



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What is the partnership between Little League and Boys & Girls Clubs of America?**

Little League and Boys & Girls Clubs of America have partnered to expand opportunities for more young people to experience baseball and softball while supporting positive youth development. By connecting local Little Leagues and local Boys & Girls Clubs, the partnership aims to introduce more children to the game, strengthen communities, and create welcoming pathways into Little League.

- **Why is Little League partnering with Boys & Girls Clubs of America?**

Both organizations share a commitment to helping young people grow through positive experiences, caring mentors, and strong communities. Together, we can remove barriers to participation and help more children build confidence, friendships, leadership skills, and healthy lifestyles through baseball and softball.

- **How does this support communities?**

The partnership is designed to help remove barriers by:

- Increasing awareness.
- Connecting families across the country with local leagues.
- Expanding access to equipment and introductory programming.
- Bringing baseball and softball into communities where opportunities may be limited.

- **What benefits does this partnership bring to the two organizations and the children they serve?**

This partnership is designed to create more opportunities for young people to play, learn, and grow. By combining the strengths of Little League and Boys & Girls Clubs of America, more children will have access to baseball and softball, positive mentors, and safe, supportive environments where they can build confidence, develop leadership skills, and form lasting friendships. For Little League, the partnership expands opportunities to introduce more children and families to the Little League experience while strengthening relationships within local communities. For Boys & Girls Clubs of America, it enhances existing youth programming by providing Club youth with new opportunities to participate in baseball and softball and experience the many life lessons that come from being part of a team. Together, the organizations are helping ensure that more young people—regardless of their background or experience—have the opportunity to play, belong, and reach their full potential.

- **What is Boys & Girls Clubs of America?**

For more than 160 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America has provided a safe place for kids and teens to learn and grow. Clubs offer caring adult mentors, fun and friendship, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. Boys & Girls Clubs programming promotes academic success, good character and leadership, and healthy lifestyles. Nearly 5,500 Clubs serve more than 4 million young people through Club membership and community outreach. Clubs are located in cities, towns, public housing and on Native lands throughout the country, and serve military families in BGCA-affiliated Youth Centers on U.S. military installations worldwide. The national headquarters is located in Atlanta. To learn more, visit bgca.org.

- **How can I find the closest Boys & Girls Club to my community?**

The easiest way to find a local Boys & Girls Club is by visiting the Club Locator found at the top of the page on BGCA.org and searching by ZIP code, city, or address. Once you've identified a nearby Club, we encourage your league to reach out to its leadership to explore opportunities to work together. Little League International will also provide guidance and best practices to help leagues build successful local partnerships.

- **What opportunities are available at Boys & Girls Clubs for the children in our league?**

Every Boys & Girls Club tailors its programming to meet the needs of its local community, so opportunities may vary by location. Many Clubs offer:

- After-school and summer programming
- Sports and recreation activities
- Academic support and homework assistance
- STEM and technology programs
- Arts and creative expression
- Character and leadership development
- Health and wellness initiatives
- College and career readiness programs
- Volunteer and community service opportunities

Through this partnership, local Little Leagues and Boys & Girls Clubs can also work together to host baseball and softball clinics, introduce new families to Little League, provide learn-to-play opportunities, encourage volunteerism, and create positive youth experiences that help children build confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills both on and off the field.

- **What does this mean for my local league?**

The partnership creates opportunities for your league to connect with your local Boys & Girls Club to:

- Introduce more children to Little League and reach new families.
- Strengthen volunteer recruitment.
- Promote local registration opportunities.
- Introduce baseball and softball to first-time players
- Build stronger community relationships and increase local visibility.

Participation is intended to provide opportunities—not additional mandates.

- **How can our league get started?**

Leagues interested in participating should:

- Identify their nearest Boys & Girls Club at BGCA.org.
- Reach out directly to Club leadership to explore opportunities for collaboration.
- As always, feel free to work with your District Administrator and Region Director to assist with communications efforts and resources.

- **Can local leagues seek sponsorships together with their local Boys & Girls Club?**

Potentially. Leagues should follow Little League sponsorship guidelines and coordinate locally to avoid conflicts with existing partners.

- **How are player safety requirements handled?**

The safety and well-being of all participants remain the utmost importance for both Little League and Boys & Girls Clubs of America. As part of this partnership, all Little League safety requirements remain in place, including:

- Volunteer eligibility and background checks
- Abuse Awareness Training
- Little League Child Protection Program requirements
- Little League SAFE guidance
- Appropriate supervision standards

- **What is Little League?**

Founded in 1939, Little League® is the world's largest organized youth sports program, with approximately two million players (ages 4-16) playing baseball and softball in communities across every U.S. state and more than 80 other countries. Operated by more than one million volunteers, Little League is a mission-driven nonprofit that believes in the power of youth baseball and softball to teach life lessons that build stronger individuals and communities. Each year, millions of people follow the hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship that Little Leaguers® display at our seven baseball and softball World Series events, the premier tournaments in youth sports. To learn more about the Little League program, and to find a league in your community, visit PlayLittleLeague.org.

- **How can I find the nearest Little League program to me?**

To learn more about the Little League program, and to find a league in your community, visit PlayLittleLeague.org.

- **Are Club members automatically registered in Little League?**

No. Participation in Little League follows the organization's standard registration and eligibility requirements. The partnership simply helps introduce more families to local opportunities.