

Level Expectations for T-Ball, Instructional (A and AA), and Competitive Baseball

*LL Age is based on the following:

-How old the child will be on August 31 of the spring season that the child will be playing in (e.g. for the spring 2020 Little League season, the LL Age is how old the child is on August 31, 2020).

**For Competitive Baseball, players must go through player evaluations, and the coaches will go through a draft process to select their teams.

Thus, parents will not know which sublevel (AAA, Coast or Majors) their child will play, until after the draft. But, the grid below shows the various draft outcome possibilities, based on the child's age and prior experience.

*LL AGE	Level of Baseball Played in Prior Year	Appropriate Registration Level for Current Year	**Competitive Baseball -- Possible Draft Outcomes	Notes
4		N/A	N/A	We appreciate your interest, but your child will need to wait until next year to play T-Ball.
5		T-Ball	N/A	
6	None T-Ball	T-Ball OR Instructional: A Baseball Instructional: A Baseball	N/A N/A	Parents will choose the appropriate level for the child based on maturity, focus, hand-eye coordination, and confidence. Parents may choose to hold their child at T-Ball, in extreme cases, in order to develop confidence and/or be with peers.
7	None or T-Ball A Baseball	Instructional: A Baseball Instructional: AA Baseball	N/A N/A	Parents may choose to hold their child at T-Ball, in extreme cases, in order to develop confidence and/or be with peers.
8	None or A Ball AA Baseball	Instructional: AA Baseball Instructional: AA Baseball	N/A N/A	8 year olds should register for AA, regardless of prior experience, in order to be prepared for Competitive Baseball when they are 9. -All 8 year-olds must register for Instructional Baseball, even if they want to try out for AAA Baseball. These players are welcome to participate in player evaluations to try out for AAA Baseball, but there will only be a limited number of slots allocated for 8-year olds. If an 8-year old is drafted to a AAA team, the ELL Registration Officer will move the child to the appropriate level, and that child's parents will need to make an additional payment to cover the registration differential between the Instructional and Competitive Baseball rates.
9	None or any Instructional Level (i.e. A or AA) AAA	Competitive Baseball Competitive Baseball	AAA AAA or Coast	All 9 year-olds will play Competitive Baseball (regardless of prior experience)
10	None or any Instructional Level (i.e. A or AA) AAA Coast	Competitive Baseball Competitive Baseball Competitive Baseball	AAA AAA or Coast Coast	The 9/10 All Star teams will be voted on by Coast Coaches and Players.
11	None, Instructional, or AAA Coast	Competitive Baseball Competitive Baseball	Coast Coast or Majors	All 11 year-olds are guaranteed to at least be on a Coast team, in order to be prepared for Majors as 12 year-olds. The 10/11 All Star teams and 11/12 All Star teams will be voted on by Majors Coaches and Players.
12	All (Prior experience not relevant)	Competitive Baseball	Majors	Per Little League International rules, all 12 year-olds must play at the Majors level, regardless of prior experience. The 11/12 All Star teams will be voted on by Majors Coaches and Players.