

Futures and Tournament Team FAQ's

Huntley Little League is pleased to offer our programs for both baseball and softball.

If you do not see an answer to your question below please contact us by using the "Easy Button" on the main page of our website. We will make every effort to reply as quickly as possible.

Q: *What is Futures?*

A: Futures is a part-time travel baseball program offered by Huntley Little League.

Q: *Why is it called Futures?*

A: The Futures program was initially started by local leagues that played north of Route 60 (near Gurnee, IL). This program has since grown and expanded to include many more programs and leagues. The program later changed its name to the Northern Illinois All-Star League (NIASL). Huntley Little League has expanded this program and we now call it the Huntley Futures program.

Q: *How does Futures work?*

A: The Futures season is a separate season that is played in parallel to the regular Huntley Little League season.

Q: *What is the purpose of the Futures program?*

A: The Futures program is designed to prepare players for the Little League All-Star tournament team season. Futures teams are made up of the best players from different teams from the same Division within Huntley Little League. These players practice and play games together as an Futures team in order to prepare to play as the Little League All-Star team during the summer. Please note that Futures players remain together as a team during the Little League All-Star tournament season. This season begins after the regular spring season has ended. While Futures teams are not considered to be part of Little League International these teams are eligible to play in the Little League All-Star tournaments because the players are also required to play with their regular in-house spring teams.

Q: *Can anyone participate in Futures?*

A: Futures teams are considered All-Star teams. Players must be selected to play on an Futures team.

Q: *Are tryouts required for Futures?*

A: Generally speaking, yes. Depending upon the amount of players interested in each Division tryouts may be required.

Q: *Does each Division offer an Futures team?*

A: No. Generally speaking Futures teams begin play at age 8 or 9. The Divisions that have an Futures team varies each year depending upon player interest.

Q: *Are all players who are interested in Futures placed on an Futures team?*

A: No. Not everyone who tries out for an Futures team will be selected.

Q: *Is Futures part of Little League?*

A: No. Futures is not considered to be sanctioned by Little League International. However, Huntley Little League does participate in the Futures program.

Q: *Can I play in both Futures and Little League at the same time?*

A: Yes. In fact, all Futures players are required to play on their in-house spring team as well as their Futures team.

Q: *How many games does an Futures team play?*

A: Most teams play a 10 game season and one or more tournaments.

Q: *Is there an additional cost for the Futures program?*

A: Yes. This additional cost is only paid if you are selected to play on an Futures team. The cost varies from year to year.

Q: *How do I let someone know I am interested in participating in Futures?*

A: When you register for the spring season there is a checkbox you can select to indicate that you are interested in the Futures program. Please note that this checkbox is only meant to indicate that you may be interested. It does NOT mean you have or will be selected to play on an Futures team.