

Opt Out Information for 12 Year Old Players

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The following information (both rules and format of ULLL's AAA and Spring Majors Divisions) should be considered when deciding which level is right for your player as a baseball age 12 yr old, who did not play in the ULLL's Spring Majors Division as a baseball age 11 yr old.

With the approval of the ULLL President, you can opt that your player be drafted to a Spring AAA team as a baseball age 12 yr old player.

AAA – All players on a team are in the batting order (consecutive batting order) and must play at least every other inning on defense. Additionally, players must play at least one inning on defense in the infield, and players cannot sit out more than two (2) defensive innings in any game. Innings change when the team in the field makes three outs /or/ the team at bat scores five runs. (Note: 12 yr old players may not play the position of pitcher at the Spring AAA level per Little League International Rules.) Games are played for six (6) innings or two (2) hours, whichever comes first.

Spring Majors – Majors is the highest level of Little League play. There are 12 players per Majors team in the spring. Only nine (9) players are in the line-up at any time – leaving three (3) substitutes. The minimum playing requirement in Spring Majors is that every player has one (1) plate appearance and plays six (6) consecutive outs on defense – for example, two (2) consecutive innings on defense and one (1) at-bat.

Additionally, there are no run limits placed on an inning in Spring Majors. Three (3) outs must be made by the defense for the ½ inning to change over. However, in a shortened game (e.g., run rule, weather, darkness), the minimum playing time for each player does not apply; meaning some substitutes may not play the required minimum. There are no time limits on games and extra innings may be played if the game is tied after six (6) innings.

In summary, here are some of the differences between the ULLL's AAA and Spring Majors Divisions:

	AAA Division	Spring Majors Division
Batting Order	Consecutive – All players are included in the batting order	9 Players & 3 Substitutes – Every player must have at least one plate appearance
Fielding	All players must play at least every other inning. Each player must play 1 inning in the infield. No player can sit out more than 2 innings.	9 Players & 3 Substitutes – Every player must play at least six consecutive outs
Run Limit	5 runs or 3 outs (whichever occurs first)	No limit. Defense must make 3 outs.
Pitching	Baseball age 12 yr olds not allowed to pitch	Baseball age 12 yr olds allowed to pitch

When making the choice for your player, please know that not all Managers choose to manage the same way, but they are required to follow the rules about minimum playing time at both levels.

If you have any questions about which level is best for your player, please contact:

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