

## **BNSW PLAYER AGE MATRIX 2016-2017**

For the 2016-2017 season, Baseball NSW continues to adopt the current Little League International age group cut-off as at 30<sup>th</sup> April for Little League (LL).

**Baseball NSW will continue with the 30<sup>th</sup> April age group cut off for all of our junior competitions LL minors player pitch and older.**

All competitions LL minor coach/machine pitch or younger will continue using Jan-Dec age groups until 2017/18. These competitions are based around a child's **LEAGUE AGE**, this can be determined by the table below (match month and year of birth, age indicated far right).

<i>Ages below are for U7, U8, U9 &amp; LL Minors</i>												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	L/AGE
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	4
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	5
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	6
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	7
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	8
2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	9
<i>Ages below are for LLmi player pitch, LLM, Int, JL, SL &amp; BL</i>												
May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	L/AGE
2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	10
2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	11
2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005	12
2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	13
2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	14
2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2002	2002	2002	2002	15
2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2001	2001	2001	2001	16
1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	2000	2000	2000	2000	17
1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1999	1999	1999	1999	18

The following tables explain each age group as well as what each League Age are age eligible for, possible All Star selection criteria & what possibilities there are for playing simultaneously in other age groups (only listed if there are restrictions pages 4-9).

Legend	Competition
<b>TBall</b>	Tee Ball
<b>LLmi</b>	Little League Minors*
<b>LLM</b>	Little League Majors
<b>Int</b>	Intermediate
<b>JL</b>	Junior League
<b>SL</b>	Senior League
<b>BL</b>	Big League

\* Includes Coach Pitch, Machine Pitch and Player Pitch. One or all may be available depending on player's League Age.

League Age	Club Competition	State Event	National Event	International Event
<b>4</b>	TBall	None	None	None
<b>5</b>	TBall	None	None	None
<b>6</b>	TBall	None	None	None
<b>7</b>	TBall, LLmi	None	None	None
<b>8</b>	TBall, LLmi	None	None	None
<b>9</b>	TBall, LLmi, LLM	None	None	None
<b>10</b>	LLmi, LLM	LLmi	None	None
<b>11</b>	LLmi, LLM, Int	LLmi, LLM, Int	LLM	LLM
<b>12</b>	LLM, Int, JL	LLM, Int, JL	LLM, JL	LLM, JL
<b>13</b>	Int, JL, SL	Int, JL, SL	JL, SL	JL, SL
<b>14</b>	JL, SL	JL, SL	JL, SL	JL, SL
<b>15</b>	SL, BL	SL	SL	SL
<b>16</b>	SL, BL	SL	SL	SL
<b>17</b>	BL	None	None	None
<b>18</b>	BL	None	None	None

## Summary for Season 2016-2017

- Little League International recently voted to change its age cut-off period to 31st August, however this won't take effect until 2018 (2017/18 season for Baseball New South Wales). At this time, all age groups in NSW juniors will move to this cut off (as seen in table on page 11).
  - All Australian Little League Championships will be run with the current Little League age brackets for all tournaments until it is changed internationally in 2018 (2017/18 in Australia).
- The players that choose to play Junior League will not be eligible to participate in the Little League Charter All Star team in the State Championships, however they are eligible to trial for the Junior League All Star team.
- 'ALL STAR TEAM'- These are teams selected from the players in a particular association who have competed in a particular age group/league. In some age groups, there are players age eligible for the club competition but may be too young or too old for the All Star Team. The details are listed below in each of league description sections.
  - Please also note that a player can only participate in one All Star team per year.
- Players may not play in two simultaneous charters/association where competitions run simultaneously (season, not day of the week) if they wish to be eligible for an All Star Team.
- Little League International rules states that a league/competition cannot force a player age eligible in more than one division into a particular division/ age group. This choice must be made by the player and their family.

## An Age Matrix for each division can be found below

All players playing U8's- U10's (Little League Minors- Tee Ball, Machine/Coach Pitch) in club baseball can play in whichever team/competition that the association will allow. Players in these age groups can play in all tournaments that they are age eligible for.

### U8's TBALL

**DOB between JAN 2009- DEC 2011 - League Age 5,6 & 7**

<i>Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.</i>												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	L/AGE
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	5
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	6
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	7

### U9's TBALL

**DOB between JAN 2008- DEC 2010 - League Age 6, 7 & 8**

<i>Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.</i>												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	L/AGE
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	6
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	7
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	8

The competitions played in different associations are dependent on the number of players registered in that area. U8's and/or U9's are available as competitions. It is recommended that all associations running 6's/7's that the Aussie Tball format is included. 6 a side Aussie Tball rules can be found on the Baseball Australia website.

### Little League Minors Coach/Machine Pitch – (LLmi)

**DOB between JAN 2007-DEC 2009- League Ages 7, 8 & 9**

<i>Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.</i>												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	May
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	7
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	8
2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	9

### Little League Minor- Player Pitch

To play Little League Minor Player Pitch at club level, a player needs to have a **DOB between MAY 2005 and APR 2008. League Age 9, 10 & 11.**

To be eligible for a Little League Minor Player Pitch Charter All Star Team, a player must play in that charter's LL Minor Competition meeting age eligibility and minimum participation requirements. Little League Minor players are not eligible for Little League Major All Star Teams. Any players playing in Little League Minors Tournaments must come from a LL Minors charter/competition and not from a LL Majors competition.

<i>Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.</i>												
May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	L/AGE
2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	9
2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	10
2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	11

## Little League Major (LLM)

### *LL Charter and LL Club Competition*

To be eligible to participate in a Little League Major competition, a **player must attain the age of 9 years before 1 May '08 and will not attain the age of 13 before 1 May '04 to be eligible. League Age 9, 10, 11 & 12.**

Players in The LL Majors competition are ineligible for LL Minors All Star Team selection.

<i>Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.</i>												
May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	L/AGE
2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	9
2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	10
2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	11
2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005	12

## Little League Major (LLM) – State LL Championships (All Star Team)

To be eligible to participate in a Little League State Championships in a Charter All Star Team, a **player must attain the age of 11 years before 1 May '06 and will not attain the age of 13 before 1 May '04 to be eligible. (League Age 11 or 12).** Players League Age 11 & 12 are able to play Intermediate league as well as LL Major, however, 60% participation will need to be met in whichever age group they wish to be selected for an All Star team.

<i>Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.</i>												
May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	L/AGE
2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	11
2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005	12

## Intermediate League (Int)

This league is a bridge for players between LL Majors and Junior League, or a competition that is available for players to play in two age groups. Players League Age 11 & 12 are able to play Intermediate League as well as LL Major **OR** Players League Age 12 & 13 are able to play Intermediate League as well as Junior League. However, 60% participation will need to be met in whichever league they wish to be selected for an All Star team. A tournament for this age group is a distinct possibility (State only), although WA have run Interleague Tournaments with teams from around the country.

**A player must attain the age of 11 years before 1 May '06 and will not attain the age of 14 before 1 May '03 to be eligible. League Age 11, 12 & 13.**

This age bracket remains the same for club and All Star competitions

<i>Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.</i>												
May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	L/AGE
2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	11
2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005	12
2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	13

## Junior League Age (JL)

To be eligible to participate in a Junior League State Championships for a Charter All Star Team, **a player must attain the age of 12 years before 1 May '05 and will not attain the age of 15 before 1 May '02 to be eligible. League Age 12, 13 & 14.** This age bracket remains the same for club and All Star competitions. Players in this age group may play in Senior League and be selected into either league's All Star team.

<i>Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.</i>												
May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	L/AGE
2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005	12
2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	13
2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	14

## Senior League (SL)

To be eligible to participate in a Senior League State Championships for a Charter' All Star Team, **a player must attain the age of 13 years before 1 May '04 and will not attain the age of 17 before 1 May '00 to be eligible. League Age 13, 14 15 & 16.** This age bracket remains the same for club and All Star competitions. \*\*Players may play U18's/State League, although these games will not be added to any participation numbers for Senior League eligibility.

Players will need to play in a minimum 60% of games that their SL club side plays.

<i>Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.</i>												
May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	<i>L/AGE</i>
2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	13
2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	14
2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2002	2002	2002	2002	15
2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2001	2001	2001	2001	16

***Please note:*** Players eligible to play SL in the 2016/2017 season (born 1st May '02 -30th April '04), and participate in the SL competition, will still be eligible to participate in the Junior League State Championships if selected in JL All Star Team.



## **Big League (BL)**

Discussions have been tabled to introduce a National event in the near future. This Age Group/League is available at a state level.

Big League is played by players **League Age 15, 16, 17 and 18** with amateur status. These players only need to participate in 40% of regular season games to be eligible. A league may decide to run a Big League without including particular League Ages

<i>Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.</i>												
<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b><i>L/AGE</i></b>
2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2002	2002	2002	2002	15
2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2001	2001	2001	2001	16
1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	2000	2000	2000	2000	17
1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1999	1999	1999	1999	18

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q. Why have we adopted Little League in Australia?**

A. This concept provides many benefits for participants including:

- i. Increased participation at National Events
- ii. Community focused teams
- iii. Early inclusion vs early exclusion

**Q. Can a player play in two All Star Teams?**

A. No. A player can only be selected in one All Star team.

**Q. Can a player play in two different associations club teams?**

A. No, if they wish to be selected into a Charter All Star Team

A. Yes, if they do not wish to be selected into a Charter All Star Team

**Q. Can a player play in the Junior League Competition and still be eligible for Little League major All Star selection?**

A. No. A player is not eligible if they participate in any Junior League Games.

**Q. Do I need to speak to other clubs to form a charter?**

A. No. Clubs just need to enter how many teams they will be entering into each division. There is a very in-depth process to changing charters.

**Q. How many games does a player have to play in the charter league regular season to be eligible for All Star Selection?**

A. A player is required to play in 60% of the charter league regular season games, exception- Big League

**Q. Does the minimum 12 games (per team) Charter League regular season include finals?**

A. No. The regular season excludes finals.

