

# 2016 OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

## PARTICIPANT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER: MALE \_\_\_\_\_ or FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION: BASEBALL \_\_\_\_\_ or SOFTBALL \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

AGE AS OF JULY 17, 2016 \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT/GUARDIAN

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

\*EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**\*FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN USE ONLY**     I, the parent/guardian identified above, would like to receive Scotts promotional emails and alerts via email.

## COMPETITION RULES

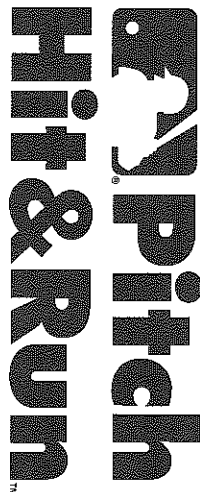
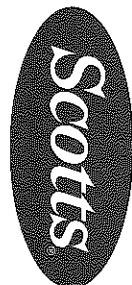
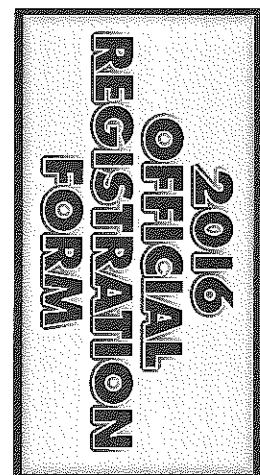
- All participants must provide a copy of a valid birth certificate for age verification at all levels of competition.
- Each youngster may participate in only one local competition. Competing in more than one local competition, or in both divisions, will result in disqualification.
- No metal spikes are allowed during any portion of the competition. Use of metal spikes will result in the minimum score.
- In the event of a tie for the All-Around Champion, the youngster winning more individual events (Pitching, Hitting or Running), among those involved with the tie, will be named the All-Around Champion. If a tie still exists, the youngster with the higher Hitting score among those involved with the tie, will be named the All-Around Champion. If a tie still exists, the Running scores of those involved with the tie will be used to determine the All-Around Champion. There is no tiebreaker in the individual skill events.
- In the event of threatening weather conditions, cancellations and rescheduling will be determined by the hosting organization at the competition site.
- Scotts Major League Baseball® PITCH HIT & RUN™ endorses proper conduct and good sportsmanship.
- Major League Baseball®, LEJ Sports Group and state coordinators and organizers of the Scotts Major League Baseball® PITCH HIT & RUN™ competition reserve the right to make rulings and recommendations regarding the competition events determined to be in the best interest of the program. All rulings and recommendations are final.
- Participation in the Scotts Major League Baseball® PITCH HIT & RUN™ competition authorizes Major League Baseball® and LEJ Sports Group to use participant's name, likeness and other personal rights for promotional use without compensation.

## AGE VERIFICATION CHART

Age is determined as of July 17, 2016.

The following chart is an age group breakdown for the Scotts Major League Baseball® PITCH HIT & RUN™ events in 2016:

Age 7/8	July 18, 2007 - July 17, 2009
Age 9/10	July 18, 2005 - July 17, 2007
Age 11/12	July 18, 2003 - July 17, 2005
Age 13/14	July 18, 2001 - July 17, 2003



**THE OFFICIAL SKILLS COMPETITION  
OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL®**

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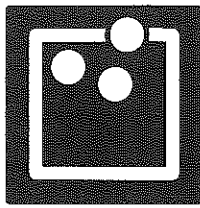


## OVERVIEW

Scotts Major League Baseball® PITCH HIT & RUN™ provides youngsters across the country an opportunity to participate in an exciting baseball/softball skills competition. This national initiative gives boys and girls, ages 7 - 14, the chance to showcase their pitching, hitting and running abilities. **There are two separate divisions of PITCH HIT & RUN:™ baseball and softball. Participants may compete in either division.**

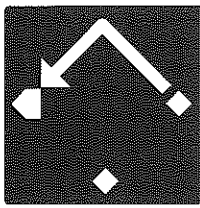
Scotts Major League Baseball® PITCH HIT & RUN™ is intended to encourage youth participation and emphasize the "FUN" element of baseball/softball. Since there is NO registration fee, everyone has the opportunity to participate.

Scotts Major League Baseball® PITCH HIT & RUN™ tests three of the most fundamental aspects of baseball/softball - pitching, hitting and running.



**PITCH:** Participant is tested throwing strikes to a designated "Strike Zone" target. Any method of throwing is permitted.

**HIT:** Participant hits a ball off a stationary tee for distance and accuracy.



**RUN:** Participant is timed, starting from second base, touching third then touching home plate.

All of the events are individually scored and converted to a total point score through the use of conversion tables.

Participants will compete in each of the three components of Scotts Major League Baseball® PITCH HIT & RUN™ and accumulate a total score based on his/her performance.

## LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Scotts Major League Baseball® PITCH HIT & RUN™ is a national grassroots program that has four levels of competition - local, Sectional, Team Championship and National Finals.

The first level is of a **LOCAL** scope. Everyone must participate in a local competition in order to advance to the higher levels. Champions of the local level advance to a **SECTIONAL** Competition. At this level, the Sectional All-Around Champions become eligible to advance to the **TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**, which are held during June in all 30 Major League Baseball® markets. The culmination occurs at the **NATIONAL FINALS**, held at the 2016 MLB® All-Star Week.™



**PITCH HIT & RUN**

## HOW TO ADVANCE

Each youngster **MUST** first participate at a local competition. The 1st Place All-Around, Pitching, Hitting and Running Champions in each division age group advance to the Sectional competition where scores are reset and participants compete in all three skills.

At the Sectional competition, the youngster must be a 1st Place All-Around Champion in his/her division age group in order to become eligible to advance to the Team Championship. The Sectional All-Around Champions' scores are compared with the other Sectional Champions' scores in that respective MLB® team market. The Top 3 participants in each division age group advance to the Team Championship. The Sectional Champion does **NOT** automatically advance to the Team Championship.

After the Team Championships, the All-Around Champions in each division age group are ranked nationally by total score. The champions' scores from all 30 team markets are compared and the top scorers in each division age group nationwide advance to the National Finals.

### PITCH HIT & RUN – Participant Release, Waiver, Grant and Certification

I acknowledge that by signing this Release, Waiver, Grant and Certification, I am acting on behalf of myself and a child under 18 years old for whom I am his/her legal parent/guardian ("My Child"). I acknowledge that participation by My Child in any activities at any level in connection with Pitch Hit & Run (collectively, the "Event") is voluntary. I represent that I understand the nature of the activities associated with the Event and that My Child is in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in the Event. I acknowledge that if I believe Event conditions are unsafe, I will immediately discontinue My Child's participation in the Event. I fully understand that participation in the Event involves risks of serious bodily injury, illness, or property damage, including permanent disability, paralysis, and death, which may be caused by My Child's own actions or inactions, those of others participating in the Event (directly or indirectly) ("Participants"), the conditions in which the Event takes place, and the negligence of the released persons and entities stated below. I understand, accept, and assume all risks and dangers inherent and relating to My Child's participation in the Event.

In consideration of My Child's participation in the Event, on behalf of myself and My Child, I hereby release, forever discharge, and covenant not to sue Major League Baseball Properties, Inc., the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, the Baseball Clubs, MLB Advanced Media, L.P., LEJ Sports Group, LLC, The Scotts Company LLC, any entities hosting any Event activities, any Event venues, and other Event-affiliated entities (collectively, "MLB"), and its and their related entities, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, partners, owners, shareholders, agents, officials, employees, Participants, successors, assigns, volunteers, rightsholders, sponsors, and/or licensees (the "MLB Persons"), and such persons and entities shall not be responsible for any death, illness, personal injury, property damage, or other loss suffered by me or My Child in connection with the Event, including as a result of the negligence of MLB or any MLB Person. The foregoing shall constitute a release and waiver of all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, arising from My Child's participation in, and my attendance at, the Event.

I further agree that by signing below, I hereby forever release, discharge and covenant not to sue MLB and the MLB Persons, and I will indemnify and defend the MLB and MLB Persons from and against any and all liability arising from My Child's participation in, and my attendance at, the Event. I hereby provide the foregoing release and waiver for My Child, myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, next of kin and any other person/ entity that may make such a claim on My Child or me. I further agree that if, despite this release, waiver of liability and assumption of risk I, or anyone on my/My Child's behalf, makes a claim against any of MLB or the MLB Persons, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of such persons and/or entities from any claim, loss, liability, damage, or cost, including attorneys' fees, incurred by any such persons or entities defending against such claims.

By signing below, I hereby grant MLB and the MLB Persons the irrevocable and assignable right to depict, without compensation and in perpetuity, in any and all media now or hereafter known, my/My Child's likeness, image, name, words, voice and/or biographical information (collectively "Images") in photographic or other works for purposes of promoting, advertising, or marketing current or future activities related to baseball, MLB and/or the Event. I agree that such Images may be used by MLB (or its rightsholders, sponsors and/or licensees) for all purposes without notice or compensation to me. I hereby release and waive any action or cause of action that I may assert in connection with the use of the Images including, but not limited to, any claims for invasion of privacy, defamation, violation of any right of publicity, or any other cause of action arising out of the production, reproduction, distribution, transmission, publication, public performance, broadcast, or exhibition of the Images in advertisements, promotions, programs and/or materials.

I hereby certify that My Child will abide by the rules and regulations of the Event. Any violation of such rules and regulations, or any false statement made in My Child's registration material, subjects My Child to immediate disqualification from the Event. I certify that My Child has participated in only one local competition and only one division of the Event. I understand the process of advancement in the Event and that there is no automatic advancement to the Team Championship level upon being declared a Sectional Champion, and no automatic advancement to the National Finals upon being declared a Team Champion.

This release, waiver, grant and certification shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York, without regard to applicable conflicts of laws provisions or the principles of comity. I expressly waive and relinquish any and all rights or benefits that I/My Child may now have, or in the future may have as to these matters released herein. This release and waiver is intended to cover all claims in connection with and/or arising out of My Child's participation and my attendance at the Event. Should any claims be deemed not to be covered by this release and waiver, I agree that all legal claims against MLB or any MLB Person, including any dispute over the terms or coverage of this release, waiver, grant and certification, may be brought on an individual basis only through confidential, final and binding arbitration before a private and impartial arbitrator (conducted in accordance with the then-current American Arbitration Association Rules & Procedures), and I hereby waive my right to commence, or be a party to, any class or collective claims or to bring jointly with any other person any claim against MLB or any MLB Person. I agree that any such claims must be brought against the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball only and may not be brought against any other MLB entity. I agree that the arbitrator shall have the power to award any remedies, including attorneys' fees and costs, available under applicable law. In agreeing to submit all disputes for resolution by arbitration, I acknowledge that such agreement is given in exchange for the rights to which I/My Child am not otherwise entitled: namely being permitted to participate at the Event and the more expeditious and confidential resolution of any such disputes.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE, WAIVER, GRANT and CERTIFICATION and HAVE VOLUNTARILY SIGNED BELOW. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT NO ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS OR INDUCEMENTS APART FROM THE FOREGOING WRITTEN STATEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE OR OFFERED TO ME BY MLB OR MLB PERSONS.

Participant's Name (print)

Parent/ Guardian's Name (print)

Parent/ Guardian's Signature

Date:

Date:

Date: