

What is Alameda Little League?

Alameda Little League is a community organization driven by dedicated volunteers whose primary purpose is to provide an outlet for healthful activity and training under positive leadership. The objective of the League shall be to instill firmly in the children of Alameda the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they can be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens. Our Board of Directors serve as volunteers and receive no compensation for their time.

How can connect with Alameda Little League?

There several ways to connect with Alameda Little League. You can view the different options on our [contact us page](#).

Where are the Alameda Little League fields located?

Players ages 4-12 play at our fields located at the corner of Otis Drive and Grand Street.

Players age 13 play at Leydecker Park on Bayfarm.

Challengeg Division players play at Challenger Field at Estuary Park.

For detail directions to any of our locations, visit our [Field Locations](#) page.

Who can join?

Alameda Little League is open to boys and girls whose league age is 4 through 13. All divisions are Co-Ed (Boys and Girls on the same teams). To determine your child's Baseball League Age, please, use Little League International's [League Age Calculator](#).

Why register with Alameda Little League?

Here's some of the reasons why Alameda Little League is a Great League to join:

- **Community** - Allows your child to play with their friends and neighbors from Alameda. Come catch a game or two on a Saturday and you will appreciate the environment both on the field and off.
- **Program Duration** – A child starting T-Ball at 4 years old can play baseball with Alameda Little League for 9 years.
- **Great Facilities** – Volunteers at Alameda Little League maintain the fields located at Otis and Grand. The two fields used by the Major (11-12) and Minor (9-10-11) have grass infields. Each field has on-field bull pens used to warm up pitchers during games and for practice. We have six batting cages at the facility and a terrific Snack Bar.
- **Balanced Teams** - the competitive teams, A and higher, are all subject to an open draft selection process by the Team Managers and overseen by the Player Agent. Why is this important? It helps to ensure that all the league teams within a division are balanced and

competitive. The competition helps the kids strive to improve and it better ensures they will have fun and learn throughout their baseball season.

- **Practice Opportunities** – during the pre-season teams get two practice times per week along with being able to reserve a batting cage for separate batting practice. One of those practices are on-site. The other practice will be at an Alameda Parks field. During the season teams have one scheduled practice along with the opportunity to reserve batting cages for additional batting practice. The use of Alameda Parks fields is important because play fields are a scarce resource in Alameda. The league is able to reserve fields to supplement those at our site.
- **Player and Coaches Clinics** – This past fall we hosted a free player and coach clinic held by Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association. Nearly 100 players and coaches attended. The Legends For Youth Clinic and Coaches Clinics on Saturday, Nov. 3. Former MLB players clinic coaches included: Erik Schullstrom - Twins, Jalal Leach - Giants, Tom Urbani - Cardinals, Mike Felder - Giants, Tim Fortugno - Angels, Rick Rodriguez - A's, Shooty Babitt - A's, Shawon Dunston - Giants, and Noah Lowry - Giants
- **Junior Umpires** - We have a Junior Umpire program where players age 12 can begin umpiring A and AA division games. This adds another element of development and appreciation of the game for the older players.

What are the Residence Requirements for Alameda Little League?

Little League International requires all children registering to reside or attend school within the League boundaries. The Alameda Little League Residential Boundary is the entire City of Alameda (94501 and 94502). If you have any questions about eligibility you can contact a player agent through the [contact us page](#).

When are the Playing Seasons?

The main playing season is in Spring, usually running from early March to the first week of June. The opening ceremonies for the Spring season usually take place on the second Saturday in March and includes a team parade with team banner contest and team photographs. The closing ceremonies for the Spring Season typically occur on the first Saturday in June after championship games conclude.

Offseason play is also in the Fall. More information about the Fall program will be posted to this website soon.

The reason for this season is so a child continue to develop and improve their playing skills.

How do I Register my child?

Please visit our [Registration Page](#) for all updates and programs offered. Registration usually takes place in September – January for the Spring Season,

You may register Online. Registration announcements will be done from this website. We will email previously registered players. We also post announcements in the “What’s Happening” segment of the Alameda Journal Sports section. Watch out for Banners placed around the city.

Which Division should I sign up my child for?

Players are selected for Teams based on their Age and/or Experience. Please, check our divisions and registration pages for key details of the age ranges. If, after the first few practices, it becomes apparent that your child is not playing at the same level as their teammates, you may wish to discuss this with your Team Manager and/or the Player Agent to see if another division may be more appropriate.

Can my child play on the same team as their Friends?

You may submit "buddy requests" at registration time. We will try to honor requests in the non-competitive Divisions (i.e., Tee Ball and Farm), but we cannot make any guarantees. For competitive divisions (i.e., A, AA, AAA and Majors), requests are challenging to honor because our goal in team formation is to have balance among all the teams in these divisions.

Does my child need to Evaluate?

Players who are Little League Age 8 or older are required to participate in evaluations, so the team managers can evaluate their current skills and balance the teams. Players league age 7 who wish to play in the Single A division need to evaluate. Players league age 12 who wish to play in Majors must evaluate. Player Evaluations are held in January for the Spring Season. The skills covered are fielding fly balls, infield skills, throwing, hitting and base running.

Age is less important than ability, but children will get bored at 8 years old if they have been playing in the Farm League before. If they have accelerated athletic ability, they may even get bored at age 7. If the child can catch fly balls, and throw the ball straight and at least 60 feet, then they should try out for A Division.

If our child tries out (attends evaluations), what is the next step?

The next step after evaluations is the draft. Drafts are usually during the last week of January and the first week of February. Draft dates are posted to the league calendar found on the EVENTS page. Majors is drafted first. Teams consist of 12 and 11 year olds. All 12 year olds will be drafted unless it is determined that there is a safety issue. They will play in AAA. The AAA draft is held next for 11, 10 and 9 year olds. The next division is AA consisting of 10, 9 and 8 year olds. Finally Single A is drafted. These players are 9, 8 and 7 years old. Everyone who has tried out (attended evaluations) will be selected, unless some of the 7 year olds who tried out aren't ready.

How often do Teams Practice?

Baseball divisions (A through Majors): During the pre-season each team gets two practices per week. The manager may schedule additional batting or pitching practice. During the regular season each team has one practice per week. The manager may schedule additional practices during the season.

T-Ball and Farm: Each team gets one practice per week for the pre-season and regular season.

How often do Teams Play?

Baseball divisions (A through Majors): Each team plays one to two games per week. One game on weekdays and the second on Saturday. Games generally take two hours. No innings may start after two hours.

T-Ball and Farm: This division plays one game per week on Sunday.

What Uniform/Equipment does my child need?

We provide your child with a terrific team jersey and baseball cap which they get to keep. In addition to the jersey and cap, for the uniform, you will need to purchase cleats, belt, socks, and undershirt. Your Team Manager will tell you what color belt, socks and undershirt to purchase.

Equipment that you will need to get for your child will be a baseball glove, a bat, a helmet and a protective cup. A protective cup is required for boys in Rookie and higher Divisions. You can view the [equipment guide](#) on our site.

How can I Volunteer to Help Out Alameda Little League?

We're so glad you asked because our League is run entirely by Volunteers and all help is greatly appreciated!!!

As a Non-Profit Organization, Alameda Little League is operated entirely by volunteers. These hardworking folks are what makes Alameda Little League work. They do everything from coaching to buying uniforms to serving on our Board to working the Snack Bar. Our volunteers contribute thousands of hours of service to Alameda Little League and are a major reason Little League is such a great value and so important to our community. Your team's manager will be asking for volunteer help doing such things as field prep, working snack-bar shifts and helping with team coordination. The league is always looking for managers and coaches. You can indicate what volunteer position you would like to fill when you register your child.

Umpires are always needed. Each team provides an umpire for the game that follows theirs. If you have decent knowledge of the rules of baseball, Volunteer to Umpire! The league provides training usually the Saturday before Opening Day. It's on the calendar!

For more information on our Snack Bars, visit our [Snack Bar page](#).

Please contact one of our board members to learn more about how you can contribute to your child's wonderful experience in Alameda Little League.

How can I Sponsor Alameda Little League?

Oh my! We are so very happy you asked!!!

Sponsors are key to making Alameda Little League work. Registration fees alone do not cover the expense of uniforms, equipment, insurance, field maintenance and other costs. In fact, registration covers only a portion of the yearly cost of running our programs. We ask each manager to find a sponsor for their team. We need help from yourselves and your businesses to keep our registration fees affordable and our programs exemplary for all the families of our community. Sponsorship of Alameda Little League is a wonderful way to show support for your community and the development of our young players. With great pride we can say that our sponsor program along with the snack bar

help us to keep our registration fees the lowest in District 4. [Click Here and Become A Sponsor Today!](#)

What if I need financial assistance to cover the registration fees?

Thanks to our generous donors, RBLL has full or partial scholarships available to cover registration fees as needed. For information, please contact a player agent for more information.

What if my child doesn't like his team's manager or coach, or another player?

Communication is the key in all relationships, and this is a good time to teach it to your children. The Manager is the person to whom the Board looks for leadership, and his/her job is to communicate well with the players and parents. If he or she cannot work it out with the player and/or the parent/s, then the next step is to contact the Player Agent.

I am worried about injuries to our child. What do you do to make it safer for the kids?

Very good question! Yes, all sports have some risk of injury, but we are very proud of our low rate of incidents. Our Safety Program is recognized by Little League International, who rewards us every year by reducing our insurance and charter premiums. The Safety Program is too large to publish for our membership, but we would be happy to provide a DVD for those who are interested. The highlights of the program include: (1) CPR/First Aid and AED Training for all Board Members, including 2 year certification (2) DPR/First Training for all Managers, including 2 year certification (3) First Aid kits carried by all Managers at all practices and games (4) Major First Aid kits in 4 locations on premises (5) Defibrillator (AED) on premises (6) Little League rules require helmets, but we have added several face guards to each team's supply of helmets (7) Pitch Count Program in Major Division, which limits pitches and saves arms from injury. In addition, we are fortunate in Alameda to have an emergency room within one mile of our fields.

What can you do to prevent spectators from embarrassing their children and themselves?

A: The best question ever! Our primary goal is to teach our children the game of baseball while instilling in them more important characteristics of honor, courage, loyalty, and good sportsmanship. That task is made difficult when individuals, whether they are managers, coaches, or spectators, behave in such a way as to prevent us from teaching these wonderful things to our children. Winning at all cost is a terrible thing to teach, and when we see this sort of behavior we will deal with it. Competition is a good thing, but only when it is secondary to teaching our kids how to become good people, and to do it in such a way that they have fun! Please refer to our "Parent Code of Conduct."