



## 2025 Regulation II – League Boundaries

Starting with the 2025 season, children at the youngest level of the Little League® Baseball and Softball program ([League Age 4-7](#)) will have the ability to register for any Little League program they choose, without respect to any [geography- or school-related eligibility requirements](#). Those players who register under this option will also be fully eligible to participate in all aspects of league play, including [International Tournament play](#), for the duration of their Little League careers provided they have continuous and unbroken participation within the specific league where initially registered and provided all other participation eligibility requirements have been met.

### Summary:

#### **Regulation II: League Boundaries for local leagues and players league ages 4-7:**

- Players league age seven (7) and under may register in any Little League program without respect to any geography-related eligibility or school eligibility requirements.
- Players will have full tournament eligibility in the program in which they are registered provided they have continuous and unbroken participation within the specific league.

#### **Regulation II: League Boundaries for local leagues and players league ages 8-16:**

- Players league age eight (8) through sixteen (16) participation eligibility is based on residency, school enrollment or *uninterrupted participation since age seven (7) (NEW)*.
- Players league age 8 to 16 not residing or attending school within the boundary of any league are required to work through the Charter Committee for participation waiver.
- Players league age 8 to 16 residing or attending school within the boundary of a league and wishing to play in another league must apply for a participation waiver through the Charter Committee waiver.

### Full Text:

#### **Regulation II – League Boundaries**

##### **LEAGUE AGE 4 – 7 PLAYERS:**

- 1. LEAGUE CHOICE:** Players league age seven (7) and under may register in any Little League program without respect to any geography-related eligibility or school enrollment eligibility requirements.

**NOTE:** Players registering under this option are fully eligible to participate in all aspects of league play, including International Tournament play, for the duration of their Little League careers provided they have continuous and unbroken participation within the specific league where initially registered and provided all other participation eligibility requirements have been met.

##### **LEAGUE AGE 8 – 16 PLAYERS:**

- 2.** Players who have participated in the league without a break in participation since league age seven (7), OR the sibling of a player who is an active participant league age (7) or younger OR the sibling of an active player in the league who has participated in the league without a break in participation since league age seven (7), are eligible to continue participation in the league provided they maintain continuous and unbroken participation within the league and regular season play.

**NOTE 1:** This option only applies to players born on or after September 1, 2017 (Baseball) or January 1, 2017 (Softball).



**NOTE 2:** A player may only qualify based on a sibling who initially gained eligibility under Regulation II(a)(1) if that sibling is an active participant in the league for the current season.

3. Each league shall determine actual boundaries of the area from WITHIN which it shall select players. Only those participants whose residence or the physical location of the school where they attend classes is within the boundaries of the league shall be eligible to participate. "Residence" and "school attendance," for the purposes of this regulation, are defined in "Residence and School Attendance Eligibility Requirements."

**NOTE:** Any player not meeting the "Residence and School Attendance Eligibility Requirements" or does not have unbroken participation within a league from league age seven (7) in accordance with Regulation II (a)(2) must have an approved waiver issued by the Charter Committee at Little League International. All waiver requests to the Charter Committee must be submitted and approved in writing by the league president before the start of the league's regular season or June 1, whichever occurs first. Requests must be submitted to the regional office through the District Administrator. Failure to properly document compliance with the "Residence and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirements" and/or player registration data specific to league age 7 and under players or obtain a waiver through the Charter Committee may result in the disqualification of a player, team, or entire league from regular season and/or tournament play.

These boundaries MUST be described in detail AND shown on a map when making application for the charter. The league boundaries as detailed on the boundary map must be a physical structure (such as a road), or a geographic feature (such as a river). The boundary line will be considered to be in the center of such structures or features, unless noted otherwise. The boundaries must not encroach on the territory of any other chartered Little League's boundaries.

- b. When there are two (2) or more leagues within a locale, each must have separate boundaries, detailed by a map. No exception to this provision will be made without written approval of Little League International.
- c. Team boundaries may be permitted where communities making up a league are widely separated.
- d. The Board of Directors of the local league, at the request and consent of the player involved, reserves the right to participate as a player, any individual (1) whose residence or school enrollment/attendance changes from within the boundary to outside the league's boundary or (2) who lives or school enrollment/attendance is outside the league's boundaries because of a revision of such boundaries even if the child then resides in the territory of another league. Current players, or any sibling of a current player whose brother or sister met the criteria under II(d) at one time may be retained. Any player meeting (1) or (2) above may be retained for the remainder of his/her career.

**NOTE:** A player who qualifies under this regulation and elects not to participate for a regular playing season is not eligible to be retained for the subsequent season.



### **Regulation II(d) - Processing Procedure**

The league president will process a **Regulation II(d)** form. Once the president completes the form, he/she must **compile and attach qualifying** “Residency or School Attendance Eligibility Requirements” **verification specific to the players qualifying under Regulation II that verifies the player** meets the conditions of II(d) as outlined above. The league president will present this information to the District Administrator for review. Once the District Administrator reviews the documentation in an effort to determine if it meets the regulations, the District Administrator will sign the II(d) form. The league and the district will maintain the form and documentation in their files. This review process is only required once during a participant’s career. The league must maintain this form and documentation for this player for the duration of his/her career until the player graduates from the program or breaks service with the league. Tournament team players will be required to carry a copy of this form and documentation with them throughout the tournament. If contested during tournament play, the league will be required to produce the documentation. Additionally, if it is determined at a later date that the player does not meet the conditions of II(d), the player is ineligible for further participation. Situations in which documentation is not available must be referred to the Charter Committee through the regional office for a decision. The decision of the Charter Committee is final and binding.

- f. Boundaries approved by Little League International for a chartered league shall be protected. No other league will be chartered to accept player candidates from all or any part of the same territory for that calendar year. When necessary, the District Administrator shall have the authority to recommend adjusting the league boundaries and be subject to review and approval of the Charter Committee.
- g. Upon approval of the Little League International Board of Directors, each local Little League’s boundaries was “frozen” at the status as of April 23, 2007. “Frozen” means, each league will continue to operate under that boundary. The league shall limit its boundary to and draw its players, **league age eight (8) and above**, from an area approved by the District Administrator and Regional Director. Boundary maps for leagues (and any changes made after April 23, 2007, to the approved map on file at the Regional Office) must be signed and dated by the league president and District Administrator with a copy to be sent to the Regional Office **and uploaded on the Little League Data Center**. The approved map **uploaded on Little League Data Center** is the “official” map, provided it does not encroach on any other chartered Little League’s boundary. The Charter Committee reserves the right to grant waivers and adjust boundaries where needed. All requests for mergers and to expand league boundaries by adding additional territory must be provided to the Charter Committee through the District Administrator and Regional Director. The decision of the Charter Committee on these requests is final and binding.

NOTE 1: Each league will be required to have a current boundary map, approved by the District Administrator, **and uploaded on the Little League Data Center**. This will be required for tournament privileges for the current season.

NOTE 2: All leagues currently operating under a divisional format must continue to operate under this method. Exceptions to the divisional format can only be granted by the



Charter Committee in Williamsport.

**NOTE 3:** Any request for newly chartered leagues will be reviewed by the Charter Committee under this regulation before a charter is granted. The decision of the Charter Committee is final and binding.

Beginning 2025