

# FAQs

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: What is LI Hot Stove Baseball?

A: In 2014, a group of dedicated individuals with common interests created a youth travel baseball league. The league started small, with about seventy teams. Today, LI Hot Stove Baseball serves thousands of teams with Spring, Summer and Fall baseball leagues & tournaments.

### Q: What is the mission of LI Hot Stove Baseball?

A: Our primary focus is the development of leagues that allow teams of all skill levels to compete. We will provide the best learning atmosphere, the best competition, and the most fun the game of baseball has to offer to our leagues participants while maintaining the integrity of the game of baseball.

### Q: How many players should I have?

A: Most teams operate with at least 12 players. If you have any less you may find it difficult to field a team.

### Q: Is there mandatory playing time rules for games?

A: There are no mandatory playing time rules.

### Q: Do I need a home field?

A: No, if you do not have a field LI Hot Stove will supply one or you will play at your opponent's field.

### Q: What age groups does LI Hot Stove Baseball offer?

We offer 7u,8u,9u,10u,11u,12u 13u, 14u, 15u, 16u, JV, & Varsity. 10u teams will have the option to play on the 46/60 or the 46/65 diamond. 11u teams will have the option to play on the 46/60 or the 50/70 diamond. 12u teams will play on the 50/70 diamond in the Spring & Summer. All teams will play the following years age group in the fall. For example a 12u team from the summer will have the option to play 13u 60/90 or 13u 50/70 in the fall. 13u will also have the 50/70 option the following spring.

### Q: How do I know what team age my team will be?

Players must be born on or after May 1<sup>st</sup>. For 2026 the ages cutoffs are :

05/01/08 18u	05/01/13 12u
05/01/07 17u	05/01/14 11u
05/01/09 16u	05/01/15 10u
05/01/10 15u	05/01/16 9u
05/01/11 14u	05/01/17 8u
05/01/12 13u	05/01/18 7u

League age is the age the player has attained prior to May 1 of the playing season. Example: A player who is ten years old at the beginning of the season but will turn eleven on or before April 30 shall be classified as League Age 11. Players may not "play up" (participate) in competitive leagues higher than their league age level, regardless of their skill level.

**School age exemptions: ONLY TWO** school age exemptions per team will be allowed for players of the same graduating year who were born prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>. However, those players must be born on/after January 1 to be eligible. Players must be only rostered on the team looking for the exemption. Players cannot be on any other team except for intramurals.

### Q: When will the games be played?

Games usually will be played on weekends in the Spring and Fall. The Summer Leagues will have games on any day you wish to play. We pride ourselves on accommodating our team's needs. After a schedule is posted , teams have 10 days to changes if they wish. After that point the schedule is finalized with no changes except for weather.

### Q: How far will I have to travel?

A: Games can be anywhere from Eastern Queens to Central Suffolk. We will not schedule games more than a 30-minute drive from your home area unless you request it.

### Q: How do I rate my team?

Elite Rating: You are a strong "A" level team and can challenge any team with confidence.

A Rating: You are an "A" level team. You have an All-Star Caliber team. You are competitive with most A teams.

B Rating: You are a "B" level team. You have some strong players and some weak ones.

C Rating: You should be a weaker "B" level team or a stronger "C" level team. You have at least one pitcher that is decent.

D Rating: You should have a very weak team. D rated teams would be compared to rec teams.

If you won your division or went the season with less than 2 losses you should bump your rating up. We will consider your prior records (if available), and location when creating divisions. Rating systema are not perfect; but do even out the competition.

**Q: Does the league supply a uniform?**

A: No teams are responsible to supply their own uniforms.

**Q: What times are the games and where are they played?**

A: Weekday games start at 530 -6PM. Weekend games can be at any time.

**Q: Where can I found the rules or other league information?**

A: Please find League Safety / Rules / information using the downloads link on the main page.

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**How to use a Tournament Credit:**

Register for Tournament

Enter the reason for the credit in the comments box when you register.

Tournament credits can only be applied to the tournament fee.

Tournament credits are valid for one year from the original event date, they are non-refundable for cash and non-transferable outside of your organization.

**I am a parent and I have a question that is not listed here, who should I call for more information?**

Parents should contact their coaches for more information about the tournament and email us for any other assistance!.

**Q: Why play LI Hot Stove Baseball?**

A: We have no teams of our own, so we don't cherry pick opponents or schedules to benefit one team or organization.

Everyone is treated the same. Your schedule the way you need it. 7 day a week game options available. You decide what days you want to play. LI Hot Stove has more fields available to it than any other league on LI both turf and natural. We respect the game. Baseball is the greatest sport because it teaches the players. Our goal is to keep as many kids playing baseball as possible. We believe that by giving kids more opportunities to play with kids of similar abilities we will increase the number of kids playing baseball

**Q: Who do I contact for more information and questions?**

A: You can email [info@lihotstovebaseball.com](mailto:info@lihotstovebaseball.com) for more information.