

The Mt. Lebanon Baseball Association FAQ's

The following will address the most commonly asked questions on Mt. Lebanon Baseball and registration. If your question is not addressed below, please send an email to: mlba@lebobaseball.org.

Question	Response
1. How are the players selected?	<p>Mt Lebanon Baseball plays in accordance with Little League Baseball rules. Therefore we operate under a birth year standard, not a grade nor school year standard.</p> <p>Refer to the chart at the end of the FAQ's</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE THIS HAS CHANGED FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.</p> <p>We used to cut off for a league on July 31 As a result of the rule changes by Little League Baseball, the age cut off is now April 30th.</p>
2. How are teams organized?	<p>For T-Ball, Pintos and Minors we make every effort to align the players by the closest Mt Lebanon grade school. So where possible they are playing in their neighborhood. For the students who do not attend Mt Lebanon Schools (ie home schooling or private schools) these players are assigned by the neighborhood also. The Majors (and up) play at a district wide level.</p>
3. How will I be notified	<p>About 4 or 5 weeks after all 3 registrations are complete, you will receive a telephone call or email from your childs manager alerting them of the team selection. In the event you do not hear, please send an email to the Association via the website.</p>
4. Are there tryouts?	<p>We do not have tryouts for the in-house season, with the exception of Colts and Legion (high school age players). Teams are not selected as a result of a tryout. All teams are selected at the school district level, by the coaches, via an informal draft.</p>

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<p>5. How many practices are there per week?</p>	<p>This depends on a number of factors: Availability of fields, WEATHER conditions and the coaches availability to hold a practice. We make every effort to get the student athlete ready for the season, however, we have limited time due to weather and/or gym/tennis court access.</p>
<p>6. When are games played, and how many per week?</p>	<p>This varies from league to league. Expect to see a schedule with 20 to 22 games scheduled. Weather will account for few rainouts. Expect to be able to play one weeknight and one weekend game per week.</p>
<p>7. Are games or practices considered mandatory?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>8. How many players are on each team</p>	<p>This depends on the total number of players signed up for the league. On average, there will be 11 or 12 per team.</p>
<p>9. Are the players guaranteed a equal number of innings played per game?</p>	<p>Depending on the league, yes. At the younger ages, all players will see equal playing time. As the student/athlete progresses through the system, a more competitive approach will come into play. This will occur at the Pony level and up.</p>
<p>10. My daughter/son is turning 11 and would like to play with their classmates who are all age 10. Can she/he play down for the season.</p>	<p>This is done on an exception basis only. The parents must submit a note detailing why the child wants to play down. If accepted, the child will not be allowed to pitch in any games, nor will they be eligible for an All Star game on 4th of July weekend. In the event they would then want to play for the July travel season they must try out with the birth age peers.</p>
<p>11. My son/daughter should be in the minors for another year, based on their birth date. They would like to move up to the majors to play with their school friends. Can a player move up a league</p>	<p>Yes, this is easier than above. Any child may play up with only their parents permission. If a child elects to play up, they are eligible for the All Star game for their league (they cannot go down a league only for the purpose of playing in an All Star game).</p>

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<p>12. My son/daughter wants to be placed on a team with one or two friends. Can we accommodate this?</p>	<p>MLBA makes an effort to align the younger players on teams where they have friends. This extends to the T-Ball and Pinto leagues, but becomes more difficult at Minors and Majors.</p> <p>If you make a notation on the application, we will try to draft accordingly. In no instances can this be guaranteed, especially for any late registrations.</p>
<p>13. Can my son/daughter play travel only?</p>	<p>No, all athletes must play in house to be eligible for travel season opportunities.</p>
<p>14. I cannot make the registration events, what are my options?</p>	<p>We have moved the registration to one weekend afternoon, one week night and one Sunday evening. We ask every parent to make the effort to attend one of these three events. If for some reason you cannot attend any of these, you can mail your signed registration form and check including the late fee of \$15.00 to MLBA, 89 Roycroft Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15228.</p> <p>Please note that any delay may have an impact on the team your athlete is selected for.</p>
<p>15. We have a relative who does not live in Mt Lebanon; can they play on a team with their relative?</p>	<p>No, the league is only open to Mt. Lebanon residents.</p>
<p>16. What equipment do the parents have to supply?</p>	<p>The players are responsible for baseball gloves, a bat and cleats only.</p> <p>MLBA provides practice and game balls, catchers equipment, bases, full uniforms (hat, shirt, pants and sox) and umpires.</p>
<p>17. How are coaches or managers selected?</p>	<p>There will be sign up sheets at the registration event, where any parent can sign up to coach. In turn, the number of players per league will determine the number of coaches required. There is a coaching clinic that all interested adults are encouraged to attend. Check the website for additional details.</p>

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18. I have a complaint about a coach or parent, who do I talk to about this?	Please send an email to the website, the appropriate league directors will follow up with you to review the situation. We do not tolerate unruly behavior at games or practices. MLBA is an active member of the Youth Sports Alliance.
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LEAGUE PLAYING AGE CHART

<u>BIRTHDATE IN:</u>	<u>PLAYING AGE</u>	<u>LEAGUE</u>
5-99 to 4-00	6	T-Ball
5-98 to 4-99	7	Pinto
5-97 to 4-98	8	Pinto
5-96 to 4-97	9	Minor
5-95 to 4-96	10	Minor
5-94 to 4-95	11	Major
5-93 to 4-94	12	Major
5-92 to 4-93	13	Pony
5-91 to 4-92	14	Pony
5-90 to 4-91	15	Colt
5-89 to 4-90	16	Colt