

2012 Majors Division (11 & 12-Yrs)

This year, RLL is offering two programs within the Majors Division for 11-12-yr old players. There will be a pilot 50/70 program in addition to the regular Majors. The 50/70 program is a pilot program that is being offered by Little League International, with the intention of making it a full tournament eligible division within a few years. Below is a brief summary on the primary differences between the two programs:

| <u>50/70 Pilot Program</u> | <u>Majors</u> |
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| Pitching Mound at 50' | Pitching Mound at 46' |
| Base Paths are 70' | Base Paths are 60' |
| Leadoffs and Pickoffs Allowed | No leadoffs |
| *Using Junior League Baseball Rules | Majors Rules |

The 50/70 program is intended to be a transitional program for players preparing to move from the smaller Little League fields to a larger regulation baseball diamond with 90 ft base paths.

All 11 and 12 yr-olds that sign up for Little League are automatically entered in the 50/70 draft, unless they specifically opt out and indicate a preference to only play Majors. The 50/70 draft occurs before the general draft, and all players selected will be notified by March 14th. If you don't receive a 50/70 draft notification by March 14th, then your player will be drafted onto a Majors team and the coach will contact you with the practice schedule by March 18th.

As a guideline, a player will typically play at least one year in the Majors before being selected to a 50/70 Majors team.

Coaches in the 50/70 division will typically have served at least one year as a head coach in the Majors division.

The 50-70 teams will still play some of their games under regular Little League rules and the 46/60 distances.

Players that are 10-yr of age on April 1 are NOT eligible to play on a 50/70 team. Player's 10-yr of age that desire to be assessed for a Majors team will be considered for a regular Majors team.

All 10-11 & 12-yr Old players should attend the March 3rd assessment at North Rockford Middle School. The results of the assessment are used in the 50/70 and Majors draft.

*With the exception of the ages permitted and pitching/basepath distances.