

## Read before you begin

WSLL Families,

Welcome back for the Fall 2025 season. Our Fall season is focused on player development over competition. This is a great season for players to try new levels, play different positions, and of course – make new friends. It's also a great opportunity for parents to try managing or assistant coaching teams, as the workload is lighter than in the Spring season. We will again be playing with our neighboring leagues which will give players a chance to visit other fields.

This guide and our website will help you to complete registration. If you created an account for 2025 Spring Season, All-Stars, Fun Tournament, 2024 Fall Ball, or 2024 Spring, you do not need to create an account. If you are new to the League or did not participate in one of the activities named above, you will need to create an account. Please create one account per family.

Please look over the guide and website before you begin so you can gather any needed documentation in advance to speed up registration.

Sincerely, Todd K. Harding WSLL President president@wsllbaseball.net

## WSLL Fall 2025 Registration FAQ

- What are the key dates for the WSLL fall season
  - Registration: May 27, 2025, to July 26, 2025
  - Teams announced the second week of August
  - Practices start 3rd week of August.
  - Season begins on Saturday September 7th.
  - Season ends on Saturday between October 26th and November 2
- How is the Fall season different from Spring?
  - Our Fall season is a developmental season. The focus is on developing skills and trying new things less competitive environment than how we play in the Spring Season.
  - We do not keep standings, and there are no playoffs.
  - At the higher playing levels, WSLL teams play against teams from other neighboring leagues.

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- What level should my child play at in the Fall?
  - Players may stay at their Spring 2025 playing level or play up one level is they are ready to try it. For example, if your player did well in Spring 2025, they may consider moving up a playing level for Fall 2025.
  - Nevertheless, if during the spring season the player found it challenging to keep up with the level of competition or had several aspects of their game that needed additional time to develop, then they should stay at the same level for Fall 2025. Trying to automatically move up playing levels in Fall season may be detrimental to the player's development and enjoyment of the game. Your spring coaches should be able to advise you in these decisions.
  - We do not offer the 5T playing level in fall, so all players from the spring 5T level must register to the T-ball level in the fall.
- Players that received an age waiver to play up in spring must remain at the same level as they did in spring 2025, no exceptions.
- Please note that playing up in fall does not guarantee that the player will play at that level in spring 2025.
- Also, staying at the same level of play as spring 2025 does not prevent the player from registering for the next level in Spring 2025 (as long as age requirements are met).
- If your player is new to WSLL please look carefully at the age chart and skills required for each level as detailed in slides 9, 10 & 11

## WSLL Fall 2025 Registration FAQ

- 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.
  - Registering to manage is highly encouraged in order to keep roster sizes manageable.
- Can I request a specific teammate/coach for my child?
  - Requests can be made for players at all levels using the Special Request/Comments field during online registration.
  - Please note that we do everything possible to satisfy these requests but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be fulfilled.
- Will players be provided custom-sized uniforms?
  - Yes, players at all levels will select their jersey size during online registration.
- Do you automatically assign players to the same team as last spring?
  - Fall teams are not built based on spring teams, and there are no fall try-outs.
  - All players may request to play with specific coaches, teammates or players from a specific neighborhood/school.
  - While we try to honor all player and coaches requests, we cannot guarantee requests.
  - A parent volunteering to manage increases the chances of securing teammates requested.
  - After addressing teammate/coach request we use player school affiliation or neighborhood.
- For more information please see our fall ball team-building guidelines in Appendix D of the WSLL Administrative Policies. If questions remain please contact the Fall Ball Commissioners.

### **Fall 2025 Registration Rates**

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

#### <u>Scholarships Available</u>

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, <u>Jason Suter</u> or fill out an <u>online</u> <u>application</u>.

Please note that scholarships do not cover the \$200 volunteer fee, which is fully refundable. This can be paid via a check that will not be cashed, as long as you meet the volunteer requirements. You can also pay by card, and the charge will be refunded once requirements are met.

Playing Level	Registration Rates – First Child*
T-Ball	\$135
1A (Machine Pitch)	\$185
AA	\$185
AAA	\$185
Majors	\$185
IM	\$185

#### **REFUND** Policy:

Upon written request submitted to the President or Treasurer received before July 15th, the League will refund 100% of amounts paid. Upon written request submitted to the President or Treasurer before August 1st, 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.)

## Why do you charge a Volunteer Fee

### Why does WSLL charge a volunteer fee?

- To successfully run a 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 T-ball levels) in order to incentivize families to perform that work or to use the funds to 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?

• <u>Online Registration</u>: If paying by credit card, the volunteer fee must be pre-paid when registering online. The full fee will be refunded later if your volunteer work requirements are met.

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) league equipment pick up/turn-in sessions, or any combination of two (2) shifts of these activities. 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) assist the Gray Hat sessions with designated WSLL Board Members.

# **Online Registration**

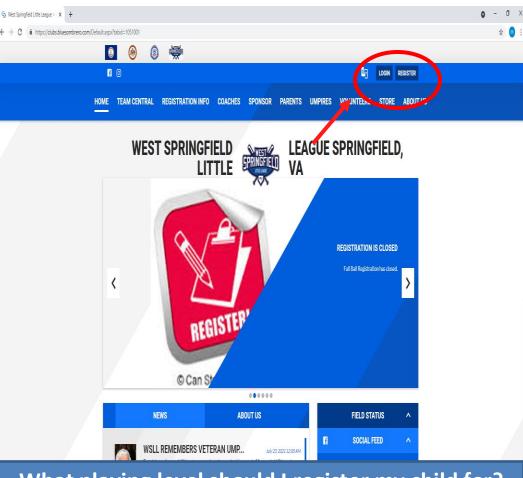
- 1. New to WSLL? Verify WSLL eligibility
  - enter home or school address at <u>http://www.littleleague.org/LeagueFinder.htm</u>
- 2. Go to <u>www.wsllbaseball.net</u> and click on the link for Registration Info and select Fall 2025 Registration Info
- 3. Log in to your Sports Connect account
  - Log 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 WSLL 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

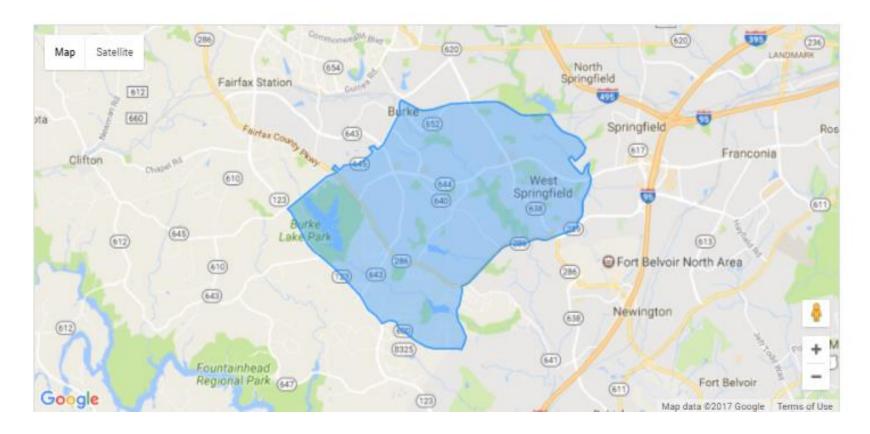


### What playing level should I register my child for?

- See Playing Level Guidelines
- If you still have questions, please email:
  - Player Agent, John Ellison
  - (player.agent@wsllbaseball.net)
  - Asst Player Agent, Santiago Navarro
  - (Santiago.Navarro@wsllbaseball.net)

## **Online Registration - WSLL Boundary Map**

- Verify WSLL eligibility enter home or school address at <u>http://www.littleleague.org/LeagueFinder.htm</u>
- Your registration will be 'flagged' if the system does not recognize your address to be within the WSLL residential boundaries for players League Age 8-12.
- 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 Fall players, documentation may already be on file.



### **2025 Little League Age Determination Table**

Check your player's <u>Little League Age</u> for the 2025 season. You can check using the below table or this link <u>Little League Age Calculator</u>.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	ΝΟΥ	DEC	AGE
2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020	2020	4
2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019	2019	5
2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018	2018	6
2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017	2017	2017	2017	7
2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016	2016	2016	2016	8
2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	2015	9
2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	10
2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	11
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	12
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	13

## **WSLL Playing Level Age Guidelines**

- The table below may be helpful in assisting you in registering your player
- League Age for the 2025 Fall Season will be based on a player's age as of 8/31/25
- Please see Draft Process on Slide 16 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 WSLL Player Agent John Ellison (<u>player.agent@wsllbaseball.net</u>)

League Age	5T	T-Ball	1A	AA	AAA	Majors	Intermediate
5	5T						
6		T-Ball	1A				
7		T-Ball	1A	AA			
8			1A	AA			
9			1A	AA	AAA		
10				AA	AAA	Majors	
11					AAA	Majors	
12					AAA	Majors	IM
13							IM

- <u>Permitted only with WSLL approved Age Waiver. Waiver decisions based on tryout evaluation and</u> <u>available roster spots.</u>

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

## WSLL Playing Level Descriptions (5T-IM)

### <u>1) 5-T</u>

- 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.

### <u>2) T-Ball</u>

 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.

### <u>6) Majors (Player</u> <u>Pitch)</u>

- 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.

<u>\*\*Note: Playing level may</u> <u>change after initial registration</u> <u>as a result of player</u> <u>assessments, age waiver</u> <u>decisions, and/or the results of</u> <u>the Majors and AAA drafts</u>

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

Player Agent, John Ellison
 player.agent@wsllbaseball.net

### 7) Intermediate (Player Pitch)

 Meet all of the qualifications of Majors players (as described below).

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- Have had some success in Majors; or, if they never played in Majors,
  demonstrate through tryouts or their play at other levels
  or leagues that they could have.
- Pitching mound is 50ft and baselines are 70ft

## **Uniform Specs and Sizing**

- Below are the sizing charts for uniforms. Please select the appropriate size when registering your player
- <u>Majors, AAA and AA players are responsible for providing their own pants.</u> AA and AAA players must wear white baseball pants. Majors and IM players must wear gray baseball pants.
- Please ensure you make uniform selections when you register so we can place our order to guarantee delivery in time for the start of the season
- The size chart below is a generic size chart issued by the manufacturer and is used for many different styles.
- The Average Age is meant only as a basic recommendation. We recommend you measure your players before you complete the registration.

Jersey Size Chart									
Size	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL
Chest	27-29	28-30	31-33	33-35	36-38	37-39	39-41	43-45	47-49
Avg Age	4-5	6-8	8-10	10-12	11-13				

Pant Size Chart (Elastic Waistband with Drawstring)								
Size	YXS	YS	ΥM	YL				
Inseam	26	27	28	29				

## **Conditions of Registration**

By registering to play for West Springfield Little League, I have read and accepted these conditions of registration. In addition, I affirm that I have read the registration guide containing additional information about the season.

#### **Refund Policy:**

- Spring Seasons: Upon written request submitted to the President (president@wsllbaseball.net) or Treasurer (treasurer@wsllbaseball.net) 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. No refund will be given after tryouts conclude except for military move or serious injury. No refunds will be provided based on the denial of an age waiver for any reason. 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.)
- Fall Seasons: Upon written request submitted to the President (president@wsllbaseball.net) or Treasurer (treasurer@wsllbaseball.net) received before team formation the League will refund 100% of amounts paid.
   Following team formation, no refund will be given. 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).

#### Infectious and Communicable Diseases:

- I understand that participation in sports includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases, including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19, which could cause serious complications or even death. I agree to follow the terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases imposed by the WSLL board of directors. If I
- become ill during the season, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the appropriate league officials.

## **Conditions of Registration**

#### Image Release:

I grant WSLL the right for myself, my family and my minor child/children to use photographs, voice recordings, or video taken of me during the games and events associated with WSLL in any manner to help promote the league activities as determined in the sole discretion of WSLL. Such use could include live streaming through third party applications, publications, media releases, announcements, electronic or otherwise, and on league websites or social media pages. I understand that neither I, my family, nor my child/children/ward will receive any compensation if such material appears in any of the manners listed above or any other manner that the league deems appropriate. I agree that such material is the property of WSLL.

#### Behavior:

 I understand that failure by either a parent or player to abide by Little League, WSLL, 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. Additional information regarding behavior can be found in our Administrative Policy and on the Little League website.

#### 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, WSLL endeavors to communicate cancellations as soon as they are known.

## **Conditions of Registration**

#### **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 WSLL. 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. WSLL has multiple training opportunities for new and returning umpires. The league does not assign umpires to 5T, T-Ball, and 1A games. While WSLL 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). Umpires are to be treated with all due respect. Our adult umpires are volunteers and our youth umpires are learning the art of being an umpire while providing a needed service to our League.

### **WSLL Registration Contacts**

### **WSLL Registrar Information**

-Carlos Marroquin- WSLL Registrar & Sports Connect Administrator

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### **WSLL Fall Commissioner**

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### **WSLL Player Agent Information**

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