

Equipment	Purchase?	PLL Guidance
Uniform	Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A full PLL uniform is provided for each player – jersey, pants, hat/visor, socks
Gloves	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexi-Glove 9 ½" – 10 ½" to start; slightly larger for girls When buying a glove (leather, not plastic or vinyl) buy one that the child finds comfortable. Small hands require small gloves.
Cleats	Yes, beyond Mini/Lil Hawks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a difference between soccer cleats and baseball cleats, but children can use soccer cleats for baseball/softball. No metal cleats are permitted.
Bats	Optional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bats are provided by the league for Lil Hawks (foam) and Boys Majors (wood) only. Teams in other divisions are not provided with bats and most players will have their own bats. All bats must be shared with teammates. To determine which bat is proper for a child, the child should hold the bat in his/her dominant hand with the hand at the bottom of the bat, i.e. at the handle. If the child can hold the bat out straight comfortably, the child can use the bat. If the bat sags, it's too big/heavy. Players in the T-ball and Clinic divisions must use tee ball bats. These bats have "Official Tee Ball" (or something similar) written on them. They are aluminum and should cost less than \$50. Older players should find a bat that is comfortable for them. The "minus factor" is important. The "minus factor" is the difference between the length and the weight of the bat. For example, a bat that is 28" long and weighs 16oz is "-12" Wood bats (Boys Majors division only) can be no more than -3 and cannot be made of bamboo. A reasonable wood bat can be purchased for around \$70. Before purchasing a composite bat, make sure it is permitted to be used in Little League play. Just because a bat has "Official Little League" written on it does not ensure that it is currently approved for use. A list of approved bats can be found at littleleague.org. There are a wide-variety (metal, composite) in different price ranges. All bats must be 2 ¼ in diameter at the barrel. No "big barrel" bats are permitted. Baseball bats cannot be used for softball
Helmets	Provided/ Optional to purchase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Batting helmets are provided by the league. League helmets are to be shared. If your child has his/her own helmet, it does not need to be shared. Softball helmets must have a face guard Helmets now come with adjustable tightening straps and can last a long time
Boys protective cup	Highly Recommended	
Girls fielding mask	Highly recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many softball players have started wearing face masks in the field. These plastic masks protect the players faces and help them to overcome the fear of putting their face in front of ground balls.
Heart guard	Highly Recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heart guards, protective undershirts, etc are highly recommended. More and more kids are starting to wear these as a standard part of their uniform.