

Tournament Residency and Age Verification



RESIDENCE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Each local Little League determines the actual geographic boundaries of the area from within which it shall select players. These boundaries must be described in detail and shown on a map and dated when making application for a Little League charter. Players will be eligible to play with that league only if they reside within the boundaries provided to and approved by Little League Baseball International.



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A player will be deemed to reside within the league boundaries if:

- a. His/her parents are living together and are residing within such league boundaries,
OR;
- b. Either of the player's parents (or his/her court-appointed legal guardian) reside within such boundaries. It is unacceptable if a parent moves into a league's boundaries for the purpose of qualifying for tournament play. "Residence," "reside" and "residing" refers to a place of bona fide continuous habitation. A place of residence once established shall not be considered changed unless the parents, parent or guardian makes a bona fide change of residence.

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- Residence shall be established and supported by documents from THREE OR MORE of the following categories to determine residency of such parent (s) or guardian:
 1. Driver's License
 2. Voter's Registration
 3. School records
 4. Welfare/child care records
 5. Federal records
 6. State records
 7. Local (municipal) records
 8. Support payment records
 9. Homeowner or tenant records
 10. Utility bills (i.e., gas, electric, water/sewer, phone, mobile phone, heating, waste disposal)
 11. Financial (loan, credit, investments, etc.) records
 12. Insurance documents
 13. Medical records
 14. Military records
 15. Internet, cable or satellite records
 16. Vehicle records
- Note: Example – Three utility bills (three items from No. 10) constitute only ONE document.**

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It is recommended that the league require some proof of residence within the league's boundaries at the time the player registers. Players and their parents/guardians are advised that a false statement of residence may lead to ineligibility to play Little League Baseball or Softball.

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Under NO circumstances does ANY person have the authority to grant a waiver that allows a child to play in a local Little League program IN ANY DIVISION, when that child does not qualify under these residency requirements.

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If the claim for residency is challenged, three of the above materials must be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, with an affidavit of residency from the parent (s) or guardian, which shall decide the issue, and that decision shall be final and binding.

Residency documents must illustrate that the residence (as defined above) was inside the league's boundaries for at least one-half of the regular season (as of June 15 of the year in question).

PROOF-OF-AGE REQUIREMENTS

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF BIRTH DATE

1. Original proof of age document, if issued by federal, state or provincial registrars of vital statistics in the country in which the Little Leaguer is participating.

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2. If country of participation differs from the country of proof of age document, original proof-of-age document issued by federal, state or provincial registrars of vital statistics, or local offices thereof, are acceptable proof of age, provided the document was filed, recorded, registered or issued within one (1) year of the birth of the child.

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3. An original document issued by federal, state or provincial registrars of vital statistics, or local offices thereof, listing the date of birth, with reference to the location and issue date of the original birth certificate, is acceptable. (The original birth certificate referenced must have been filed, recorded, registered or issued within one (1) year of the birth of the child.)

PROOF-OF-AGE REQUIREMENTS ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF BIRTH DATE (Continued)

Also issued by these agencies are photocopies of the certificate of live birth with the certification also photocopied, including the signature, and include the seal impressed thereon. Such documents are acceptable without “live” signatures, provided the original filed, recorded, registered or issued date of the birth certificate was within one (1) year of the date of birth.



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4. For children born abroad of a parent or parents who are U.S. citizens, any official government document issued by a U. S. federal agency or service, is acceptable. For military dependents, Department of Defense identification cards and military hospital certificates are acceptable. These must be originals, not copies, and must refer to a filing, recording, registration, or issue date that is within one (1) year of the birth of the child.
5. A “Statement in Lieu of Acceptable Proof of Birth” issued by a District Administrator is acceptable.

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- **NOT ACCEPTABLE AS SOLE PROOF OF BIRTH:** Baptismal Certificate; Certificate of Blessing; Certificate of Dedication; Certificate of Circumcision, etc.; Hospital Certificate; photocopied records.
- **Note:** Little League International has authorized the Regional Directors for Latin America, Europe (including Middle East and Africa), and Asia/Pacific, to adopt a policy that excludes No. 1 of slide 8. Local Little Leagues and districts in those regions will be informed of the regional policy. 🏆

Verification Checklist



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League ID #	
League Name	
Division	

League boundary was included with actual locations of players' residence:
Yes ___ No ___

Residency Proofs

Age Proof within 1 year of birth

Player Name	Document Type 1	Document Type 2	Document Type 3	Age Proof		Waiver	Notes	Ini.
1				Y	N			
2				Y	N			
3				Y	N			
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