

# Mountain Ridge Little League

## Spring 2023 Evaluation FAQs



### DO ALL PLAYERS MAKE IT ONTO A TEAM?

- YES! We **DO NOT** cut any registered players. A better word for tryouts is evaluations because all registered players will be rostered to a team.

### WHAT IS LITTLE LEAGUE AGE?

- League age is determined by the Little League Baseball® age chart which determines the division in which your Little Leaguer will play this season. You can calculate your child's league age at <https://www.littleleague.org/play-little-league/determine-league-age/>

### DOES MY PLAYER HAVE TO ATTEND A TRYOUT SESSION?

- The short answer is no, players do not have to attend tryouts to participate during the season. **However, players forfeit certain privileges if they do not attend tryouts so certain players should attend tryouts.**

### WHAT HAPPENS IF MY PLAYER DOES NOT ATTEND A TRYOUT SESSION?

- Players who do not attend a tryout session forfeit their draft eligibility. As a result, managers cannot choose these players because the league randomly rosters them in the lowest division available to their age group.
- Players rostered in the AAA, Major, Junior, or Senior divisions forfeit their All Star Tournament eligibility.

### SHOULD MY PLAYER ATTEND A TRYOUT SESSION?

- That really depends on your player's league age and whether you are ok with waiving their draft and All Star eligibility. Please review the League Age information below to help you make a decision.
- League Age 4-6
  - Players in this age group **WILL NOT** attend a tryout session. They will be rostered in the Tee Ball or Rookies division.
- League Age 7-8
  - Players in this age group who wish to remain in the Rookies division **WILL NOT** attend a tryout session. They will be rostered in the Rookies division.
  - Players who **ATTEND** tryouts are draft eligible for the Minor A or AA\* divisions.
  - Players who attend tryouts but **ARE NOT** selected during the draft will be rostered in the Rookies division.
- League Age 9
  - Players who attend tryouts are eligible to be drafted into the Minor A, AA, or AAA\* divisions.
  - Players who **DO NOT** attend tryouts will be randomly rostered in the Minor A-ball division.
- League Age 10
  - Players who attend tryouts are eligible to be drafted into the Minor AA, AAA, or Major\* divisions.
  - Players who **DO NOT** attend tryouts will be randomly rostered on a Minor AA division team.

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- League Age 11
  - Players who attend tryouts are eligible to be drafted into the Minor AAA or Major divisions.
  - Players who **DO NOT** attend tryouts will be randomly rostered on a Minor AAA division team.
- League Age 12
  - Players who attend tryouts are eligible to be drafted into the Majors division.
  - Players who **DO NOT** attend tryouts will be randomly rostered on a Majors division team.
- League Age 13
  - Players who attend tryouts are eligible to be drafted into the Junior division.
  - Players who **DO NOT** attend tryouts will be randomly rostered on a Junior division team.
- League Age 14
  - Players who attend tryouts are eligible to be drafted into the Junior or Senior divisions.
  - Players who **DO NOT** attend tryouts will be randomly rostered on a Junior division team.
- League Age 15-16
  - Players who attend tryouts are eligible to be drafted into the Senior division.
  - Players who **DO NOT** attend tryouts will be randomly rostered on a Senior division team.

\*Advanced younger players may attend tryouts with an older age group and waive into an older division draft with approval from the Player Agent/Board of Directors

## HOW DOES MY PLAYER WAIVE UP TO TRYOUT WITH AN OLDER AGE GROUP?

- Parents should contact the Player Agent for their division in order to discuss participation in an older division.
- **Waiving up does not guarantee that a manager in the higher division will draft your player.**
  - League Age 6
    - Eligible to waive into A-ball draft if they have appropriate playing experience and skill. Parents should coordinate attending evaluations with the League Age 7-8 year olds in addition to their age group.
    - Players not selected during the A-ball draft will be rostered on a Rookies team.
  - League Age 8
    - Eligible to waive into the AA draft if they have appropriate playing experience and skill. Parents should coordinate attending tryouts with the League Age 9 year olds in addition to their age group.
    - Players not selected during the AA draft will be placed in the A-ball draft pool.
  - League Age 9
    - Eligible to waive into the AAA draft if they have appropriate playing experience and skill. Parents should coordinate attending tryouts with the League Age 10 year olds in addition to their age group.
    - Players not selected during the AAA draft will be placed in the AA draft pool.
  - League Age 10
    - Eligible to waive into the Majors draft with Player Agent/Board of Directors recommendation if they have appropriate playing experience and skill. Parents should coordinate attending tryouts with the League Age 11 year olds in addition to their age group.
    - Players not selected during the Majors draft will be placed in the AAA draft pool.
  - League Age 13
    - Eligible to waive into the Seniors draft with Player Agent/Board of Directors recommendation if they have appropriate playing experience and skill. Parents should coordinate attending tryouts with the League Age 15–16-year-olds if they are scheduled for a different session.
    - Players not selected during the Seniors draft will be placed in the Juniors draft pool.

## WHEN AND WHERE ARE TRYOUTS?

- Tryouts will be held at Mountain Ridge Park, 7151 Oso Blanca Rd, Las Vegas NV, 89149.
- Minor and Major tryouts dates for players League Age 7-12**
  - Saturday, January 21st - Players with last names starting with letters A-M
  - Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> - Players with last names starting with letters N-Z
- Players must check in at the field house to get their tryout number before going to their field. Please review the chart below for your check-in time and field assignment:

League Age	Field	Check-in Time	Start Time
7 & 8	3	8:30am	9am
Lunch Break (11am-12pm)			
11	4	11:30am	12pm
9	1	11:30am	12pm
12	3	1:30pm	2pm
10	2	1:30pm	2pm
Verification Windows between Sign In Times 9-11am / 12-1pm / 2-3:30pm			

- Junior and Senior tryouts for players League Age 13-16**
  - Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> - Players with last names starting with letters A-M\*
  - Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> - Players with last names starting with letters N-Z\*
- Players must check in at the field house to get their tryout number before going to their field. Please review the chart below for your check-in time and field assignment:

League Age	Field	Check-in Time	Start Time
13-16	7	Thursday 02/23 5:30pm	6pm
13-16	7	Saturday 02/25 8:30am	9am
FINAL VERIFICATION WINDOWS Thursday 6pm – 8pm / Saturday 9am-11am			

**\*Junior/Senior tryout days are subject to change based on the high school baseball tryout schedules for the high schools in our boundary.**

## WHAT DOES MY PLAYER NEED TO BRING TO TRYOUTS?

- All players must have their own baseball glove, batting helmet, and water. Players will need to use a bat but can usually borrow one from another player or the league can provide a bat for use during tryouts. Players should wear baseball pants, cleats and a protective cup. Players need to prepare for cold weather as temperatures in January and February can be near freezing with high winds.
- Metal cleats are only allowed for players who are League Age 13-16 in the Junior and Senior divisions.
- Little League has specific [bat rules](#) for players based on their division of play:
  - USSSA/BPF 1.15 bats are not allowed for use in any division.**
  - Minor and major division players must use a bat certified by USA baseball.
  - Junior division players must use a bat certified by USA baseball or a BBCOR stamped bat.
  - Senior players must use a BBCOR stamped bat.