

The Little League Tournament

Tournament Residency and Age Verification

Residency Eligibility Requirements

Each local Little League determines the actual geographic boundaries of the area from within which it shall select players. These boundaries must be described in detail and shown on a map and dated when making application for a Little League charter. Players will be eligible to play with that league only if they reside or the physical location of the school where they attend classes is within the boundaries provided to and approved by Little League International.

Residence Eligibility Requirements

A player will be deemed to reside within the league boundaries if:

a. His/her parents are living together and are residing within such league boundaries, OR;

b. Either of the player's parents (or his/her court-appointed legal guardian) reside within such boundaries. It is unacceptable if a parent moves into a league's boundaries for the purpose of qualifying for tournament play.

“Residence,” “reside”, and “residing” refers to a place of bona fide continuous habitation. A place of residence once established shall not be considered changed unless the parents, parent, or guardian makes a bona fide change of residence.

Residence and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirements

Residence shall be established and supported by documents, **containing the full residence which includes parent(s) or guardian(s) name, street address, city, state, and zip code information** dated or in force between February 1, 2016 (previous year) and February 1, 2017 (current year), **from one or more documents from each of the three groups defined below:**

Group I	Group II	Group III
1. Driver's License	1. Welfare/Child Care Records	1. Voter's Registration
2. School Records	2. Federal Records (e.g. Federal Tax, Social Security, etc.)	2. Utility Bills (i.e. gas, electric, water/sewer, phone, mobile phone, heating, waste disposal)
3. Vehicle Records (e.g. registration, lease, etc.)	3. State Records	3. Financial Records (Loan, Credit, Investments, etc.)
4. Employment Records	4. Local (Municipal) Records	4. Medical Records
5. Insurance Documents	5. Support Payment Records	5. Internet, Cable, or Satellite Records
	6. Homeowner or Tenant Records	
	7. Military Records	

Note: Example – Three documents from the same group (utility bill, cable bill, and bank statement) constitute only ONE document.

Residence and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirements

- Any documents submitted as proof of residence must show customary usage or consumption to demonstrate bona fide habitation as determined by Little League International in its discretion.

A player will be deemed to attend school in the boundaries if:

- a. The physical location of the school where they attend classes is within the boundaries established by the local league. Note: This excludes home schools, cyber schools, sports-related schools, sports academies, or preschool or after school where a student participates outside of the primary school the player is enrolled.

Residence and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirements

- “School attendance” refers to the (place) physical location the player in question attends school during the traditional academic year. Once established, a location of school attendance shall not be considered changed unless the child is enrolled and attends another school or is no longer enrolled in the previous school.

Residence and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirements

School attendance shall be established and supported by a document indicating enrollment for the current academic year, dated prior to October 1, 2016 and with the physical location of the school, from ONE of the following categories to determine school attendance by such player:

- 1. Official/Certified School enrollment record dated prior to October 1, 2016
- 2. A Little League issued school attendance form completed by the principal, assistant principal, or administrator authorized to sign on behalf of the school.

Residence and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirements

- Under NO circumstances does ANY person have the authority to grant a waiver that allows a child to play in a local Little League program IN ANY DIVISION, when that child does not qualify under these residency requirements.

Residence and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirements

- Any league who accepts any player outside of their boundaries and fails to properly document compliance with the “Residence and/or School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirement” or obtain a waiver through the Charter Committee may result in the disqualification of a player, team, or entire league from regular season and/or tournament play.

Residence and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirements

- If the claim for residency or school attendance is challenged, the above materials must be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, with an affidavit of residency or school attendance from the parent(s) or guardian. Little League Baseball, Incorporated shall have the right to request additional documentation in support of the claim of residency or school attendance. The parent(s) or legal guardian will be required to provide said documentation to obtain eligibility. Little League Baseball, Incorporated shall decide the issue in its sole discretion, and that decision will be final and binding. Residency or school documents must illustrate that the residence or school attendance (as defined above) was inside the league's boundaries throughout the regular season (as of June 15 of the year in question).

PROOF-OF-AGE REQUIREMENTS

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF BIRTH DATE

1. Original proof of age document, if issued by federal, state, or provincial registrars of vital statistics in the country in which the Little Leaguer is participating.
2. If country of participation differs from the country of proof of age document, original proof-of-age document issued by federal, state, or provincial registrars of vital statistics, or local offices thereof, are acceptable proof of age, provided the document was filed, recorded, registered, or issued within one (1) year of the birth of the child.

PROOF-OF-AGE REQUIREMENTS

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF BIRTH DATE

3. An original document issued by federal, state, or provincial registrars of vital statistics, or local offices thereof, listing the date of birth, with reference to the location and issue date of the original birth certificate, is acceptable. (The original birth certificate referenced must have been filed, recorded, registered, or issued within one (1) year of the birth of the child.) Also issued by these agencies are photocopies of the certificate of live birth with the certification also photocopied, including the signature, and include the seal impressed thereon. Such documents are acceptable without “live” signatures, provided the original filed, recorded, registered, or issued date of the birth certificate was within one (1) year of the birth of the child.

PROOF-OF-AGE REQUIREMENTS

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF BIRTH DATE

4. For children born abroad of a parent or parents who are U.S. citizens, any official government document issued by a U. S. federal agency or service, is acceptable. For military dependents, Department of Defense identification cards and military hospital certificates are acceptable. These must be originals, not copies, and must refer to a filing, recording, registration, or issue date that is within one (1) year of the birth of the child.
5. A “Statement in Lieu of Acceptable Proof of Birth” issued by a District Administrator is acceptable.

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ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF BIRTH DATE

- **NOT ACCEPTABLE AS SOLE PROOF OF BIRTH:** Baptismal Certificate; Certificate of Blessing; Certificate of Dedication; Certificate of Circumcision, etc.; Hospital Certificate; photocopied records; passports.
- **NOTE:** Little League International has authorized the Regional Directors for Latin America and Caribbean, Europe and Africa, and Asia-Pacific, to adopt a policy that excludes No. 1 on slide 11. Local Little Leagues and districts in those regions will be informed of the regional policy.

Tournament Verification Form

- Required for all players
- Complete player information and documentation
- Indicate if the player will be providing residency proof or school enrollment
- Indicate if the player is eligible to participate in the league based receiving a waiver
- Parent or legal guardian, League President and District Administrator must sign the form
- Attach appropriate documentation to form


**LITTLE LEAGUE® BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL
TOURNAMENT PLAYER VERIFICATION**


BASEBALL SOFTBALL

Date Requested _____ League ID# _____

PLAYER INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION

Player Name _____ Date of Birth _____
(must be name as shown on the birth documentation)

TYPE OF AGE PROOF: (CHOOSE ONE)

Board of Health/Registrar of Vital Statistics Federal/Military In-Lieu Statement (necessary document from all four groups)

RESIDENCY PROOF:

ADDRESS OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Driver's License Local (Municipal) Records Medical Records
 Voter's Registration Support Payment Records Military Records
 School Records Homeowner/Tenant Records Internet, Cable or Satellite Records
 Welfare/Child Care Records Utility Bills Vehicle Records
 Federal Records Financial Records Employment Records
 State Records Insurance Documents

- OR -

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT PROOF: (CHOOSE ONE)

SCHOOL ADDRESS

Street Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Official/Certified school enrollment record
 School issued report card or performance report
 A Little League issued school attendance form completed by the principal, assistant principal or superintendent

Existing Waiver: I(d) Waiver IV(h) Waiver Charter Committee Waiver

All documentation must be attached to this form

VERIFICATION

Parent or Legal Guardian Agreement: By my signature below, I certify that all the information provided for this Tournament Player Verification is true and correct and provides the necessary documentation required by Little League to verify league tournament age and residence/school attendance eligibility. If the Charter/Tournament Committee subsequently finds that the information submitted as acceptable documentation regarding league tournament age and residence eligibility now shows that the previously submitted information/documentation was falsified, misrepresented or insufficient then Little League Baseball®, Incorporated reserves the right to impose sanctions and/or penalties on all appropriate parties, including but not limited to players, coaches, league officials and/or the league which could result in suspensions and/or terminations with Little League Baseball®, Incorporated.

Name (Printed) of Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

League President's Verification: I have reviewed and verified that the information presented here is true and correct and provides the necessary documentation required by Little League to verify league tournament age and residence/school attendance eligibility. If the Charter/Tournament Committee subsequently finds that the information submitted as acceptable documentation regarding league tournament age and residence eligibility now shows that the previously submitted information/documentation was falsified, misrepresented or insufficient then Little League Baseball®, Incorporated reserves the right to impose sanctions and/or penalties on all appropriate parties, including but not limited to players, coaches, league officials and/or the league which could result in suspensions and/or terminations with Little League Baseball®, Incorporated.

Name (Printed) of League President _____ Signature of League President _____ Date _____

District Administrator's Verification: I have reviewed the residency documentation and verified the player's original birth certificate and the information presented here is true and correct and, to the best of my knowledge appears to be acceptable under Little League standards.

Name (Print) of District Administrator _____ Signature of District Administrator _____ Date _____

NOTE: This form and attached original documentation must be retained by the player's parent or legal guardian as well as a copy retained by the local league. It is recommended that the District Administrator also maintain a copy.

Thank you !

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