

Liberty Hill Youth League Softball Age Division Construct and Eligibility Requirements

1. To be eligible to play in the Liberty Hill Youth League, you must:
 - a. Be the age listed on the age chart for the season you are playing.
 - b. Have a completed registration application prior to the application suspense.
 - c. Have paid the registration fee in full, or have received financial hardship approval from the Board.
 - i. Requests for hardship must be submitted no less than 5 business days prior to the end of registration.
 - ii. If approved for financial hardship, you must sign and fulfill a work detail or payment agreement.
 - iii. If payment or a letter of financial hardship is not received prior to the end of registration, you will not be drafted or eligible to participate in the League.

2. Players may only register for a single age division.

3. The age chart for **fall** softball is based on your age as of Sept 1st of the current fall season. For **spring** softball, the age chart is based on your age as of September 1st of the previous Fall season. Softball runs along with the school year aging September 1st - August 31st. This means the division that you qualify into for Fall Softball is the same division you will play for Spring Softball.

Fall Season Age Chart		
Division	Age	Birth date
LHYL 6U Division	6 and under players	Age as of September 1 of the current fall season
LHYL 8U Division	8 and under players	Age as of September 1 of the current fall season
LHYL 10U Division	10 and under players	Age as of September 1 of the current fall season
LHYL 12U Division	12 and under players	Age as of September 1 of the current fall season
LHYL 14U Division	14 and under players	Age as of September 1 of the current fall season
Spring Season Age Chart		
LHYL 6U Division	6 and under players	Age as of September 1 of the previous fall season
LHYL 8U Division	8 and under players	Age as of September 1 of the previous fall season
LHYL 10U Division	10 and under players	Age as of September 1 of the previous fall season
LHYL 12U Division	12 and under players	Age as of September 1 of the previous fall season
LHYL 14U Division	14 and under players	Age as of September 1 of the previous fall season

4. Players are not allowed to play down an age level at any time.
 - a. If a parent or coach wishes to **appeal** this rule, they must notify the Director of Softball. They will notify all Commissioners involved and the Vice President of Softball at least 5 business days prior to the end of registration.
 - b. The Vice President of Softball will convene a committee to review the request and notify the parent/coach of the decision no less than one business day prior to the end of registration.
 - c. This decision is final and may not be further appealed.

5. Players may be allowed to play up an age level, but only by exception. It is highly encouraged for all players to play in their current age division.
 - a. Players will not be allowed to skip a division. Players will only be allowed to play up if they have already completed a season in the division they would otherwise be aged for.
 - b. Initial requests to play up an age division should be made directly to the Director of Softball at softballoperations@lhyl.org and Softball VP at Softballvp@lhyl.org at least 5 business days prior to the end of registration. No late requests will be honored.
 - c. The VP of Softball will convene a committee to review the request and notify the parent/coach of the decision no less than one business day prior to the end of registration. The committee will consist of the Commissioners of both divisions involved, the VP of Softball, and anyone else the VP of Softball deems necessary to make the decision.
 - d. The number of players permitted to move up into a higher division will depend on total registration numbers for the season. All players who fall within the appropriate age division must be assigned a team and coach before move-up requests are considered. If a division is below its minimum enrollment, players may be pulled from the lower division to meet roster requirements. This process ensures balanced teams and supports the league's 12-player team standard.
 - e. This decision is final and may not be appealed.
 - f. If the committee approves the request, the player will be required to attend assessments for the division they are attempting to move up into, regardless of protected player status, in order to be eligible to compete in the higher, more competitive division.
 - g. Players that receive approval to "play up" in the "recreational divisions" may be protected.
 - h. Any additional cost associated with the higher age division must be paid prior to the coaches draft meeting.
 - i. This requirement may be waived for 12U and 14U divisions with Commissioner endorsement and VP of Softball approval. Approvals may not be delegated below the VP of Softball.