

WEST UNIVERSITY LITTLE LEAGUE 2025 BOUNDARY POLICY

Little League International has updated its Regulation II requirements regarding boundaries as of the 2025 season, as follows (excerpts shown below, refer to Little League website for more details):

Starting with the 2025 season, children at the youngest level of the Little League® Baseball and Softball program (League Age 4-7) throughout the United States will have the ability to register for any Little League program they choose, without respect to any geography- or school-related eligibility requirements. Those players who register under this option will also be fully eligible to participate in all aspects of league play, including International Tournament play, for the duration of their Little League careers provided they have continuous and unbroken participation from the time they are League Age seven within the specific league where initially registered and provided all other participation eligibility requirements have been met.

As part of this strategic change, which is detailed in Little League's Regulation II as found in the Little League Rulebook App, players League Age 8-16 as of the 2025 season (born on or before September 1, 2017, for Baseball or January 1, 2017, for Softball) will continue to utilize the current boundary requirement based on residency or school enrollment. Players league age eight (8) through sixteen (16) participation eligibility is based on residency, school enrollment or uninterrupted participation since age seven (7). Players who have participated in the league without a break in participation since league age seven (7) are eligible to continue participation in the league provided they maintain continuous and unbroken participation within the league and regular season play.

While honoring the policies outlined above, West U Little League (WULL) must also consider the following two factors in managing its registration process:

- We are constrained by the limits of our available field and practice space, and often face greater demand for participation in several of our divisions than we are able to accommodate
- Our league does not own the playing fields or practice spaces we utilize for all of our programming. Furthermore, we receive critical funding from surrounding neighborhood organizations that is necessary for our programming to be offered, and is intended to primarily benefit youth within geographic proximity to our fields and practice spaces. Such limitations have been acknowledged by Little League in their updates to Regulation II (FAQ).

In recognition of these new rules and our limitations, WULL will continue to implement a priority process for Spring Ball registration, as follows:

- **RETURNING FAMILIES:** Returning families will be allowed to register for a two-week period prior to Open Registration. Returning families are those who had one or more players participating in WULL Spring Ball during the prior season.
- **GEOGRAPHIC & SCHOOL BOUNDARY SYSTEM:** For all registrations (including those of Returning Families) that occur during the official registration window (currently November 1 – December 15), we will continue to prioritize the geographic and school boundaries implemented by Little League, regardless of player age. For any players that register outside of the geographic and school boundaries of WULL, please note that your registration is subject to space availability once we have satisfied demand within our geographic and school boundaries. Where space is available outside of these boundaries, that space will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis (meaning, those who register latest will be the first to lose their spot in the event that we need it for an in-boundary player). Please note that this boundary prioritization will not be applicable for late registrations (ie, those received after December 15).

For questions regarding WULL registration prioritization, contact westullboundaries@gmail.com