

Baseball NSW

Little League International (LLI) Concessions for NSW

Baseball NSW has received formal approval from Baseball Australia and Little League International (LLI) for a series of NSW-specific concessions.

These concessions recognise the unique structure, geography, and growth of baseball across New South Wales, and are designed to support fair participation, sustainable pathways, and practical administration for Associations and Charters.

Outlined below are the approved arrangements for the 2026 Little League season.

All Star Team Selection for Associations with Multiple Teams

(Intermediate, Junior & Senior League only)

Where an Association fields more than ten teams in a competition level and is required to submit two or more All-Star teams, the following process is approved:

- A Common Pool Draft Method should be used
- All eligible trialists form one combined player pool
- Drafts must be overseen by the State District Administrator (DA)
- Teams must be named by colour only (e.g. Blue / Black)
- “Team A / Team B” or “Development” labels are not permitted
- Once teams are named, no player movement is allowed between teams. However, Players will no longer be restricted to the same team ‘color’ allocation for their Little League playing journey.
- Pool placement at tournaments will follow standard LLI rules and may result in both teams being in the same pool

Note:

No concessions apply to Little League Minor or Major divisions.

Combined Teams for Country NSW Associations

Where Country Associations do not have sufficient player numbers to form standalone All-Star teams:

- Combined teams across multiple Charters are permitted
- Charters do not need to be geographically adjacent
- Team composition must be approved by the National District Administrator (DA)
- The objective is to ensure every eligible player has an opportunity to participate

Combined Junior Players in Senior Competitions

In some regional areas, junior competitions are not viable due to geography and participation numbers.

The following arrangements are approved:

- Country Championships may be used as a qualification event
- Minimum games required: 4
- Combined teams across non-neighbouring Charters are permitted with National DA approval
- All players must remain registered to a Baseball NSW Charter

These concessions remove structural barriers to participation and support early talent development across regional NSW.

Majors Division Scheduling Flexibility

To support event scheduling and minimum game requirements:

- Two double-headers are permitted at Majors State Titles

Baseball NSW will work with the District Administrator to ensure events meet all operational expectations.

In parallel, Baseball NSW will review optimal scheduling models with player experience as the primary consideration. This may include the introduction of multiple recognition outcomes such as 'Championship', 'Trophy', and 'Shield' to ensure meaningful participation, competitive balance, and a positive tournament experience for all players.

These concessions represent a significant step forward in ensuring Little League baseball in NSW:

- ✓ Reflects our club-based structure
- ✓ Supports regional participation
- ✓ Maintains competitive integrity
- ✓ Provides fair access for all players

Baseball NSW thanks our Associations, volunteers, and Baseball Australia for their collaboration in achieving these outcomes

For further information, please contact Baseball NSW Little League District Administrator.

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