

## DESCRIPTIONS OF LEVELS FOR PLAYERS

**SINGLE A-** This level is for players League Age (see chart) 6 & 7. Basic fundamentals of baseball. Focus is on building skills. Coach pitch only. This level is perfect for players with little to no experience. Teams are seeded by Player Agent and President once upper division drafts have been completed. Player Agent will make best attempt at honoring ONE reciprocal buddy request per player.

**AA-** This level is for players League Age (see chart) 7 & 8. Focus is on refreshing and building skills. First half of the season is coach pitch only. Second half of the season moves to kid pitch combined with coach pitch. Players are more familiar with positions and defensive plays are now being made with some consistency. 9 year olds not ready for AAA play are welcome to remain at this level. Safety is a consideration when the decision is made to keep a 9 year old at this level. 9 year olds not drafted to AAA will remain at this level. Teams are seeded by Player Agent and President once upper division drafts have been completed. Player Agent will make best attempt at honoring ONE reciprocal buddy request per player.

**AAA-** This level is for players League Age (see chart) 9 & 10. Skill levels increase as does the speed of the game. At this level, players start to understand strategy as the game has fewer restrictions than lower levels. This division is kid pitch only. Teams are decided by a draft process, run by Player Agent. All 10 year olds will be drafted to a team. Some 9 year olds may not be drafted, meaning they will remain at the AA level to further develop their skills. 11 year olds who are not drafted to the Major division or where safety is a factor, will remain at the AAA level. 8 year olds can play up, as an exception and not the rule, (when appropriate- skills and safety are a factor) to this level.

**MAJORS-** This level is for players League Age (see chart) 11 & 12. Skill level is significantly higher than AAA. Play is faster and pitching becomes more consistent and accurate. Strategy becomes an integral part of the game. Teams are decided by a draft process. All 12 year olds will be drafted. Some 11 year olds who are not drafted to this division will remain at the AAA level to further build their skills. 10 year olds can play up, as an exception and not the rule, (when appropriate- skills and safety are a factor) to this level.

**50/70 (INTERMEDIATE)-** This level is for players League Age (see chart) 13. League Age 12 year olds who want to play up are welcome, as an exception and not the rule, (when appropriate, skills and safety are a factor). Fields are bigger, distance between bases and pitching distances are greater, and skill/strategic play increase. Should there be enough players registered to house two teams, a draft is held to determine teams. Teams are capped at no more than 14 players. A wait list may happen should registration numbers indicate there are enough players for one team, but not enough for two whole teams, based on date of registration, with no guaranteed play time.

**JUNIORS-** This level is for players League Age (see chart) 14. League Age 13 year olds who want to play up are welcome, as an exception and not the rule, (when appropriate, skills and safety are a factor). Fields are the largest in Little League, distance between bases and pitching distances are the same as high school and Minor/Major League Baseball, and skill/strategic play is at the highest level. Should there be enough players registered to house two teams, a draft is held to determine teams. Teams are capped at no more than 14 players. A wait list may happen should registration numbers indicate there are enough players for one team, but not enough for two whole teams, based on date of registration, with no guaranteed play time.

**CHALLENGER-** The Little League Challenger Division is an adaptive baseball program *for players aged 6-22 with physical and developmental challenges*. Please contact our Player Agent if your player wants to have a baseball experience with our Vacaville American Little League Challenger Division.