

Arrowhead Little League FAQ

How is AHLL run?

AHLL is run by *all* volunteers: all coaches, board members (and even concession stand workers) are volunteers – usually, they are parents of players.

What is the difference between Fall Ball and Spring Ball?

Spring Ball is what gives Arrowhead LL its great reputation with great coaches, teams, and spirited competition! The season runs February through May and is the more competitive of the two seasons. During Spring, the upper divisions have tryouts and a draft, playoffs & trophies. Plus the entire league participates in a huge Opening Day celebration with exhibition games, skills competitions, team pictures/banner parade. and a lot of kids. After spring season, we participate in district-level All-Star competitions at multiple levels from June to July.

Fall Ball runs September through November and is more relaxed and focused on fun and player development. There are no try outs for teams at any level, so coach/teammate requests can be made at all levels. This allows our players to get lots of extra instruction and reps at practices, and then put it all together in a full season of games. In other words, it's baseball for fun!!!

Spring Ball details (and what is included in registration):

- Minimum 12 games except Coach Pitch
- Playoffs and championship Games for AAA and higher
- Try-outs are required for ages 9+
- 12 year-olds must play in the Major division
- 10- and 11 year-olds must play at least in the AAA division
- Hat and jersey included; trophies at the end of the season
- Team and individual pictures available

What is Opening Day for Little League? (Spring Only)

Opening Day for Little League is one of the most exciting and fun days of the season, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Each team from every division arrives at a designated time for team and individual pictures. The two youngest divisions, coach-pitch and AA (our earliest level of kid-pitch), play 2-inning exhibition games. While pictures and exhibition games continue, and throughout the day's festivities, all attendees can enjoy food trucks, vendor booths/activities, and bounce houses on site.

Once all teams have taken pictures, all participate in the Arrowhead Little League "banner parade", where each team is announced to the attendees and walks across the complex onto field 3. All teams take a league photo together, honor our country with the National Anthem, and recite the Little League Pledge. The team portion concludes with a ceremonial 'first pitch'.

After, we hold optional skills contests for players aged 6-12, and trophies are awarded to the top 3 finishers in each age division and category. The final event is a (Moms and) Dads Home Run Derby! In all, the day provides an opportunity for families and the surrounding community to support our teams, players, and coaches – a fun-filled celebration marking the start of the spring baseball season!

How do I know which level/division my child should play?

Arrowhead LL places players in divisions based on age. The current boundary map and age chart can be found with our current Registration forms on the Handouts tab. Additionally, each of our divisions is described on our Divisions tab.

How do tryouts and the player draft work? (Spring Only)

Every player will make a team. Tryouts and the draft help organize our upper-division teams fairly and ensure players are placed in the division best suited to their development; thus some players may end up in a division other than the one they 'tried out for'.

All players 9 and older must try out, along with any 8 year-olds who would like to be considered by teams in the AAA division. All 12yo's will play in the majors division. 10- and 11yo's can play AAA or majors, and 8- and 9yo's can play in AA or AAA.

For example, if your child is 9yo and does not make the AAA division, they will be placed in the AA division. If your child is 11 and tried out for the majors level but is not chosen, they will be moved to the AAA division.

The draft is for AAA and Major divisions only; all players are evaluated by managers and assistant coaches during tryouts. Then at the draft, they are chosen based on skill/ability. First majors-level teams are chosen and any 10- or 11yo not selected is added to the pool of AAA players. The AAA teams are then chosen, and any 8- or 9yo player not drafted will be placed on a AA team.

What is the AllStar Team?

All Stars are teams made of the best players at the 10-and-under, 11-and-under, 12-and-under and 14-and-under divisions, as nominated by players/parents and voted on by the managers.

Players (families) make themselves eligible or not. From the available players, the managers vote for the players they believe should represent their league at the district tournament. State, Regional and National tournaments are possible at some ages. The games and practices run approximately an additional 1-2 months into the summer. Please note: if you miss or cannot attend tryouts, you are not eligible for the All Star team.

Where are AHLL the games played at and what times?

All games for all divisions (except juniors-level or older baseball divisions) are played at Foothills Sports Complex, located on 57th Ave., just north Union Hills Ave.

Game times and dates vary, but no games are held on Sundays and majors-division games are held on weekday evenings only.

Where are the practices held?

Practice times and locations are determined by each team's head coach.

Can I request a coach or for my child to play with a friend?

During the fall season, coach and teammate requests are accepted for all divisions/age levels, but we cannot guarantee any placements.

In the spring season, players at the AAA and Majors divisions 'try out' and are drafted, so they cannot request teammate/coach placements. For all other levels, we will try to accommodate requests, but we cannot make any guarantees.

Can siblings play on the same team?

Yes, it is allowed and can be accommodated in most cases. In certain situations, however, as in AAA and Majors where a draft is involved, it cannot be guaranteed.

How do I help/volunteer with Arrowhead LL?

There are several areas you can help/volunteer within AHLL, from helping out on your child's team to helping in the snack shack to being a Board Member. Your child's team has several areas to help such as scorekeeping, pitch count, field prep, 'team mom', etc. Just ask your coach how you can help.

At the league level, there are other areas where we are often looking for additional help:

- AHLL Board - Our Board is a major component of the planning and preparation that make Arrowhead LL so successful, and there are various roles to fill in any given year. Find any current Board member and express interest. You can also send an email to president@arrowheadll.com. Board elections take place in the fall.
- Manage/Coach - Have you coached or managed a team in the past? Are you interested in coaching with AHLL? We are always looking for coaches – usually a month or two before the fall and spring seasons begin. If you are interested, please contact our Player Agent at chiefagent@arrowheadll.com
- Fields - The fields are an important part of baseball. We have opportunities for you to help keep those fields looking good. On your child's team, we ask for parents to either help set-up or tear down before and after the games. To learn more contact your coach or fields@arrowheadll.com
- Snack Shack – We're excited to re-open our snack shack for the 2026 seasons, and we are always looking for good help. It's a great way to volunteer, and to work WITH your

own children (especially if they need to fulfill service/volunteer hours for school or other programs). If interested, please email info@arrowheadll.com

Why does the registration form ask me to establish residency with school report cards or utility bills at registration?

Little Leagues are broken up into boundaries and districts. To ensure that play is fair and all the better players don't join one district, they have created boundaries. During All Stars we begin to play against other teams within and outside of our district. If you need help with this process or have questions about how to complete your registration, please email us at info@arrowheadll.com

Can my child play club ball while playing Little League?

Yes, many of the kids do play both.

When is registration?

Registration for the spring season generally opens in November and runs until tryouts are held in late January or early February. Opening day is in early March.

Fall Ball registration opens in May or June and runs until just before the season begins in September.

What is your refund policy?

You may receive a full refund less \$25 until rosters are set. After that, you may only receive a 50% refund, at the league's discretion. After Opening Day, no refunds are given.

Do you offer girls softball?

As of spring 2026, Arrowhead Little League has regretfully paused its softball programs due to low numbers and no teams to play in neighboring little leagues. If you are interested in softball, please email info@arrowheadll.com, as it will help us gauge interest and numbers for future seasons.

Are there any questions we have not answered?

Contact someone on the board – we are happy to help. See the Board tab for the current list of Boards members and email addresses.