



## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR RAMSEY BASEBALL PLAYERS – BIRTHDATE CUT-OFF CHANGES

In January, 2015, Little League® voted to change their age cut-off from April 30 to August 31, with the new limits to be implemented gradually over the next few years. This new age limit does not affect the current players entering Little League (the Majors/Minors in the RBSA) in 2016 year (10 year olds) or any of the current 11-12 year-olds). All of these players have been, per Little League's® rulemaking, grandfathered, but the change does affect all boys born in 2006 or younger.

Given all of the input and information that we have received, the RBSA has determined that it will treat 2016 as a transition year, before fully adopting the new age determination dates in 2017. In doing so, parents will be permitted to choose which league they wish their son to play in for the 2016 if they fall between the "current" cut-off date of April 30 and the "new" cut-off date of August 31.

Therefore, if your child played Clinic last year and was born *before* September, 2008, they can opt to play T-Ball or TT-8 this year, but *must* play TT-9 in 2017. If your child played T-ball last year and was born *before* September 1, 2007 they can opt to play either TT-8 or TT-9, but must play Minors/ Majors in 2018. If your child played TT-8 last year and was born *before* September 1, 2006, they can to play TT-9 or Minors/ Majors, but *must* play Babe Ruth in 2019 as this year will count towards his three (3) years of Minors/ Majors eligibility.

With regards to Spring & Fall travel baseball, we have been advised that PBI, in whose leagues we currently participate, has adopted these new age cut-offs commencing with the Spring, 2016 travel baseball season at both the 8U and 9U levels. Therefore, if a player chooses to play "down" with the younger players, he will not be eligible to play on the younger team's travel team. For example, an "older" 2<sup>nd</sup> grader who was born in August, 2007 could play TT8 with the other 2<sup>nd</sup> graders during the RBSA season, but could not play for the 8U travel team, but would be required to play 9U travel. *He will also have to skip TT9 the next year and advance directly to the Minors/ Majors.* Conversely, a "younger" 4<sup>th</sup> grader who was born in May, 2006, who would not have been eligible to play in the Majors in 2016, will now be eligible to do so.

To further understand the changes, please click on the following link:

<http://www.littleleague.org/media/llnewsarchive/2015/September-December/llb-age-determination-date.htm>

We understand that this change has the potential to be a confusing one, and if you have any questions or concerns regarding the age determination, please contact Shawn Kirk at [skirk@extelldev.com](mailto:skirk@extelldev.com) or Matt Miller at [MGMiller17@verizon.net](mailto:MGMiller17@verizon.net). If your child is born within the May 1<sup>st</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup> window and wish to change leagues from your registration choice, please contact Matt Miller either via e-mail or at 201-264-0531.