World of Little League®: Peter J. McGovern Museum and Official Store. This information may also be used for operational issues that may arise with respect to verification and eligibility of the participants in a local league program.
- To maintain a record of the volunteers, including coaches and managers involved in the Little League program and their associated team and/or league. This information is used to provide seasonal training materials, to send the Little League Magazine for their team's players during the season as well as operational issues that may arise requiring contact with Little League International.
- Email addresses provided to Little League International through the league player record sharing process by each player's parent(s) or guardian(s), and coach and/or manager are incorporated into Little League International's electronic database. Every communication sent will provide you an option to "Opt-Out". You also have the opportunity to "Opt-Out" of any Little League controlled electronic large group communication at any time by sending an email to LLInternational@LittleLeague.org and typing "Unsubscribe" in the subject line or by clicking on the "Safe Unsubscribe™" link at the bottom of any email you receive from us.
- Household mailing addresses reported by leagues are occasionally used to provide information to those residents about the Little League program. Should information be sent, it will be sent under the cover of "Current Resident" or "To the Parent or Guardian of Little League Participant."

We may be required to share your personal information and non-personal information pursuant to judicial or governmental subpoenas, warrants, or orders. If we are required to do so, we will, of course, obey the law. In addition, notwithstanding any term to the contrary in this Privacy Policy, we reserve the right to use, disclose, and/or share your personal and nonpersonal information in order to investigate, prevent, or take action regarding illegal activities, suspected fraud, situations involving potential threats to the physical safety of any person, violations of this Privacy Policy, or as otherwise required by law.

Third-Party Links and Websites

Please note that some information you receive may direct you to a non-Little League website. Please refer to these web sites for specific Privacy Policies and use of data as we have no control over information that is submitted to, or collected by, these third parties.

Individual Submissions and Promotions

We may offer coupons, special discounts, contests, games, and promotions on behalf of Little League International and/or our national partners; or invite you to submit stories, photos, comments, or questions to certain areas of our Sites. On these occasions, we may ask you to voluntarily submit additional information along with your submission so that we can notify you if you are a winner, or to respond to (or ask) questions. No individual under the age of 13 should submit information to any of the situations noted above.

Cookies and Pixel Tags -- What are they?

Cookies and pixel tags are pieces of information that a website transfers to an individual's hard drive for record-keeping purposes. Cookies and pixel tags make Internet surfing easier for you by saving your passwords, preferences and preferred websites as you browse. The use of cookies and pixel tags are an industry standard – you will find that they are used by most major websites. By showing how and when visitors use the site, cookies and pixel tags can also help website developers see which areas are popular and which are not and can help you find information that is most relevant to you based on your search history. The “help” portion of the toolbar on most browsers will tell you how to prevent your browser from accepting new cookies, how to have the browser notify you when you receive new cookies or how to disable cookies altogether. If you reject cookies, you may not be able to participate in certain activities or receive a promotion tailored to you. The Sites do not control and do not guarantee the effectiveness of browser-based tools for managing cookies.

Does the Little League website use cookies or pixel tags?

Yes. As you browse the Sites, cookies, pixel tags, or similar technology may be placed on your computer so that we can understand what information interests you on our site, in order to continue to provide information in the future. On occasion, we may provide target advertising through partners like AdRoll and Facebook to present you with additional information about our program and its offerings based on your previous interaction with LittleLeague.org. These techniques do not collect information such as your name, email address, postal address, or telephone number. We also work with third party companies to assist us with website analytics such as evaluating the use and operation of our website so that we can continue to enhance the website(s) and the information contained within. You can visit networkadvertising.org/choices and/or aboutads.info/choices to opt-out of tracking and targeted advertising using cookies or similar technology.

Do Not Track (DNT) is a privacy preference that users can set in some web browsers, allowing users to opt out of tracking by websites and online services. At the present time, the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) has not yet established universal standards for recognizable DNT signals and therefore, the Little League websites do not recognize DNT.

Your California Privacy Rights

This Privacy Policy describes how we may share your information for marketing purposes, as described above. California residents are entitled to request and obtain from us once per calendar year information about any of your personal information shared with third parties for their own direct marketing purposes, including the categories of information and the names and addresses of those businesses with which we have shared such information. To request this information and for any other questions about our privacy practices and compliance with California law, please contact us as described below.

Changes to this Privacy Policy

Little League International reserves the right to modify this policy from time to time as Little League International determines to be appropriate. We will post any changes to this policy on the Little League

website. We may contact you with notices concerning our Privacy Policy, but you should check our website periodically to review any changes.

Our Commitment to Security

Little League International has implemented reasonable physical, electronic, and managerial processes to safeguard the privacy of the information it obtains.

Questions or Concerns

This policy was last updated on March 14, 2017. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the Little League International Privacy Policy, please contact us at privacy@LittleLeague.org.

Local Leagues – Include Opt-In to Privacy Policy During Registration

A copy of this Privacy Policy is available at LittleLeague.org/privacypolicy. We strongly encourage all local Little Leagues to incorporate this policy into the registration process for participant families and volunteers by including a signature on the policy at registration. It is also encouraged that local leagues post the policy on local league websites.