Little League Softball®, established in 1974, currently has more than 25,000 softball teams and 360,000 participants worldwide. Working to grow the game of softball at the grassroots, Little League has collaborated with over 25 countries to create a foundation for success. The program includes divisions of play for girls ages 4 to 18, which culminates at four Softball World Series tournaments for international competition and friendship. Little League Softball is proud to offer a number of different initiatives to support local leagues including Little League University, Coaches Clinics and Player Development Camps, and opportunities for financial and equipment assistance. Aside from teaching the sport of softball, Little League prides itself on strengthening the self-esteem of its participants, and promoting teamwork and sportsmanship.

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THE PROGRAM

**Softball World Series Tournaments** – Girls from around the world come not only to compete against one another, but create life-long friendships and lasting memories.

**Television Coverage** - ESPN televises every Softball Division Championship and the semi-final games of the Little League, Senior League, and Big League Softball World Series.

**Global Softball Promotion & Participation** – Little League is one of the only organizations to promote and charter youth softball worldwide. We have created partnerships with national federations to assist with the education, instruction, and expansion of softball.

**Little League University** – A FREE, online portal offering instruction for coaches, managers, umpires, and league officials. This newly released resource provides softball-specific videos, skills, and drills for Little League coaches and managers. Umpires can receive basic training, video clips, and rule interpretations. League officials will benefit from helpful tips and guidance on how to maximize marketing, league operations, and resources to the fullest. Learn more at LittleLeagueU.org.

**Tee Ball Educational Program** – A printable booklet to help your league teach the fundamentals of softball to its youngest members while focusing on fun and fitness. This 10-week program guides your league through a Tee Ball season hosting one practice and one game per week.

**Rule Alignment** – Throughout our age divisions, we coordinate rules and regulations to help build your players. In the Little League teenage divisions, our rules align with most ISF rules and allow your country to help develop your national team.

**Competition at all Age Divisions 4-18** - A community-based youth softball organization that provides a place for every child at every age level to play and learn life lessons.

THE PARTNERSHIPS

**Little League Softball Coaches Clinics and Player Camps** – Coordinated with U.S. collegiate coaches to help educate and instruct coaches, managers, and players through classroom training tips, skills, drills, and on-field demonstration and application. Coaches and players receive instruction on all aspect of the game.

**Softball Excellence** – Cindy Bristow and Softball Excellence provide online tutorials, with printouts, covering 11-game aspects and seven levels from beginner to advance for Little League Softball coaches at LittleLeagueSoftball.org/SE.

**Positive Coaching Alliance®** – Provides additional educational resources and material for coaches, managers, and parents to teach players life lessons through softball and to help players' have a positive, well-rounded experience.

THE PRICING

**Tournament Travel** – Little League International provides travel to and from the different Little League Softball World Series tournaments for all international regional championship teams.

**Charter Fees** – Little League charter fees are only $10 per team. A league’s charter fees are FREE during their second year.

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