

# LITTLE LEAGUE<sup>®</sup> INTERNATIONAL



## **SOFTBALL DIVISION**

Little League Softball™, established in 1974, currently has more than 25,000 softball teams and 360,000 participants worldwide. 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 the Coaches Resource Center, Michele Smith Coaches Clinics, Softball Factory Player Development Camps and Little League Softball Days at top colleges and universities. 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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## BENEFITS

### 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 Softball World Series.

**Coaches Resource Center** – Free online instruction, softball specific skills and drills for Little League Coaches and Managers.

**Umpire Resource Center** – A free online umpire training center. The training center provides video clips and basic training materials to educate your umpires.

**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.

**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 Days** - Held at colleges and universities across the country, including the University of Washington, the University of Michigan, the University of Tennessee and UCLA, have invited Little Leaguers® to their stadiums to watch intercollegiate softball and more.

**Michele Smith Little League Softball Coaches Clinics** - Little League Softball coaches and managers can receive training tips, skills and drills from Two-time Olympic Gold-medalist, Michele Smith.

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

**Softball Factory™ Player Development Camps** – Players receive hands-on training and instruction on all aspects of the game to improve players' skills and help them reach the next level. Instructors determine areas for improvement and develop action plans for each individual participant.

### 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 \$13 per team. A league's charter fees are FREE during their second year.

For more information about establishing a Little League Softball program, contact:

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