



TWO RIVER
LITTLE LEAGUE
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2018-19 Off Season Update

Dear Two River Little League Community,

We trust this letter finds you well and dry after these past few days. Hopefully this cold won't last too long!

We wanted to take a quick moment of your time to let you know about some important baseball information and quick updates as the 2019 season approaches. **Registration is active in all 5 towns through January 31st**, so dig through your email from your town's baseball contact and get registered if you haven't done so already!

Remarkably, there isn't too much that is new this year:

The ability to figure out your son's **correct league age** has been confusing for the past few years as Little League switched from a May 1st cutoff to a Sept 1st cutoff. All that is past us now! In short, your son's league age is his age on August 31st, whether in Rookie or in Juniors. This letter should come with a "age divisions" sheet, but lacking that you can always go here: <https://tinyurl.com/TRLLage19> to figure it out. You can ask to **"waive" down** into a division with your child's classmates if the preset age range kicks them into a group that is too old provided you understand some technical consequences that come as a result. **Waiving "up"** is normally done with *great* caution and only when it benefits more than one player.

Our **new bat rule** – every bat needs a "USA BASEBALL" label stamp – isn't so new anymore. But it still applies!

We have some changes in **our directors** with a few rolling on while other roll off. We will have updates on who is in charge of what when we next update you in March as we start to get outside for practice.

We are planning on having our 2nd annual **Two River Little League night at the Lakewood BlueClaws**, with hopes to again have it on a Thursday night. No games will be scheduled across TRLL that night. Look for more details soon.

As another point of business, we are considering some changes with our umpire staffing for the upcoming season. That written, we love to have our older kids stay in baseball by **becoming an umpire**. If you want more information on this, please contact our Umpire Coordinator Rick Brandt at rickbrandt80@gmail.com.

Our website – **tworiverlittleleague.com** (.org works too) – remains the first place you should go for league information. It is a treasure trove of information, from field locations (including diagrams of where to park at every field), to League standings, to updates of every kind, and finally to our most widely circulated documents. Last, and most important, it is the **most up-to-date place for the league-wide schedule**.

Important dates:

- The **first game of the 2019** season will be during the week starting April 1st (spring break comes so late in April that we will have to have a break....for break)
- **All-Star tryouts** are tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of June 1st and early evening of June 3rd.

Otherwise, get registered, stay warm, and let us know if you have any questions or concerns!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Chuck Jones, President