



OVERVIEW

The vast majority of El Dorado Hills Little League (EDHLL) players will play within the level of play designated for their age (as specified by Little League International [2025 Baseball Age Chart.docx.pdf](#)). There are some players who, due to their skill level or other circumstances, may be allowed to play within a different Division than their age specifies. These exceptions are granted on an individual, year-to-year basis, and must be approved by the Player Agent and Vice President of Operations. If a family believes their child should play within a different Division than their age designates, a parent must make a formal written request to the appropriate to edhllplayeragent@gmail.com and edhllvpops@gmail.com and shall include sufficient justification to substantiate the request.

Play Up/Down requests are evaluated based primarily on roster space within the requested Division and the skill level of the individual player. EDHLL considers whether the player is sufficiently skilled to compete within the requested Division, and whether his or her skill level is such that participating in the Division would be unchallenging or present safety issues for other players. EDHLL also considers the player's school grade, the proximity of his or her birthday to the August 31st Little League International age cutoff, along with any familial circumstances that may exist.

***NOTE* EDHLL typically permits only a small number of requests each season and prohibits players from skipping Divisions.**

REQUESTS TO "PLAY UP"

- a) At age 6, a player may request to play up to Minors 7 (Machine Pitch)
 - i. The player must have played one year of T-ball the prior year.
- b) At age 7, a player may request to play up to Minors 8 (Kid Pitch)
 - i. Player skills will be compared to 8-year-olds during assessments.
- c) At age 8, a player may request to play up to Minors 9/10
 - i. Player skills will be compared to 9/10-year-olds during assessments.
 - ii. Players requesting to play up who are not drafted for a 9/10 team will be returned to their league age Division.
- d) At age 9/10, a player may request to play up to Majors.
 - i. Player skills will be compared to 11/12-year-olds during assessments.
 - ii. Players requesting to play up who are not drafted for a Majors team will be returned to their league age Division



REQUESTS TO “PLAY DOWN”

- a) At age 8, a player may request to play down to Minors 7 if a parent feels that the player is underdeveloped **AND** the player did not play the year prior.
- b) At age 9, a player may request to play down to Minors 8 if parents feel that the player is underdeveloped.
 - i. 10-year-old players are prohibited from playing down to Minors 8.
- c) At age 11, a player may request to play down to Minors 9/10 if parents feel the player is underdeveloped.
 - i. 11-year-old players are prohibited from pitching in Minors 9/10.
 - ii. 12-year-old players are prohibited from playing Minors 9/10.

***Note* Any exceptions to the above policy require a unanimous vote by the EDHLL Board of Directors.**