

My kid has never played before. Can they participate?

Absolutely!! The league is full of kids that had never played before they decided to try it out.

Which division should I register my child for?

This simple answer is it really doesn't matter which division you sign up for, but it does matter which program. The programs with multiple divisions are all drafted and your child will be placed in a division that best matches their age and skill level.

For returning 6 year olds and 8 year- old girls, parents have the option of having the child repeat the previous year's level or moving up to the next level. If you sign your 6 year old up for tee-ball, then they will not be considered for prep-minor. If you sign your 8 year old girl up for Rookie softball, they will not be considered for minor's softball. Minor and up are drafted teams that will take an assessment for placement.

Can my kid play up?

Other than what is outlined above, the answer is generally "no". This question normally comes from parents not wanting their child to have to repeat a level. They want their 7 year old to play in Minors or something similar. The Board believes that these children are better served by playing with children their own age.

Can my daughter sign up for a baseball division?

You bet!

What are assessments?

Assessments are for players Minors and up. Players are run through a series of activity stations assess a player's skill. The purpose is to get players playing with other players at the same approximate skill level and age and to ensure that the teams are equally matched.

My child wants to play with a friend. Is this allowed?

At T-ball, Prep-minor, and Rookie Softball, we do our best to honor one buddy request if reciprocated by the other player. At minors and up, teams are drafted to keep teams balanced, so we do not honor buddy requests for older children.

I want my child to play for a certain coach. Is this allowed?

At T-ball, Prep-minor, and Rookie Softball, we will try to honor coach requests. Keep in mind that we can only honor these requests to the point that there is room on the roster. At minors and up, teams are drafted to keep teams balanced, so we do not honor coach requests for older children.

I don't want my child playing for a certain coach. Is this allowed?

For all divisions we will honor this type of request, unless there is only one or two teams in the division. With one team, there's nothing we can do. And with two teams, it becomes a backdoor coach request

I have 3 kids, can a couple of them be on the same team?

Maybe. For twins, we can place them on the same team in undrafted divisions and make them a “package deal” in drafted divisions. For siblings of different ages, we can honor these requests for the undrafted divisions as long as both are of a proper age for the division. You can make the request for siblings of different ages in drafted divisions, but unless they are drafted onto teams in the same division, your request will not be honored.

I’ve got a big family. Is there a discount?

What else do I have to provide for my player?

Every ball player needs a glove, baseball pants, colored socks and belt. Most will want cleats, although t-ballers can generally get by in tennis shoes. All male players are required to have a protective cup.

Why do we have to volunteer when we’re paying you for a service?

SWALL is not a service provider or a business. We are a volunteer organization of parents who come together to provide the opportunity for our children to play baseball and softball. The playing fees cover the costs of what it takes put on baseball and softball: things like uniforms, baseballs, water for the grass, dirt for the infield, catcher’s gear etc. Almost all of the volunteering we’re asking you to do is at your child’s games and practices when you have to be at the fields anyway. We do offer the option of paying an opt-out fee, although we’d prefer you grab an umpire mask or rake and help us make every child’s experience better.

Baseball season is months away. Why are we signing up now?

We have to know how many players we have at each division to know how many coaches we need. Coach training starts in February. We can negotiate better deals for uniforms and gear if we know how many teams we are trying to outfit. Having lots of late registrants requires us scrambling to find last-minute coaches and buying uniforms and gear at full retail. We impose a late fee to try to encourage everyone to get signed up as soon as possible.

What’s the time commitment?

If varies by level, and it increases as the children get older. The youngest T-ballers will have 1 or 2 activities per week and generally these last a little over an hour. The oldest Little Leaguers will have 4 activities per week that will last 2 to 3 hours per practice or game.

Do we play on Sundays?

Normal games are scheduled for Sunday, and our Church partners do not want us practicing on their property on Sundays. Travel Ball will be played Saturday nights and Sundays.

Family Discounts in multiples =

2 = \$5

3 and 4 = \$10

5+ = \$15

Covid-19 Refunds

Full Refund: Prior to the close of online registrations (approximately February 15), a full refund will be issued upon request. Late fees and online processing fees, if applicable, will not be refunded.

Half Refund: Between the close of online registrations and the first assessment date for the Juniors and Majors Baseball/Softball Divisions (Minors Baseball/Softball Division is included for the respective Majors assessment date), or the sending of rosters to the managers for the Prep-Minor, Rookie SB, and T-Ball

Divisions, only half of the original registration fee will be refunded upon request. Late fees and online processing fees, if applicable, will not be refunded.

No Refund: After the first assessment date for the Juniors and Majors Baseball/Softball Divisions (Minors Baseball/Softball Division is included for the respective Majors assessment date), or the sending of rosters to the managers for the Prep-Minor, Rookie SB, and T-Ball Divisions, no refund will be given.

What if I still have questions?

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