

Fort Gratiot Little League



Subject: Player Registration
Season: 2017

Thank you for registering your son/daughter with Fort Gratiot Little League. This letter is to provide a little information about what you can expect next along with some answers to the most common questions people typically ask. Please review, and if you still have questions feel free to contact us anytime.

Important Dates

March 19 Tryouts for Pitching Machine (6-8 yrs), Boys Minor (9-10 yrs), Boys Major (11-12 yrs) and Girls Softball (all ages) @ Port Huron Northern Gymnasium (go to west side of building)

BASEBALL

11:00 – 12:00 Pitching Machine Group A (6-7 yrs)
12:30 -1:30 Pitching Machine Group B (8 yrs)
2:00 – 3:00 Minor League (9-10 yrs)
3:30 – 4:30 Major League (11-12 yrs)

SOFTBALL

1:00 – 2:00 8U Girls Softball
2:00 – 3:00 10U Girls Softball
3:00 – 4:00 12U & 14U Girls Softball

T-Ball, Boys Juniors, Boys Seniors: No Tryouts. Your Coach will contact you after spring break.

April 10 All players will receive an email showing their team roster and coach contact information. Shortly after, you will be contacted directly by your coach with practice dates, etc.

May 6 FGLL Opening Ceremonies. Opening Ceremonies at 10:00AM. Pictures and game time TBD.

Frequency Asked Questions

1. Why do we need to go to "tryouts"? Is my son/daughter going to be cut? What if we can't make it to the tryout?

Ideologically, our goal is to make all teams equal in talent. We want all the teams to win or lose by a run. It is no fun to lose (or to win) by 10 runs. Our attempt at making the teams equal is through the tryout system. Your son/daughter will NOT be cut from the league. It is simply an evaluation of your son/daughter by all the coaches to try and determine their ability. All kids are evaluated on a scale of 1 - 5 (5 being the best) in multiple areas of baseball: running, hitting, fielding and throwing. All players are then "drafted" onto teams with the attempt of equally distributing the talent. The system has problems and does not always work. But we work hard at improving the process and make adjustments every year. While we encourage all kids to attend the tryout, we understand it is not always possible.

2. Where can I get more information about FGLL?

We try to keep the web site updated with all the current dates and times for upcoming events. You can also find division specific information by clicking on "about FGLL, then "Divisions". Please visit our web site regularly. You can also find Fort Gratiot Little League on Face Book! Please "like" us on facebook and follow us on Twitter. We sent frequent reminders about upcoming events.

3. When does the season start and end?

The regular season typically starts the first Saturday in May and ends the week before the 4th of July. You will normally have 1 or 2 practices per week (normally on weekdays) in the month of April.

4. When do we play and how long are the games?

After opening day (first Saturday in May), you will normally play 1 or 2 games per week (weekdays). Our games are normally Monday - Thursday, leaving Friday and Saturday for make-up games (rainouts). Games are typically 1.5 hours long. Normal baseball rules apply, except that no batter can be walked. Boys Juniors and Seniors will interleague with other teams in the area. Your schedule will include more weekend games.

5. What equipment will they need?

A baseball glove and protective cup are all that is required. The league will provide a baseball hat and jersey with a pro-replica logo on it. Baseball pants and shoes are highly recommended. They can be purchased very inexpensively. You will find the red clay that is used on the baseball diamonds will stain everything. So an inexpensive pair of baseball pants is normally a good idea. Some teams will pick a team color (white, gray or black) so you may want to talk to your coach to see what color is best for your team. All baseball spikes must be non-metal. Boys Junior and Senior Divisions may wear metal spikes.

6. Can we select the coach and/or teammates?

When you are registering your child you may ask to be placed on a certain team or with a certain child. FGLL will do our best to arrange this. However, we cannot guarantee it.

7. Can we play in Fort Gratiot if we don't live in the area?

The player's parent(s), legal guardian(s) or school must be within the FGLL boundary map. Special waiver forms are no longer being approved. If you have used our online registration system and do not meet the boundary requirements, a full refund will be provided and you will be asked to register with your "home" league.

8. How can I help?

We are always in need of volunteers! Please contact us during registrations or at the numbers below. Little League is operated with 100% volunteers. We need your help. Please let us know how you can help. fortgratiotlittleleague@comcast.net or 810-294-4951

9. How do I report a problem?

The FGLL Executive Committee monitors our league email address daily. The easiest way to contact us is via email at fortgratiotlittleleague@comcast.net. You can also call us at 810-294-4951.