

GILROY LITTLE LEAGUE AGE DESCRIPTIONS

CO-ED TEE BALL (AGES 4-6)

The Gilroy Little League T-Ball division offers a fun, instructional league for players who are either new to the sport or still refining basic skills. Tee Ball is a non-competitive program focused on fun, fitness, and fundamentals where players aged 4-6 are first introduced to the basics of baseball and softball. GLL strives to provide a T-Ball experience focused on teaching the fundamentals of the game in a fun environment while incorporating a high level of physical activity.

General Information

- All games held at Las Animas Park minor field, near tennis courts
- Normally 2 games per week (1 weekday game and 1 weekend game)
- Usually one team practice per week on a weekday evening
- League provides Team jersey, hat and socks
- Parents provide glove, baseball pants and cleats. Some parents may also choose to purchase a belt, bat or helmet for their child's use.

BASEBALL DIVISIONS

"A" BASEBALL – COACH PITCH (AGES 6-7)

This level of play fosters continued skills development and a better understanding of the rules and nuances of the game. The focus remains on the fun of playing the sport while coaching attention is given to fielding, making plays, accurate throwing, proper hitting technique and preparing the player for player-pitch at the "AA" level.

- *Little League 6 year olds are welcome to play A Baseball if they have played one year of T-Ball*

General Information

- All league age 7 year olds are entered into this division
- Games held at Las Animas park and Gilroy Sports Park
- Normally 2 games per week (1 weekday and 1 weekend game)
- Normally 1 practice per week possibly 2
- League provides Team jersey, hat, belt and socks
- Parents provide, glove, baseball pants, cleats and athletic supporter. Some parents may choose to purchase a bat and or helmet for their child's use.

"AA" BASEBALL – KID PITCH (AGES 7-8)

The "AA" Division is a level of baseball where a higher level of game understanding and ability is taught. Competition as it relates to winning and losing is introduced at this level. Winning and losing remain secondary to the essential goal of teaching each player to embrace success or failure with grace and to learn from both. Primary goals are to give players as much experience as possible and encouragement of ongoing development for all players in all phases of the game. This important developmental division provides a relatively even but not necessarily equal distribution of playing time among players. "AA"

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includes player pitch, with coaches stepping in to pitch when needed. Coaches are also the umpire during the game. Players are drafted onto a team and are evaluated prior to the draft. By the end of the season players are expected to have refined their skills so they may successfully participate at the Minors level the following year.

- *League Age 8 year olds are eligible to play-up in the Minors division and may be drafted to a Minors team. To be considered for this, they **must** participate in the 9-10 year old evaluation, while also participating in the 7-8 year old evaluations.*

General Information

- All league age 8 year olds are entered into this division, league age 7 year olds can play in this league but need to attend evaluations
- Normally 2 games per week
- Games played at Las Animas Park – Wren Field
- Pitching distance is 42 feet
- Up to 3 practices a week
- League provides Team jersey, hat, belt and socks
- Parents provide, glove, baseball pants, cleats and athletic supporter. Some parents may choose to purchase a bat and or helmet for their child's use.

MINORS BASEBALL (AGES 9-10)

This division of Little League promotes a higher level of competition than “AA” and emphasizes more of the standard rules of Little League Baseball. The focus in Minors remains on education, development and teamwork while encouraging a deeper understanding of the game and advancing skill development in order to prepare players for successful participation at the Majors level.

- *League Age 10 year olds are eligible to play-up in the Majors division and may be drafted to a Majors team. To be considered for this, they **must** participate in the 11-12 year old evaluation, while also participating in the 9-10 year old evaluations.*

General Information

- League Age 9-10 year olds are entered into this division, league age 8 year olds can play in this division, but must attend evaluations
- Normally 2 games per week, occasionally 3 games per week
- All games played at Gilroy Sports Park
- Standings kept and playoffs at end of season
- Chance to be chosen onto the 9 YO or 10 YO Tournament Team (All-Stars) at the end of the regular season
- Pitching distance is 46 feet with 60 foot bases
- Up to 3 practices a week
- League provides Team jersey, hat, belt and socks
- Parents provide, glove, baseball pants, cleats and athletic supporter. Some parents may choose to purchase a bat and or helmet for their child's use.

MAJORS BASEBALL (AGES 11-12)

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This division promotes competition to a higher degree as compared to the Minor League. Within this more competitive environment, the emphasis remains on improving baseball skills, building individual self-esteem, promoting team camaraderie and emphasizing fair play. The division is designed to be both the satisfying culmination of some players' Little League careers and to prepare other players for higher levels of play, including the advancement in the Little League Tournament play and readiness to move up to play on the full 90 foot diamond.

- *League Age 10 year olds are eligible to play-up in the Majors division and may be drafted to a Majors team. To be considered for this, they **must** participate in the 11-12 year old evaluation, while also participating in the 9-10 year old evaluations.*

General Information

- League Age 11-12 year olds are entered into this division, league age 10 year olds can play in this division, but must attend evaluations
- Normally 2 games per week, occasionally 3 games per week
- All games played at Gilroy Sports Park
- Standings kept and playoffs at end of season
- Chance to be chosen onto the 11 YO or 12 YO Tournament Team (All-Stars) at the end of the regular season
- Pitching distance is 46 feet with 60 foot bases
- Up to 3 practices a week
- League provides Team jersey, hat, belt and socks
- Parents provide, glove, baseball pants, cleats and athletic supporter. Some parents may choose to purchase a bat and or helmet for their child's use.

JUNIORS BASEBALL (AGES 13-14)

The Junior League Baseball Division is a program for ages 13-14, using a conventional 90-foot diamond with a pitching distance of 60 feet, 6 inches. Juniors Baseball is "player-pitch" baseball and is designed for a player that has played a year in Majors. All games are scored and full baseball rules are in effect.

The local league has an option to choose a Tournament Team (or "All Stars") of 13-14-year-olds from within this division (and/or from within the Senior League), and the team may enter the International Tournament.

General Information

- League Age 13-14 year olds are entered into this division
- Normally 2 games per week, occasionally 3 games per week
- All games played at Gilroy Sports Park, occasionally plays in San Jose or Milpitas
- Standings kept and playoffs at end of season
- Chance to be chosen onto the Juniors or Seniors Tournament Team (All-Stars) at the end of the regular season
- Pitching distance is 60 feet, 6 inches
- 90 foot bases
- Up to 3 practices a week
- League provides Team jersey, hat, belt and socks

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- Parents provide, glove, baseball pants, cleats and athletic supporter. Some parents may choose to purchase a bat and or helmet for their child's use.

SENIORS BASEBALL (AGES 14-16)

The Senior League Baseball Division is for ages 14-16 years old, using a conventional 90-foot diamond with a pitching distance of 60 feet, 6 inches. The Senior Baseball Division begins at the conclusion of the high school season (end of May/beginning of June).

The local league has an option to choose a Tournament Team (or "All Stars") of 13-16-year-olds from within this division (and/or from within the Junior League), and the team may enter the International Tournament.

General Information

- League Age 14-16 year olds, preferably high school players
- Very Competitive division
- Season starts after high school season is over (Mid-May)
- Normally 3 to 4 games per week, Occasionally Double-Headers on Saturdays
- Home games at Gilroy Sports Park, away games throughout Santa Clara County
- Chance to be chosen onto the Juniors or Seniors Tournament Team (All-Stars) at the end of the regular season
- Pitching distance is 60 feet, 6 inches
- 90 foot bases
- Up to 3 practices a week
- League provides Team jersey, hat, belt and socks
- Parents provide, glove, baseball pants, cleats and athletic supporter. Some parents may choose to purchase a bat and or helmet for their child's use.

SOFTBALL DIVISIONS

GIRLS INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTBALL (AGES 6-8)

This division emphasizes the development of basic playing skills (throwing, catching, fielding, and batting) and introduces playing rules. This division uses a combination of player pitch and coach pitch. The goal is to teach players about the sport in a non-competitive environment that emphasizes having fun. Coaches will introduce players to the elements of team work and sportsmanship. Players should be given equal playing and the opportunity to play all defensive positions.

- *Little League 6 year olds are welcome to play AA softball if they have played one year of T-Ball*

General Information

- Games held at Christmas Hill Park
- Normally 2 games per week (1 weekday and 1 weekend game)
- Normally 1 practice per week possibly 2
- League provides Team jersey, hat, belt and socks

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- Parents provide, glove, baseball pants, and cleats. Some parents may choose to purchase a bat and or helmet for their child's use.

MINORS SOFTBALL (AGES 9-10)

The Minors Softball Division emphasizes development of players and their skills and also introduces more rules and situations of the game. This division is a Player Pitch division, and bunting, stealing, and sliding are allowed. Even playing time among players is encouraged, but playing time is determined by the manager subject to minimum requirements and may not be equal. This division is intended to offer a moderate level of competition, where the concept of winning and losing is introduced, but is always secondary to player development, learning sportsmanship, and having fun.

- *League Age 8 year olds are eligible to play-up in the Minors division and may be drafted to a Minors team. To be considered for this, they must participate in the 9-10 year old evaluation.*
- *League Age 10 year olds are eligible to play-up in the Majors division and may be drafted to a Majors team. To be considered for this, they must participate in the 11-12 year old evaluation, while also participating in the 9-10 year old evaluations.*

General Information

- Games held at Christmas Hill Park
- Normally 2 games per week (1 weekday and 1 weekend game)
- Possibility of traveling and playing teams within Santa Clara County
- Normally 1 practice per week possibly 2
- League provides Team jersey, hat, belt and socks
- Parents provide, glove, baseball pants, and cleats. Some parents may choose to purchase a bat and or helmet for their child's use.

MAJORS SOFTBALL (AGES 11-12)

The Majors Division offers a higher level of competition where players learn and put into play the tactics and strategy of the game of softball. Playing time is determined by the manager subject to minimum requirements. Although winning games is a goal, the primary emphasis is for players to develop skills, physical fitness, and self-confidence, to understand the rules of the game, and to learn the value of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play. GLL may choose to open its Major Division to 10-, 11- and 12-year-olds, or limit it to 11-12-year-olds.

- *League Age 10 year olds are eligible to play-up in the Majors division and may be drafted to a Majors team. To be considered for this, they must participate in the 11-12 year old evaluation, while also participating in the 9-10 year old evaluations.*

General Information

- Games held at Christmas Hill Park
- Normally 2 games per week, occasionally 3 games per week
- Most likely will travel and play teams within Santa Clara County
- Normally 1 practice per week possibly 2
- League provides Team jersey, hat, belt and socks

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- Parents provide, glove, baseball pants, and cleats. Some parents may choose to purchase a bat and or helmet for their child's use.

JUNIORS SOFTBALL (AGES 13-14)

The Junior League Softball division is a program for players ages 13-14, and uses a conventional 60-foot diamond with a 43 foot pitching distance. A local league may dual-roster 12-year-olds, assessed capable, to a Major and a Junior division softball teams. The local league has an option to choose a Tournament Team (or "All Stars") of 12-14-year-olds from within this division (and/or from within the Girls Senior League Softball Division), and the team may enter the International Tournament.

General Information

- Home games at Christmas Hill Park
- Normally 2 games per week, occasionally 3 games per week (Double-Headers possible)
- Will travel and play teams within Santa Clara County
- Normally up to 3 practices a week
- League provides Team jersey, hat, belt and socks
- Parents provide, glove, baseball pants, and cleats. Some parents may choose to purchase a bat and or helmet for their child's use.