



**Washington State Little League
Press Release
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Spokane Wa. - Little League Registration is now open across the State of Washington! Little Leagues all over the state have seen a lifting of COVID restrictions to the point where play is possible and now are accepting registrations for the 2021 season. Boys and girls age 4-17 are encouraged to seek out leagues in their area and get registered for the spring season.

Little League International from Williamsport Pa. has announced that the 2021 tournament cycle will proceed as normal after cancelling the famed Little League World Series in 2020 after the onset of the COVID pandemic. This years' World Series is scheduled to start August 19th and is played in Williamsport.

Leagues across the State of Washington have developed their own COVID responses and playing procedures and are working closely with local health authorities to create the safest playing opportunities and procedures possible. Little League has programs for boys and girls in both baseball and softball through age 17, with seasons starting soon.

Little League's policy of "everyone gets to play" is especially important as families begin to emerge from COVID lockdowns across the state. Governor Jay Inslee announced Thursday that ALL of Washington State will be moving to Phase 3 on Monday March 22nd. In addition the Governor's office stated that High Schools and youth sports can move to more open attendance as early as Thursday March 18. This means that safe play will be encouraged for all youth sports programs, and they can begin more normal operations. Little Leagues across the region see this as a good sign that baseball seasons can return to a more normal schedule.

To find the nearest Little League to you, you can visit the Little League website at <http://www.littleleague.org> and click on "League Finder" to get in contact with the closest league to you.

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