



BASEBALL
NEW SOUTH WALES

2026 - 2027 BASEBALL NSW AGE MATRIX

2026 - 2027



AGE MATRIX



For the 2026-2027 season, Baseball NSW player league ages will be determined by DOB between the 1st of September and the 31st of August of the following year for all BNSW competitions.

BNSW competitions are based around a child's LEAGUE AGE, which can be determined by the table below (match month and year of birth, League age is indicated far right).

LEAGUE AGE BELOW ARE FOR ALL BNSW JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	L/A
2022	2022	2022	2022	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	4
2021	2021	2021	2021	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	5
2020	2020	2020	2020	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	6
2019	2019	2019	2019	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	7
2018	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	8
2017	2017	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	9
2016	2016	2016	2016	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	10
2015	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	11
2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	12
2013	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	13
2012	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	14
2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	15
2010	2010	2010	2010	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	16

AGE MATRIX BY COMPETITIONS

Legend	Competition
T-Ball	Tee Ball
Rook	Rookies Cup
10/11	League Age 10/11 State Champs
LLmi*	Little League Minors*
LLM	Little League Majors
Int	Intermediate League
JL	Junior League
SL	Senior League

* Includes Coach Pitch, Machine Pitch and Player Pitch. One or all may be available depending on the player's League Age.

The above table shows the possible options for a player at every league age.

- Please see details for each age division competition below.
- Each age division, apart from T-Ball, has an opportunity to be selected for an All-Star team.
- Refer to the eligibility criteria for each age division, as they may vary.

League Age	Club Competition	State Event	National Event	International Event
4	T-Ball	None	None	None
5	T-Ball	None	None	None
6	T-Ball	None	None	None
7	T-Ball	None	None	None
8	T-Ball, LLmi	Rook	None	None
9	LLmi, LLM	Rook	None	None
10	LLmi, LLM	Rook, 10/11, LLM	LLM	LLM
11	LLmi, LLM, Int	10/11, LLM, Int	LLM, Int	LLM, Int
12	LLM, Int, JL	LLM, Int, JL	LLM, Int, JL	LLM, Int, JL
13	Int, JL, SL	Int, JL, SL	Int, JL, SL	Int, JL, SL
14	JL, SL	JL, SL	JL, SL	JL, SL
15	SL	SL	SL	SL
16	SL	SL	SL	SL



SUMMARY FOR SEASON 2026 - 2027

- For a Charter to be eligible to enter a team in the International Tournament, they must have scheduled and played, at a minimum, a 12-game (Senior League: No minimum regular season games required) (per team) regular season, exclusive of playoffs and tournament games, for each division, or age-appropriate division, entering tournament before the first games in their respective tournament.
- Players who have participated as required by Mandatory Play as an eligible player in eight (8) regular season games are eligible for All-Star selection. (Senior League: No minimum regular season games required).
- For Junior Tournament eligibility, Senior League players aged 12, 13, and 14 must have played in a minimum of eight (8) Regular Season games.
- 'All-Star Team' refers to a team selected from players within a particular association who have competed in the relevant age group or league. Some players may be eligible for their club competition but too young or too old for the All-Star Team. Further details are provided in the league description sections below.

Little League International rules state that a league/competition cannot force a player age-eligible in more than one division into a particular division/age group. The player and their family must make this choice.



All players League aged 6-10 (Little League Minors – T-Ball, Machine/Coach Pitch) in club baseball can play in whichever team/competition they choose. Associations must allow participation if the player is age eligible.

AUSSIE T-BALL

DOB between SEPT 2020 - AUG 2023 - League Age 4, 5 & 6

Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	L/AGE
2022	2022	2022	2022	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	4
2021	2021	2021	2021	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	5
2020	2020	2020	2020	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	6

It is recommended that all associations catering for 6 years and under use the Aussie T-Ball format as the preferred entry-level program. 6-a-side Aussie T-Ball rules can be found on the Baseball Australia website.



AN AGE MATRIX FOR EACH DIVISION CAN BE FOUND BELOW

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2022	2022	2022	2022	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	4
2021	2021	2021	2021	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	5
2020	2020	2020	2020	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	6

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T-Ball rules can be found on the Baseball Australia website.

T-BALL

DOB between SEPT 2018 - AUG 2021- League Age 6, 7 & 8

<i>Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.</i>												
Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	L/AGE
2020	2020	2020	2020	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	6
2019	2019	2019	2019	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	7
2018	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	8

Little League Minors Coach/Machine Pitch – (LLmi)

DOB between SEPT 2016 - AUG 2019 - League Ages 8, 9 & 10

<i>Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.</i>												
Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	L/AGE
2018	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	8
2017	2017	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	9
2016	2016	2016	2016	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	10

Little League Minors - Player Pitch – (LLmi)

To play Little League Minors Player Pitch at club level, a player needs to have a DOB between SEPT 2015 and AUG 2018, League Age 9, 10 & 11.

To be eligible for a League Age 10/11-Year-Old Charter All-Star Team, a player must play in that charter's LL Major OR LL Minor Competition meeting age eligibility and minimum participation requirements.

Players League Ages 8, 9 & 10 are eligible for Rookies Cup.

<i>Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.</i>												
Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	L/AGE
2017	2017	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	9
2016	2016	2016	2016	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	10
2015	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	11

AGE MATRIX FOR EACH DIVISION CONTINUED

Little League Major (LLM)

To be eligible to participate in a Little League Major competition, PLAYERS MUST BE League Age 9, 10, 11 & 12.

<i>Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.</i>												
Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	L/AGE
2017	2017	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	9
2016	2016	2016	2016	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	10
2015	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	11
2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	12

Little League Major (LLM) – State LL Championships (All-Star Team)

To be eligible to participate in a Little League Majors State Championships in a Charter All-Star Team, a player must be League Age 10, 11 or 12. Players will need to play in a minimum of eight (8) regular season games with their club side to be eligible for All-Stars.

<i>Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.</i>												
Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	L/AGE
2016	2016	2016	2016	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	10
2015	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	11
2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	12

NOTE - Any League Age 12-year-old wishing to play LL Major Club Competition must be given the opportunity. The Parent/Guardian of any League Age 12-year-old playing in a LL Minor Competition must sign a waiver to acknowledge that the player declines the chance to play LL Major and understands that the player will not be eligible for LL Major All-Star selection due to playing in LL Minor Competition.

NOTE: This waiver must be signed and presented to Baseball NSW before the season starts!

Intermediate League (Int)

This league is a bridge for players between LL Majors and Junior League. Players will need to play a minimum of eight (8) regular season games with their club side to be eligible for All-Stars.

A player must be League Age 11, 12 & 13 to play Intermediate. This age bracket remains the same for club and All-Star competitions.

<i>Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.</i>												
Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	L/AGE
2015	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	11
2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	12
2013	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	13

Junior League Age (JL)

To be eligible to participate in a Junior League State Championships for a Charter All-Star Team, a player must be League Age 12, 13 or 14 to play Junior League. Players will need to play a minimum of eight (8) regular season games with their club side to be eligible for All-Stars. This age bracket remains the same for club and All-Star competitions. Players in this age group may play in Senior League and be selected into either league's All-Star team.

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Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	L/AGE
2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	12
2013	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	13
2012	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	14

AGE MATRIX FOR EACH DIVISION CONTINUED

Senior League (SL)

To be eligible to participate in a Senior League State Championships for a Charter All-Star Team, a player must be League Age 13, 14, 15 & 16 to play Senior League. This age bracket remains the same for club and All-Star competitions.
There are no minimum regular-season games required to be eligible for All-Stars.

Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age indicated at right.												
Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	L/AGE
2013	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	13
2012	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	14
2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	15
2010	2010	2010	2010	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	16

Please note: Players eligible to play SL in the 2026/2027 season and participate in the SL competition will still be eligible to participate in the Junior League State Championships if selected in the JL All-Star Team. These players must play in a minimum of eight (8) regular season games with their club side to be eligible for JL All-Stars.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Why have we adopted Little League in Australia?

A. This concept provides many benefits for participants, including:

- i. Increased participation in National Events
- ii. Community-focused teams
- iii. Early inclusion vs early exclusion

Q. Can a player play in two different association club teams?

A. No. Little League International does not allow a player to participate in two different charter competitions at the same time. Baseball NSW operates a Dual Charter format whereby players, with the support of their primary and secondary clubs, can submit an exemption request if they meet the policy criteria. Click [HERE](#) to view the Baseball NSW Dual Charter Policy.

Q. Can a player play in the Junior League Competition and still be eligible for Little League Major All-Star selection?

A. Yes. This was not the case until recently; however, a player must participate in eight (8) regular season club games to be All-Star eligible.

Q. Do I need to speak to other clubs to form a charter?

A. No. Clubs must indicate the number of teams they will be entering in each division. There is a very in-depth process for changing charters.

Q. How many games does a player have to play in the charter league regular season to be eligible for All-Star Selection?

A. A player is required to have played a minimum of eight (8) games (Senior League: No minimum regular season games required).

Q. Does the minimum 12 games (per team) of the Charter League regular season include finals?

A. No. The regular season excludes finals.



BNSW PLAYER AGE MATRIX 2027 - 2028

The following Age Matrix table will be the age structure for the BNSW Season 2027-2028, as well as BA National Events and Little League International Events.

Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. Age and possible league are indicated on the right.

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	L/AGE
2023	2023	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	4
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2018	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	9
2017	2017	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	10
2016	2016	2016	2016	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	11
2015	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	12
2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	13
2013	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	14
2012	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	15
2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	16





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