

HOBGOOD

B A S E B A L L

Town Hall Meeting



Who is Little League®?

- **Founded in 1939**
- **Largest Youth Sports Organization in the World**
- **Millions of players in every US State and 80 countries**
- **Preeminent World Series Events**
- **Little League Baseball®, Incorporated**
 - **Non-Profit Membership Organization**
 - **HQ in Williamsport, PA**
- **Character. Courage. Loyalty**



Why Little League®?

- More resources for our organization, parents, and coaches
- Increased visibility to the baseball community
- Additional safety for our players
- Aligning player's league age with his/her grade
- Ability to be more flexible in our leagues
 - More options for players and families



More Resources

- **Parent Resources**
 - Parent Tips/Pointers
 - Little League® Parent Committee
- **Coach Resources**
 - Practice Plans, Tips, and Tactics
 - Little League® University
 - Little League® Coach Committee
- **Organizational Resources**
 - National Background Checks
 - Local League Resource Guide
 - Fundraising Support



Increased Visibility

- **League Finder Tool**
- **Marketing / Advertising**
 - National advertising by Little League®
 - Local advertising by Hobgood to leverage both brands in partnership
- **Fundraising**
 - Best Practices Document provided by Little League®
- **Little League World Series®**
 - Preeminent event in August every year



Additional Safety

- **National Background Checks**
- **Break-Away Bases**
- **Pitch Counts**
- **USA Bat Standard**
- **Concussion Awareness**
- **A Safety Awareness Program (ASAP)**



Player League Age

- **Little League® and Georgia aligned on August 31st age cutoff**
 - Grade and League Age should now align
 - For example, 6th graders would be League Age 12
 - This assumes a child was not held back and didn't start school late
- **This pushes some players into a new League Age**
 - **Example: Joey was born on July 4, 2005**
 - In our current system, Joey is League Age 12
 - 7th Grader playing with mostly 6th Graders
 - In Little League® system, Joey would be League Age 13



League Breakdown

- **T-Ball**
 - 3-4 year olds
 - Field 8
- **Rookie (modified T-Ball)**
 - 4-6 year olds
 - Field 6
- **A (CP)**
 - 5-7 year olds
 - Field 7
 - 46/60
- **AA (CP)**
 - 6-8 year olds
 - Field 12
 - 46/60
- **AAA (KP)**
 - 8-11 year olds
 - Field 11
 - 46/60
- **Major (KP)**
 - 10-12 year olds
 - Field 10
 - 46/60



League Breakdown

- **Intermediate (KP)**
 - 11-13 year olds
 - Field 5
 - 50/70
- **Junior (KP)**
 - 13-14 year olds
 - Field 9
 - 54/80
- **Senior (KP)**
 - 14-17 year olds
 - Field 9
 - 60/90



League Options by Age

- **3 Year Old**

- T-Ball

- **4 Year Old**

- T-Ball
- Rookie

- **5 Year Old**

- Rookie
- A (Experienced)

- **6 Year Old**

- Rookie (Beginner)
- A
- AA

- **7 Year Old**

- A
- AA

- **8 Year Old**

- AA
- AAA



League Options by Age

- **9 Year Old**
 - AA (Fall 2018 test)
 - AAA
- **10 Year Old**
 - AAA
 - Major
- **11 Year Old**
 - AAA
 - Major
 - Intermediate
- **12 Year Old**
 - Major
 - Intermediate
- **13 Year Old**
 - Intermediate
 - Junior
- **14 Year Old**
 - Junior
 - Senior
- **15-17 Year Olds**
 - Senior



All-Stars

- **Player can play based on League Age...regardless of League played in**
- **Teams will still play local tournaments against local competition**
- **Opportunities to play in Little League[®] sanctioned tournaments**
- **Same timeframe as current All-Star season until Major Division**
 - **Chance to play on ESPN in Little League[®] World Series**



Other Things to Consider

- **Online Registration will provide more details about each league to help families determine which league is right for them**
- **Registration Fees will remain the same**
- **Residency Requirements do exist**
 - **All Hobgood Families can remain at Hobgood regardless of residence**
- **New League format will begin in Fall 2018 season**



In Conclusion

Little League® gives the Hobgood family more...

- **More Options for our Players**
- **More Resources for our Parents, Coaches, and Organization**
- **More Focus on Safety**
- **More Visibility to the Community**
- **More Opportunities for Players to Play with the Right Competiton**



Questions?

