



<u>Leagues:</u>	<u>Age Group:</u> (predominate age)	<u>Number of Teams:</u> (approximate)	<u>Players Per Team:</u> (typical)
American League (major)	11 and 12-year-olds eligible	4	12
National League (major)	11 and 12-year-olds eligible	4 to 6	12
Northern League (minor)	9 and 10 year-olds eligible	8 to 10	11 to 12
7 & 8 League (development)	7 and 8 year-olds eligible	10 to 12	10 to 11
Tee Ball (development)	4, 5 and 6 year-olds eligible	6 to 8	9 to 10

### **Evaluations:**

- All 9, 10, 11, and 12 year olds will be evaluated by evaluators for placement purposes in our three Divisions (American, National, and Northern).
- With an estimated 180 players trying out, we will have (4), 1 hour & 15 minutes sessions with roughly 45 players at each session.
- The criteria will focus on hitting mechanics (30%), throwing mechanics (10%), infield mechanics (30%), and outfield mechanics (30%). A timed run will be part of the overall evaluation criteria.
- We mandate that no all-star apparel from previous years will be allowed to be worn and no apparel stating the player's name will be allowed to be worn during the evaluations.
- The only equipment allowed to be brought in by players will be fielding gloves (including catcher's gloves), batting gloves, helmets, and bats. No catcher's gear please.
- A player who wishes to be evaluated for placement in the American, National or Northern league of which is not their predominate age league, must have prior approval of the UTLL board and must pay an additional evaluation fee.
- Players who are unable to participate (due to illness or injury) will be placed in a League based on predominate age and subject to Board approval. Prior notice is required. If a player does not tryout, they are not eligible to play in the American League.

### **League Placement:**

#### **American League**

- Predominate age players are 11 and 12 year olds. Each team will have maximum of (8) 12 year olds.
- The evaluation scores will dictate the first 32 players chosen. From this group, the four Head Coaches will be selected and approved by the UTLL Board from the recommendation of the UTLL Coaching Coordinator. If the UTLL Board deems this group of players does not provide 4 qualified American League Head Coaching Candidates, the UTLL Board can review potential Candidates from the next 16 player pool.
- The remaining 16 players will be chosen and agreed upon collectively by the four Head Coaches. They will utilize the evaluation results as their first filter for making these decisions. Their second filter should be their collective knowledge of the players from previous years. Their third filter should be feedback from other coaches that have experience with the players being considered.
- The final selection of the 48 players chosen for the American League will be submitted to the UTLL Board for approval. The four lead Assistant Coaches will be selected and approved by the UTLL Board from the final Board approved 48 player American League rosters which have been recommended by the UTLL coaching Coordinator. UTLL must adhere to Little League International rules for composition of each team.
- 9 or 10 year olds will not be placed in the American League unless they have been granted approval to be evaluated for that league by the UTLL board. Their final score from the current evaluation must place them in the top 10% of all 11 & 12 year olds evaluated. They must pay the additional evaluation fee and attend the 11 & 12 year old evaluation.



### **National League**

- Predominate age players are 11 and 12 year olds. Each team will have maximum of (8) 12 year olds.
- The National League player placement will be conducted using a blind draft.
- Each team will be selected to equate the talent level as much as feasible using the blind draft. The draft will group the players to be selected based on the number of teams in this league. Each team will be allowed to only select a player from that group for that round.
- The head coaches will be approved by the UTLL Board, from that group of players, at the recommendation from the UTLL Coaching Coordinator. The UTLL Board will have final approval of players chosen for the National League.
- 9 or 10 year olds will not be placed in the National League. If players are needed to meet Little League International rules for composition of each team, the UTLL Board will select 9 & 10 year olds based on the current 9 & 10 year old evaluations, starting with the highest score. The player can choose not to move-up. If so, the player with the next highest score will be selected until enough players are chosen.

### **Northern League**

- Predominate age players are 9 and 10 year olds.
- 9 or 10 year olds will not be placed in the American League unless they have been granted approval to be evaluated for that league by the UTLL board. Their final score from the current evaluation must place them in the top 10% of all 11 & 12 year olds evaluated. They must pay the additional evaluation fee and attend the 11 & 12 year old evaluation. They will not be placed in the National League unless they are needed to meet Little League International rules for composition of team and approved by the UTLL Board.
- The Northern League player placement will be conducted using a blind draft.
- Each team will be selected to equate the talent level as much as feasible using the blind draft. The draft will group the players to be selected based on the number of teams in this league. Each team will be allowed to only select a player from that group for that round.
- The head coaches will be approved by the UTLL Board, from that group of players, at the recommendation from the UTLL Coaching Coordinator. The UTLL Board will have final approval of players chosen for the National League.
- 7 or 8 year olds will not be placed in the Northern League unless they have been granted approval to be evaluated for that league by the UTLL board. Their final score from the current evaluation must place them in the top 10% of all 9 & 10 year olds evaluated. They must pay the evaluation fee and attend the 9 & 10 year old evaluation.

### **7 & 8 League**

- Predominate age players are 7 & 8 year olds.
- 7 or 8 year olds will not be placed in the Northern League unless they have been granted approval to be evaluated for that league by the UTLL board. Their final score from the current evaluation must place them in the top 10% of all 9 & 10 year olds evaluated. They must pay the evaluation fee and attend the 9 & 10 year old evaluation.
- The 7 & 8 League player placements will be conducted by the head coaches.
- Each team will be selected based on friends, keeping kids together based on the school they attend, neighborhoods and/or family friendships.
- The head coaches will be chosen by the UTLL Coaching Coordinator.
- 4, 5 or 6 year olds will not be allowed to play in the 7 & 8 year old league.



### **Tee Ball League**

- Predominate age players are 4, 5 & 6 year olds.
- 4, 5 or 6 year olds will be not allowed to play in the 7 & 8 year old league.
- The Tee Ball League player placement will be conducted by the head coaches.
- Each team will be selected based on friends, keeping kids together based on the school they attend, neighborhoods and/or family friendships.
- The head coaches will be chosen by the UTLL Coaching Coordinator.