

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 360,000 participants worldwide. Working to grow the game of softball at the grassroots, 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 around the world.



"Thank you Little League for having the rule that you can only pitch so many innings. Our others pitcher's had used up their innings and needed someone to try... I volunteered without ever having tried it before.

Needless to say, I fell in love with the pitching."

Cat Osterman - TWO-TIME OLYMPIC MEDALIST 2016 Little League® Hall of Excellence Enshrinee

LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL®

BENEFITS

WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENTS

Girls from around the world come not only to compete against one another, but also to create life-long friendships and lasting memories.

TELEVISION COVERAGE

ESPN family of networks televise every Softball Division Championship and additional games at the Little League Softball World Series and regional championships.

TEE BALL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

A 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 grassroots or a second season for high schools.

LITTLE LEAGUE UNIVERSITY

A FREE, online portal offering instruction for coaches, managers, umpires, and league officials. This newly released resource provides softball-specific videos, skills, and drills for Little League 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 LittleLeagueU.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.

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 stadiums to experience the thrill of intercollegiate softball and more.

INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES CLINIC

Little League Softball coaches and managers can receive training tips, skills and drills from knowledgeable instructors, including 800-win college coach, Mark Cooke; Arizona graduate, Callista Balko; and more.

POSITIVE COACHING ALLIANCE

Provides additional 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 to provide 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 to the State 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 per player.

For more information about establishing a Little League Softball program, contact:

