

Ponderosa Little League Divisions

Non-Draft Divisions:

T-Ball

- League age 4-5; league age 6 with no prior baseball experience is allowed
- Non-Competitive Instructional Division
- This division is an introduction to baseball and the basics of catching, throwing, and hitting using a batting tee
- Coach pitch can be introduced as players skills progress

Minor A - "Coach Pitch"

- League age 6-7; league age 8 with no prior baseball experience may be allowed
- Non-Competitive Instructional Division
- Builds on skills learned in the T-Ball division with development of catching, throwing, and hitting off a coach.
- Introduces beginning concepts such as the different positions, force outs and other basic rules of baseball to prepare players for the Minor AA division

Draft Divisions:

<u>Note:</u> Player evaluations are <u>required</u> for all players league age 7 & above within the following divisions to evaluate catching, throwing, and hitting skills for player drafts.

Minor AA - "Player Pitch/Coach Pitch" "Modified Player Pitch"

- League age 7-8; league age 7 who attend player evaluations and are drafted league age 9 who are not drafted into the AAA division.
- Non-Competitive Instructional Division with intro to competitive concepts
- All league age 8 will be drafted to AA along with any league age 9 not drafted to AAA
- Builds on fundamental skills learned in the Minor A division with players learning to pitch and play the position of catcher. Coaches will also pitch when needed.
- Introduces intermediate concepts and rules such as strikeouts, limited stealing, tag outs, pop flies, defensive positioning, covering bases and backing up throws

Minor AAA - "Player Pitch"

- League age 8-10; league age 11 who are not drafted into the Major division
- All league age 10-11 not drafted into Majors will be drafted to AAA and league age 9 who are not drafted to AAA will be drafted to AA
- Competitive Instructional Division
- Further develops skills learned in the Minor AA division and prepares players for the Majors division with only players pitching to batters and no coaches on the field.
- Introduces more advanced concepts of baseball such as walks, bunting, stealing home, defensive rotations/coverage, and advanced rules such as the infield fly rule.

Majors

- League age 10-12; league age 10 who attend player evaluations and are drafted
- All League age 12 will be drafted to Majors and any league age 10-11 who are not drafted will be drafted to AAA
- Competitive Division
- Requires developed skills learned in the Minor divisions and exposes players to advanced youth baseball strategy and competition
- Players should have developed catching/throwing skills and understand basic/intermediate rules and concepts of baseball

50/70

- League age 12-13
- Competitive Division
- League age 12 players are allowed to play in both the Majors and 50/70 divisions
- This division requires developed skills and exposes players to advanced baseball competition on a field with a 50' pitching mound and 70' bases (50/70)

Juniors

- League ages 13-14
- League age 13 players are allowed to play in both the 50/70 and Junior divisions
- Competitive Division
- This division requires advanced baseball skills and is played on a full-sized diamond with 60'6" pitching mound and 90' bases