

**BEACHSIDE LITTLE LEAGUE  
2012 BASEBALL**



**PARENT & PLAYER  
INFORMATION PACKET**

<http://www.beachsidelittleleague.com>

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to the BSLL 2012 Little League Baseball and Softball. Our goal is to encourage the improvement of player skills through the creation of a positive and rewarding sports-based environment.

Over the years, BSLL and its predecessors have provided thousands of kids with the opportunity to learn baseball, team work, and life skills in a fun, engaging environment. We have supported our kids and our cities through capital improvements to our local baseball fields -- helping to provide our kids and our community with a great place to play ball. Additionally, we have been able to purchase new equipment for both softball and baseball to help improve their little league experience and to support our volunteer coaches.

We are looking forward to another great year. Our volunteers and sponsors enable our league to maintain one of the lowest player fees in the area and helps us provide a positive experience for our players. However, our need for volunteers cannot be overstated. This year, we are in need of Team Managers, Coaches, Umpires, Team Parents and Sponsors. If you would like to volunteer for any of these areas, please sign up at player registration or call the applicable board member. You can find the number of each BSLL Board member on the [next page](#) of this player packet.

Please review this player packet in its entirety. This player packet answers many of the questions that you might have or directs you to the additional policies or rules that govern our league. Specifically, this packet contains information on [skill assessment and tryouts](#), [division information](#), [legal information](#) and [more](#).

Also, please check the BSLL Web site at <http://www.beachsidelittleleague.com> on a regular basis for the latest league information, handouts, and forms. A calendar is also available on our Web site.

Thanks for being a part of BSLL and have a great season!

Brian Karcher  
BSLL President

## 2011-2012 BEACHSIDE LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD

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## Division Information

Level	Baseball	Softball	Try-outs	Team Formation
T-Ball Age 5 – 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunshine Field</li> <li>• No Pitching (Tee)</li> <li>• No Score</li> <li>• No Walks</li> <li>• No Base Leadoff</li> <li>• No Stealing</li> <li>• Bat Around</li> <li>• Trophies All Teams (Fall and Spring)</li> </ul>		No	Player Agent with Board Approval
Minor B Age 7 – 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hedgecock, Metz and Crespino Fields</li> <li>• Machine Pitch</li> <li>• Pitching Distance 40 feet</li> <li>• Base Distance 60 feet</li> <li>• No Score</li> <li>• No Walks</li> <li>• No Base Leadoff</li> <li>• No Stealing</li> <li>• Trophies All Teams (Fall and Spring)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grabosky and Crespino Fields</li> <li>• Machine Pitch</li> <li>• Distance 35 feet</li> <li>• No Score</li> <li>• No Walks</li> <li>• No Base Leadoff</li> <li>• No Stealing</li> <li>• Trophies (all teams)</li> </ul>	Skill Assessment	Player Agent with Board Approval
Minor A <a href="#">Age 8 – 12*</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Olson, Ballard, Metz Fields</li> <li>• Players Pitch (9 – 11 only)</li> <li>• Age 12 Can't Pitch</li> <li>• Pitching Distance 46 feet</li> <li>• Base Distance 60 feet</li> <li>• Walks</li> <li>• No Base Leadoff</li> <li>• Stealing</li> <li>• Medallions for tournament champion and runner-up (Spring Only)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grabosky and Mallozzi Fields</li> <li>• Players Pitch (9 – 11)</li> <li>• 12 yrs. Old Can't Pitch</li> <li>• Distance 35 feet</li> <li>• Walks</li> <li>• No Base Leadoff</li> <li>• Stealing</li> </ul>	Yes	Draft
Majors <a href="#">Age 10 – 12*</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hedgecock, Ballard, Metz Fields</li> <li>• Players Pitch</li> <li>• Pitching Distance 46 ft.</li> <li>• Base Distance 60 feet</li> <li>• Walks</li> <li>• No Base Leadoff</li> <li>• Stealing</li> <li>• Medallions for tournament champion and runner-up (Spring Only)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grabosky and Crespino Fields</li> <li>• Players Pitch</li> <li>• Pitching Distance 40 feet</li> <li>• Walks</li> <li>• No Base Leadoff</li> <li>• Stealing</li> </ul>	Yes	Draft

<p>Juniors Age 13 – 14</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DeSoto and Crespino Fields</li> <li>• Players Pitch</li> <li>• Pitching Distance 60 feet</li> <li>• Base Distance 90 feet</li> <li>• Balks</li> <li>• Walks</li> <li>• Base Leadoff</li> <li>• Stealing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grabosky and Crespino Fields</li> <li>• Players Pitch</li> <li>• Pitching Distance 40 feet</li> <li>• Walks</li> <li>• Base Leadoff</li> <li>• Stealing</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Draft</p>
<p>Seniors Age 15 – 16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DeSoto Field</li> <li>• Players Pitch</li> <li>• Pitching Distance 60 feet</li> <li>• Base Distance 90 feet</li> <li>• Balks</li> <li>• Walks</li> <li>• Base Leadoff</li> <li>• Stealing</li> </ul>		<p>Yes</p>	<p>Draft</p>

# BASEBALL SKILL ASSESSMENT AND TRYOUT INFORMATION (Spring Only)

All baseball players will be given an opportunity to bat, field fly balls, field ground balls, throw and run. Managers will observe and grade the players for each category on a scale of 1 to 5.

All baseball players league age 7 and 8 will be required to attend a skills assessment session prior to being placed on a Minor B team. This enables the player agent to build teams that are balanced based on age and skills.

All baseball players league age 9 and 10 are required to attend a skill assessment as well. This enables the Minor A coaches to assess the player skills so they can be drafted.

If an 8 year-old wishes to be considered for Minor A they must attend BOTH the 8 year-old skill assessment AND the 9 year-old skill assessment. Failure to attend both skill assessments will disqualify them from Minor A division consideration.

All baseball players league age 11 are required to attend a tryout for the Major division. This enables the Major division coaches to assess the player skills prior to the draft. Any 11 year-old that is not drafted into Majors will be placed into the Minor A draft.

If a 10 year-old wishes to be considered for Majors they must attend BOTH the 10 year-old skill assessment AND the 10-11 Major Tryouts. Failure to attend both of these will disqualify them from Major division consideration.

All baseball players league age 12 and up are required to attend their respective skill assessment for evaluation before the draft.

It is league policy that all divisions are re-drafted, therefore, all players must attend their respective tryouts.

**Players failing to attend tryouts forfeit their league eligibility unless a valid reason is submitted to and accepted by the BSLL Board.**

Players signing up after the completion of tryouts will be waitlisted and assigned to a team ONLY after they attend a make-up tryout session assuming a team opening exists.

## Skill Assessment

The Skill Assessment dates are listed in the Baseball Skill Assessment handout which is available at the time of registration or on the website. Please consult the handout for date and time for your particular age group. If you are unable to attend the skill assessment please contact your player agent.

## **SOFTBALL SKILL ASSESSMENT INFORMATION (Spring Only)**

All softball players will be given an opportunity to bat, field fly balls, field ground balls, throw and run. Managers will observe and grade the players for each category on a scale of 1 to 5. All softball players will be required to attend a skills assessment session prior to being placed on a team. This enables the player agent to build teams that are balanced based on age and skills.

### **Skill Assessment**

The Skill Assessment dates are listed in the Softball Skill Assessment handout which is available at the time of registration or on the website. Please consult the handout for date and time for your particular age group. If you are unable to attend the skill assessment please contact your player agent.

## Other Important Information

### TRADES

Your player agent must first approve all trade options and then present to the Beachside Board for final approval.

### MINOR A DIVISION PLAYER COMPOSITION

Minor A is composed of players league age 8-12. The majority of Minor A will be composed of players league-age 9 and 10. Players that are league age 11 that do not get drafted in the majors are also placed in Minor A. 12 year-olds can be placed in Minor A through district approved exception. In the Spring, Each team may also draft up to one 8-year-old per team. For an 8-year-old to be considered and placed on the roster of a Minor A team the board has mandated the following process:

- The player's parent must make consideration request to the Minor B and Minor A Player Agents via selecting YES on the Baseball Registration form under *For League Age 8 Players Only: Does the Player want to be considered for the Minor A Division?*
- The player must attend the 8-Year-old skill assessment and achieve at least a 4.5 overall average of all skill areas.
- The player must have received Minor B and Minor A player agent approval for consideration.
- The player must attend the 9-Year-old tryout.
- The player must be drafted by a Minor A manager.
- All 8-year-olds placed on the roster of a Minor A team must have final board approval.

No refund will be given if a player is NOT drafted to the next level and decides not to play. If you have any questions on this process, contact the Minor A player agent or the VP of Baseball.

In the Fall, playing up is NOT an option.

### MAJOR DIVISION PLAYER COMPOSITION

The Major Division is composed of player's league age 10-12. The majority of Major players will be composed of players league age 11 and 12. In the Spring, each team may also draft up to one 10-year-old per team. For a 10-year-old to be considered and placed on the roster of a Minor A team the board has mandated the following process:

- The player parent must make consideration request to the Minor A and Major Player Agents via selecting YES on the Baseball Registration form under *For League Age 10 Players Only: Does the Player want to be considered for the Major Division?*
- The player must attend the 10-Year-old skill assessment.
- The player must have received Minor A and Major Player Agent approval for consideration.
- The player must attend the 11-Year-old tryout.
- The player must be drafted.
- All 10-year-olds placed on the roster of a Major team must have final board approval.

No refund will be given if a player is NOT drafted to the next level and decides not to play. If you have any questions on this process, contact the Major Player Agent or the VP of Baseball.

In the Fall, playing up is NOT an option.

## BOUNDARIES

Players participating in the league must live within the League boundaries, which are available on registration night and are on file with Little League. If a player does not live within league boundaries, the player will forfeit all post-season play. A boundary map is located at [www.beachsidelittleleague.com](http://www.beachsidelittleleague.com).

## TEAM SIZE

A team must not consist of more than 14 players. Exceptions must be approved by the player agent. Our goal is to have no more than 12 players per team.

## LEAGUE AGE

The league age for baseball is the age of the child as of April 30 of the springs seasons current year. For example, for Spring 2012 the league age of the child playing baseball is the age of the child as of April 30, 2012. For simplicity, you can use the Little League International's [League Age Calculator](#) to determine your baseball league age.

The league age for softball is the age of the child as of December 31 of the year prior to the Spring Season. For example, for Spring 2012 the league age of the child playing softball is the age of the child as of December 31, 2011. For simplicity, you can use the Little League International's [League Age Calculator](#) to determine your softball league age.

Birthdates must be verifiable via birth certificate, passport or other legal document as defined by the league in keeping with Little League Baseball Incorporated.

For the Fall Season ONLY we allow kids to play one year older than their current league age. In other words, if you are league age 11 using the league age calculator we will consider you league age 12. This is done so kids have an opportunity to experience a new division in the off season in a less competitive environment than in the spring.

## DISCIPLINARY POLICY

There are numerous rules and regulations governing Little League play. Each Manager will receive a book to review with all the players and parents as necessary.

A disciplinary policy for players and their parents has been developed by the BSLL Board and is available on our website at [www.beachsidelittleleague.com](http://www.beachsidelittleleague.com). By registering your child for BSLL baseball or softball it is assumed that you have read, understand, and agree to adhere to the BSLL disciplinary policy and agree to convey this information to your child as necessary. The BSLL Board has also adopted a zero tolerance policy for negative behavior in the stands. Any spectator who is distracting play will be asked to leave the field.

## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

All managers, coaches, and assistant coaches must obtain a copy of and adhere to the Coaches Code of Conduct Manual located on your website at [www.beachsidelittle.com](http://www.beachsidelittle.com). If a parent or player has a problem with a manager or a coach please contact the appropriate player agent.

## VOLUNTEER FORMS

Little League Baseball, Incorporated, requires that a mandatory background check be performed on all volunteers that come in contact with the players during the season including but not limited to: Managers, Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Board Members, Team Moms, and any other persons, volunteers and/or hired works who provide regular service to the league and/or have repetitive access to or contact with players or teams. All said individuals must complete a current volunteer form and submit it to the league prior to any player or team contact. The Safety officer will use these forms to complete the required background check. Refusal to annually submit a fully completed Little League Volunteer Application form will result in immediate dismissal of the individual from the local league.

## UMPIRE POLICY

In order to have enough umpires at a reasonable cost, beginning Spring 2012 we have instituted a new mandatory umpire policy. All parents of Minor A, Major and Junior players must select one of the following options on their player application:

- Agree to umpire at least two games during the season OR
- Pay a \$20 umpire fee

The two games can be covered by any person in the household that meets age and ability requirements or a friend or assignee of their choosing that agrees to umpire the games on their behalf. These two games will be umpired at no cost to the league.

Additionally, the league will offer a \$10 award (Minor A/Major) and \$15 award (Junior) per game for anyone who umpires a minimum of 10 games per season. This award will be paid at the end of the season.

No award will be given to anyone who is using umpiring as a means to satisfy community service hours.

## OPENING DAY (Spring Only)

Opening day is alternated annually between Desoto Field and Crespino Field. Opening day gives us the opportunity to kick off the Little League season and welcome all players, parents, family and friends. Opening day also gives us an opportunity to raise funds through concession stand sales, games and rides. This fundraising enables us to finance field improvements, purchase league equipment, and more. Both team and individual pictures will be scheduled during opening day. The date of opening day is posted on our website at [www.beachsidelittleleague.com](http://www.beachsidelittleleague.com).

## TROPHIES

Trophies are provided for T-Ball, and Minor B baseball as well as Minor B softball. These costs are built into the registration costs for these age groups. We will provide a list of teams to Carlsen's Trophy shop on Jackson Avenue. The team parent will provide Carlsen's with a list of players and coaches at least two weeks prior to the end of the season. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that the team parent has the correct spelling of their child's name.

In the Spring, the League provides the Minor A division, Major and Junior with medallions for the two teams that make it to the championship game.

Trophies for all other teams are the responsibility of the individual team and are paid for by the team's players and parents at their discretion. If a team decides to purchase trophies, the team parent should coordinate this function.

This BSLI trophy policy is based on the input that we have received from player parents over the years.

## UNIFORMS

In the Spring Season the following Uniform components are provided:

- Tee Ball, Minor B and Minor A: Shirts, pants, socks and caps.
- Major, Junior and Senior: Shirts, pants, socks, belts, and caps.

In the Fall Season ONLY shirts and caps are provided for ALL divisions. Other items must be supplied by the player (as needed).

## EMAIL POLICY

The email provided will be added to our email distribution list. Once on our list you have the ability to electronically OPT-OUT of our mailing list at any time. Your email will be used only for BSLI mailings and will not be sold or distributed to any third-party at any time.

## REFUND POLICY

Parents will receive a full refund until teams have been formed.

## POST SEASON PLAY (Spring Only)

BSLL currently participates in the Little League All-star tournaments. No other post season play is currently paid for or endorsed by BSLL. All-star teams are selected for the following age groups 9 and 10, 10 and 11, 11 and 12, 13 and 14, 15 and 16 year-olds. The All-star team is selected by age group (not division) across multiple existing teams to form one team for each age group that will represent our league. Players are selected based upon their performance and conduct during the season. Players are selected by managers and coaches and then approved by the player agent and the league President. The All-star manager is selected and voted on by the BSLL Board.

## PICTURES

During Spring Opening Day we will schedule all teams for pictures, including individual pictures. Prior to Opening day the league will provide a picture package for each player with their time slot. We will coordinate with the team parent for each team. In addition, we will be selling picture magnets later in the season as a fund raiser. These picture magnets are our primary league fundraiser and every parent is encouraged to participate. Compared to other leagues, our picture prices are very reasonable and provide the league with a fund raising opportunity that doesn't require any additional effort from the players.

During the Fall Season we will try and offer team photos, when possible.

## LEGAL INFORMATION

By submitting a player registration application form to Beachside Little League, you agree to the following terms:

1. I/We, the parents/guardians of the named player for a position on a Little League team, hereby give my/our approval to participate in any and all Little League activities, including transportation to and from the activities.
2. I/We know that participation in baseball or softball may result in serious injuries and protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to players, and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Incorporated, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants, and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities from any claim arising out of any injury to my/our child whether the result of negligence or for any other cause.
3. I/We agree to return upon request the uniform and other equipment issued to my/our child in as good conditions as when received except for normal wear and tear.
4. I/We agree that our child (candidate) may be required to try out for a team. If such does not attend at least 50 percent of the tryouts, local Board-of -Directors' approval is required for such candidate to be placed on a team.
5. I/We understand that our child (candidate) may be chosen at anytime to play on a Major Division team, if he or she is of the correct age for such division as determined by the local league and Little League Baseball. Declining to move up to such Major Division team will result in forfeiture of eligibility for the Major Division for the current season, and may be subject to further restrictions by the local league.
6. I/We agree to provide proof of legal residence (as defined by Little League Baseball, Incorporated) and age. I/We understand that our child (candidate) must be eligible under the residence and age regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, to participate in this Local League, and that if any controversy arises regarding residence and/or age, the decision of the Charter Committee in Williamsport shall be final and binding. I/We further understand that if any participant on a Little League team does not qualify for participation in the league based on residence (as defined by Little League Baseball, Incorporated) and/or age, such participant and/or team on which he/she participates be found ineligible, and forfeit(s) and/or suspension of Tournament privileges may be decreed by action of the Charter Committee or Tournament Committee.
7. I/We will furnish a certified birth certificate of the above-named candidate to League Officials upon request.
8. I/We agree to read, understand, and adhere to any BSLL rules and or policies governing player, coach, volunteer or spectator as affirmed by the BSLL board of directors and posted on the BSLL Website [www.beachsidelittleleague.com](http://www.beachsidelittleleague.com).