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THE *next*
chapter

IN THE
LITTLE LEAGUE®
STORY



Little League Softball® strengthens self-esteem, promotes teamwork and sportsmanship, and develops on-field fundamentals while providing a competitive outlet for girls.

Founded in 1974, the program has more than 25,000 softball teams and 300,000 participants worldwide. Working to grow the game of softball at the grassroots level, Little League® has collaborated with more than 25 countries to create a foundation for success. **Little League Softball includes divisions of play for girls ages 4 to 16, which culminates at three Softball World Series tournaments for international competition and friendship.**

Little League Softball is proud to offer a number of different initiatives to support local leagues including Little League University, affordable coach and player clinics, Little League Softball Days at top colleges and universities, and opportunities for financial assistance.

Little League brings communities together and offers a premier softball experience to families in the U.S. and around the world.

Learn More:
LittleLeagueSoftball.org



GIRLS
with
GAME

 **#GirlsWithGame**



Little League was huge to my start and success in softball, and gave me the avenue to fall in love with the game. It gives girls a chance to dream to be part of something bigger.

Cat Osterman

Two-Time Olympic Medalist
2016 Little League® Hall of Excellence Enshrinee



Collaboration

Softball Days For Little Leaguers®

Held at more than 20 colleges and universities across the country, including the University of Arizona, the University of Michigan, the University of Tennessee, and UCLA, Little League Softball Days invite Little Leaguers® to college softball stadiums to experience the thrill of intercollegiate softball and more.

Athletes Unlimited

The new, professional softball league, Athletes Unlimited, offers fans a unique version of the sport and Little Leaguers access to world class athletes through live and digital events, educational content, and to the game in every community.

Positive Coaching Alliance

Little League's relationship provides educational resources and material for coaches, managers, and parents to teach players life lessons through softball and to help players' have a positive, well-rounded experience.

One Softball

Partnering with One Softball provides coaches, parents, and players character development and guidance through the softball journey to better the game and bring together the softball community.

Cost Savings

Tournament Travel Reimbursement

For any tournament travel 150+ miles to the Section level and beyond, Little League will reimburse the league \$1 per mile for one round trip to the tournament site.

125 FREE Background Checks

For each chartered league and unlimited checks for a nominal cost.

Low Charter Fees

Little League charter fees are only \$10 per team. A new league's charter fees are FREE during their second year.

Insurance

Little League offers an affordable insurance program to its chartered leagues. Most leagues can charter and insure teams through Little League for an average of about \$6-8 per player.

Benefits

World Series Tournaments

Each summer, girls from around the world come not only to compete against one another for a world championship, but also to create life-long friendships and lasting memories.

Television Coverage

Expanded television coverage by the ESPN family of networks now total nearly 150 games, including all Little League Softball® U.S. Region and World Series games, and every game of the Junior and Senior League World Series. The expanded coverage also allowed Little League Softball to become the first softball organization to conduct instant replay.

Tee Ball Educational Program

An online, printable booklet to help your league teach the fundamentals of softball to its youngest members while focusing on fun and fitness. This 10-week program guides your league through a Tee Ball season hosting one practice and one game per week.

Rule Alignment

Throughout our age divisions, we coordinate rules and regulations to help build your players. In the Little League teenage divisions, our rules closely align with NFHS to develop the grassroots and offer a second season for high schoolers.

Little League University

A FREE, online resource offering instruction for coaches, managers, umpires, and league officials. It includes softball-specific videos, skills, and drills for coaches and managers. Umpires can receive basic training, video clips, and rule interpretations. League officials will benefit from helpful tips and guidance on how to maximize marketing, league operations, and resources to the fullest.

Learn more at LittleLeagueUniversity.org

Competition at all Age Divisions 4-16

A community-based, youth softball organization that provides a place for every child to play, learn life lessons, and compete against neighboring communities and international countries.

Global Softball Promotion And Participation

Little League is one of the only organizations to promote and charter youth softball worldwide. We have partnerships with national federations to assist with the education, instruction, and expansion of softball.

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