

One Stop Shop for the First Time Family

Welcome to Northridge City Little League. Here is our one-stop shop for the first time families. Here you will find what you need to know about the different divisions and the expectations for each player.

1. What are the different levels of play?
 - a. **Farm T Ball.** This is the first level of play. It is usually reserved for 4 year olds and first time 5 year olds.
 - b. **Farm A Ball.** This is the next level of play. It is usually reserved for 5 year olds who have played one season already and 6 year olds.
 - c. **Baseball Coast AA.** This is the first level of baseball and is usually reserved for 7 and up.
 - d. **Baseball Coast AAA.** This is the next level of baseball and usually includes 8, 9 and 10 year olds.
 - e. **Baseball Minors.** This is the next level of baseball and can include 8 thru 11 year olds.
 - f. **Baseball Majors.** All 12 year olds play in Majors along with 10 and 11 year olds.

Note: There are several little league restrictions regarding age appropriate levels, however some exceptions can occur for all age levels with parental consent.

2. What is T Ball? T Ball is played with FUN being the main goal for the kids while they learn the basic fundamentals of the game like how to swing the bat, how to field, how to throw and how to run in an organized game atmosphere. In the Spring season, there are two games a week – one during the week and one on Sunday. Teams also practice at least once per week, usually an hour long. The games are 90 minutes long. Each child bats in a continuous batting lineup and each child plays in the field during each inning. In the first half of the season, the kids hit off the Tee exclusively. In the second half, the coaches pitch to the batters and utilize the Tee as well. No score is kept during the games. Teams are formed by the League Commissioner and Player Agent with input from the Volunteer Managers. Carpools and friend requests are accepted at this level. At all times, we attempt to maintain balanced teams.

3. What is A Ball? A Ball is played with FUN being the main goal for the kids while they advance their basic fundamentals as noted above in T Ball. Games are identical in length and participation as T Ball. In A Ball, the coaches pitch to the batters from the beginning of the season and utilize the Tee as well. Also, although the batting order is continuous, outs count and when three outs are made, the inning ends. No score is kept during the games. Teams are formed by the League Commissioners with input from the Volunteer Managers. Carpools and friend requests are accepted at this level. At all times, we attempt to maintain balanced teams.

4. What is AA Ball? Games start looking like real baseball at this level. The kids pitch from 42 feet and are restricted by a Little League established pitch count. There are no Walks at this level. During an at-bat, if ball 4 is reached, a coach comes in to complete the at-bat. The score is kept and wins and losses are recorded in league standings. The kids begin learning advanced fundamentals at this age. The teams are selected by the Volunteer Managers in a formal Draft setting. Carpools and friend requests are not guaranteed.
5. What is AAA Ball? Very similar to AA Ball, just one level up. Pitching is from 46 feet and as with all levels, the Little League Pitch Count is adhered to. In the first half of the Spring season, there are no walks. At ball 4, a coach comes in to complete the at-bat.
6. What is Minors? One level below Majors. The biggest difference here is that players can begin to steal bases. There is a League Tournament at the end of the season to determine a champion which then participates in the Tournament of Champions within District 40.
7. What is Majors? The top level of Little League. Little League Baseball's origins began with this level. It is the most competitive division and consists of the top players in the League. As with Minors, there is a League Tournament at the end of the season to determine a champion which then participates in the Tournament of Champions within District 40.
8. Juniors and Seniors are for Age 13 and above. They play on Field 6 which has infield dimensions of a real baseball field – 90 feet bases and the pitcher's plate at 60' 6".
9. Who are the Managers? The Managers and coaches are all volunteers. Anyone can volunteer. An application is filled out and a background check is conducted to ensure the safety of all of the kids.
10. How much does it cost? Please see our registration section for this information. There are early-bird rates you can take advantage of.
11. How do I sign up my child? We have on-line registration. Please see our registration section for this information. At a certain point, the on-line registration is closed and only walk-up signups may occur.
12. What is included in the costs? A full uniform is provided – socks, pants, jersey and hat. Catcher's gear is provided to each team. Your child will have to provide a glove and shoes/cleats. It is recommended that each child also have his/her own helmet. If you purchase a bat, please review the bat regulations within the Little League rulebook. Helmets can also be provided if needed.
13. When and What are Tryouts?

- a. Tryouts occur at the beginning of January for the Spring season. January 14th and 15th are the official Tryout Dates. January 21st and 22nd are the Makeup Tryout Dates. All players must participate in the tryouts. Tryouts are held for each League-age group. Players are put through basic fundamental drills and are evaluated by the League's Player Agent, Commissioner and participating Volunteer Managers and Coaches.
14. When does the Season start? Opening Day this year is Saturday, March 4th. The season takes a break the week before and after Easter and concludes the final week of May when the Division playoffs occur. There is a Closing Day ceremony on June 10th.
15. All Stars? There are four age groups that represent Northridge Little League and compete in All-Star tournaments at the end of the season.
- a. There is a 8 to 10-year-old Team which is selected by the Manager of the Team and approved by the Northridge Little League Board of Directors.
 - b. There is a 9 to 11-year-old Team which is selected and approved in the same manner as the 10s.
 - c. The 10 to 12-year-old Team is selected in two stages. The players select the first 7, 8 or 9 players. After those players are selected, the Manager selects five more players to round out the team. This is the Team that has the opportunity to play on ESPN and continue all the way to Williamsport and the Little League World Series. NRLL won the US Championship in 1994 and also sent a team to Williamsport in 1975.
 - d. There is a Juniors/Seniors All-Star team for 13 and up. The same method of selection occurs as with 10s and 11s.
 - e. Managers are selected and approved by the Northridge Little League Board of Directors.
16. What is Fall Ball? Our Fall baseball season starts the last weekend of August. Tryouts for the 2017 season will be August 26th and 27th. The emphasis during this season is more instructional over competition. The season is 10 games long and ends the weekend before Thanksgiving. There is one game a week, on Sunday, and can start as early as 9am or as late as 3pm. See our registration section for the costs. Also, the uniform included in the costs is a jersey and hat.