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WHEN DOES REGISTRATION BEGIN?

Registration for the spring season begins in October and continues through January for the older divisions and into February/March for both T-Ball/Coach Pitch and Challenger Divisions.

HOW MUCH ARE THE REGISTRATION FEES?

Registration for ages 4-6 is \$180 and \$220 for ages 7 and older. There is a \$10 discount for each additional child. We also charge an additional \$160 Volunteer Deposit. This deposit is completely refundable based on your family's volunteer participation. For more information on our volunteer policy, please click [here](#). Players in our teenage division are not charged a volunteer deposit.

We offer several Early Bird Discounts prior to December, register early to take advantage of these discounts.

Payment plans are available online during checkout. If you are in need of a partial or full scholarship, please contact our League President or Treasurer directly so we can help. We just want the kids to play ball!

WHEN DOES THE SEASON START?

Practices typically begin in February and Opening Day is the second Saturday in March. Opening Day consists of a player parade, carnival, BBQ, and of course baseball games!!

WHEN ARE PRACTICES HELD AND GAMES PLAYED?

Practice schedules are determined by each team's manager and coaches. Prior to the season opening, this is typically two practices per week, possibly more for the older divisions. Games are typically held two times per week; one weekday game on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and one game on Saturday. Weeknight games begin at 5pm for the first couple weeks of the season to give us enough light to complete a game. They then move to 5:30pm. Saturday games typically begin at 9am and the last game at 3pm.

HOW IS THE PLAYING AGE DETERMINED?

For Baseball, the playing age is based on the age your child will be as of August 31st of the current year. For example, if your child turns 4 on or before August 31, 2021, then their playing age is 4 and they are eligible to play this season.

Softball playing ages are determined using the age the player was as of December 31st of the previous year. For example, if your daughter turns 9 on January 1st, 2021, then she will play as an 8-year-old for the 2021 season.

Please click [here](#) to use the Little League, League Age Calculator.

WHEN ARE TEAMS FORMED AND PLAYERS NOTIFIED?

Player Evaluations, for players age 7-14 are in January. You will be contacted via email by the division Player Agent with a specific evaluation date and time. Major, Minor, 50/70 and Junior teams are drafted the first week of February. Farm and T-Ball/Coach Pitch teams are assembled the following week. Team Managers will contact players once teams are formed.

WHAT EQUIPMENT WILL MY CHILD NEED TO PARTICIPATE?

Players should bring cleats or athletic shoes and a glove to all games and practices.

Players will be provided with a uniform shirt and hat. Families will need to purchase pants, socks and a belt (about \$15). The manager will advise parents on what color pants/belts to purchase. Only molded plastic cleats are allowed in the 4-12 year old divisions. Metal spikes are only allowed in 50/70 Intermediate and Junior divisions.

Players are welcome to bring their own bats, but they must meet official Little League standards for their division of play. All bats used must have the official USA Bat logo. You can click on this [link](#) to read the full rule from Little League International.

Helmets are provided to each team by the league, but you are welcome to purchase one for your child provided they have the NOCSAE rating. Most helmets have this seal and are fairly easy to find in local sporting goods stores.

WHAT ARE PLAYER EVALUATIONS? HOW LONG DO THEY TAKE? DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO PARTICIPATE?

Player evaluations are for all children age 7-14. The physical part is fun and easy. Players will receive three grounders in the infield, three flies in the outfield, throw three pitches from the mound, and five pitches to hit from a pitching machine or coach, and then they run from home to third base. The division vice presidents, player agents, and team managers and other board members observe each child and evaluate their performance. Players are not only scored on their ability to catch or hit, but on enthusiasm, attitude and determination and sometimes by their parents' actions as well.

Each age group takes about an hour to get through depending on the number of attendees. Players should arrive 20-30 minutes prior to their start time to check in and warm up.

If your child misses their evaluation date, we host a make-up weekend a week or two later but space is limited. Please be sure to plan to have your child at one or the other. Younger players that miss evaluations are still placed on teams, but it can disrupt the balance of the teams. 12-year-old players that do not attend either of the evaluation dates are placed on a waiting list and will only be put on a Major team if there is a player drop or injury.

HOW DO I BECOME A COACH OR MANAGER?

If you're interested in coaching or taking a team, please contact the VP of the division you are interested in. All managers and coaches are approved by the League President and Board of Directors.

WHICH SCHOOLS ARE IN THE CALL BOUNDARIES?

The following schools are all within the Concord American boundaries. If your school is not listed but you believe it's within our boundaries, please click on this [link](#) to view our boundaries in a Google Map, click on this [link](#) to use Little League's official League Finder (you can enter either school or home address), or email us for more information.

MDUSD Schools: Concord High, El Dorado, El Monte, Holbrook, Mt. Diablo High, Monte Gardens, Mountain View, Silverwood, Sun Terrace, Sunrise, Westwood, Wren Avenue.

Private Schools: Kings Valley, Queen of All Saints, St. Agnes, Tabernacle

MY CHILD DOES NOT LIVE OR ATTEND SCHOOL WITHIN THE CONCORD AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE BOUNDARIES, CAN I STILL REGISTER HIM/HER?

As much as we would like to have everyone play for CALL, only those players that live or attend school in our boundaries are allowed to register with us. We are happy to help you determine if you are in our boundaries or connect you to the Little League that is.

CAN I REQUEST THAT MY CHILD TO BE ON THE SAME TEAM AS HIS FRIEND?

For children ages 4-6 years, you can request a Buddy Option during your registration process. The Player Agent will do his best to honor all the requests when assembling the teams, however, there are no guarantees. Teams for players 7 and older are assembled using a draft system, so buddy requests are not allowed.

I HAVE 2 CHILDREN (SIBLINGS) CAN THEY BE ON THE SAME TEAM?

When you register, you can complete the field for a Sibling Option. This may be possible, but is dependent on each of the players ages and skill levels. Though we will do our best to make this happen, it is not guaranteed.

WHAT IS THE CHALLENGER DIVISION?

The Little League Challenger Program is Little League's adaptive baseball program for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges. Any individual with a physical or intellectual challenge may participate. If an individual can participate in the traditional Little League Baseball or Softball program with reasonable accommodations, they should do so.

Typically, games are 1-2 innings long and last about an hour. All players play defensively and bat every inning. The Challenger Division helps establish strong bonds of friendship between Little Leaguers from other programs and Challenger children in an atmosphere of sharing and caring.

We allow “buddies” for players who want or need them. Buddies are individuals who assist Challenger athletes in the areas of batting, base running and defense, but only as needed. Often buddies are peer athletes who are participating in the Little League Baseball or Softball program.

There is no cost to participate in Challenger Baseball. The only things the players have to supply are shoes and a glove. We supply uniforms and equipment. The children keep their uniforms.

I HAVE 2 (OR MORE) CHILDREN, DO I HAVE TO MEET THE VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH CHILD?

The volunteer deposit is *per family*. The minimum volunteer requirement will depend upon how many kids you have. Please see the **Volunteer Service Policy** for more details.

MY CHILD IS 7-YEARS-OLD, BUT I WANT HIM TO STAY IN T-BALL/COACH PITCH?

All children with a playing age of 7 or older must attend the player evaluations. 7-year-old players who do not attend evaluations are automatically placed in the Farm division. We review all participants prior to placing them on a team. Any potential safety concerns are discussed at that time. It’s important to understand that your child will be playing with other children who are the same age and skill level as your child and has a great time playing more “real” baseball.

MY SON IS BETTER THAN MOST KIDS HIS AGE, CAN HE PLAY UP A DIVISION?

Little League has set guidelines that help leagues determine the ages for each division of play and together our focus is on both the physical and emotional development of each player. Therefore, our divisions are as such: 4-6 year olds will play in the T-Ball/Coach Pitch division, per Little League, players age 6 or under are not allowed to play in player pitch divisions – no exceptions. 7-8 year olds will play Single A/Farm, 9 year olds will play in the Minor division, 10-11 year olds are eligible for both the Minor and Major divisions, but are drafted based on their player evaluations. 12 year olds may only play in Major. 13 year olds in 50/70 and 14 year olds in Juniors. It is always our goal to let the players play with children of their same age and maturity level rather than their potential for the MLB. In our experience, it make is much more enjoyable for the child to be a star among their peers than the pretty good player among older kids.

MY CHILD CHANGED HIS MIND AND DECIDED NOT TO PLAY BASEBALL. CAN I GET A REFUND?

We understand that sometimes children change their minds or situations change. Our refund policy allows for this as long as teams have not yet been formed. Our refund policy is clearly stated on our website, is included as part of your registration, and the full policy is listed below as well:

REFUND POLICY - ARTICLE XII

Refunds of fees may be made upon the request of the player’s parent or guardian in writing to the League Treasurer (treasurer@callbaseball.org). The Treasurer will respond

to the requester by phone or email to acknowledge the request within 48 hours of receipt. Refunds will adhere to the following:

1. If you choose to cancel or your child is unable to play for any reason, there is a \$35 administrative fee which will automatically be deducted from your refund. The remainder of the refund will be determined by our Board of Directors based on the timing of your request. Please note: Requests received after evaluation dates (for league age 7 or older) or the formation of teams (for 4-6 year-olds) will not receive a refund.
2. Returning Major Division property players must request a refund at least 72 hours before the Major draft to receive a refund.
3. All refunds must be approved by the Board of Directors. Appeals may be brought to the Board of Directors for consideration at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting and within 30 days of the decision, by contacting the League Treasurer. Please see League Policies for any additional information.

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE LEAGUE OR BECOME A SPONSOR, HOW DO I DO THAT?

As a non-profit, we welcome all the help we can get. We have a team sponsorship program for all levels of businesses. For more information, please visit the Sponsorship tab on the Home page of our website.

I HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS THAT WERE NOT ANSWERED HERE, WHO CAN I CONTACT?

Please email concordamericanlittleleague@gmail.com for any additional questions. We will return your email as quickly as possible.