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Q: When does the registration begin?

A: Registration for the spring season begins in October and continues through January for the older divisions and into February/March for both T-Ball/Coach Pitch and Challenger Divisions.

Q: How much are the registration fees?

A: The cost to register one child is \$180. However, we charge two additional fees at registration time. The first is \$40 for fundraising. For this you will receive 4 discount cards worth \$10 each. You can sell these to recoup your cost, keep them, or give them away. To make it easy we hold only two fundraisers each season: 1) the discount cards and 2) our annual Hit-A-Thon. No candy, candles or popcorn. YEAH! The second fee is a \$160 Volunteer Deposit. This amount is completely refundable based on your family's volunteer participation. For more information on our volunteer policy, please visit our [League policies page](#)

There is a \$10 per player sibling discount and a \$20 Early Bird Discount if you register before Dec. 31st.

If you would like to make payments or are in need of a partial or full scholarship, please feel free to contact either our President or Treasurer. We just want the kids to play ball!

Q: When does the season start?

A: Practices will begin in February and Opening Day is the second Saturday in March. For the 2018 season, Opening Day is on Saturday, March 10th. Parade, carnival, BBQ, loads of fun!!

Q: When are teams formed and players notified?

A: Player Evaluations, for players age 7-14 are in January. You will be contacted via email by the division Player Agent with a specific evaluation date and time. Major, Minor, 50/70 and Junior teams are drafted the first week of February. Farm and T-Ball/Coach Pitch teams are assembled the following week. Team Managers will contact players once teams are formed.

Q: What are Player Evaluations? How long do they take? Does my child have to participate?

A: Player evaluations are for all children age 7-14. The physical part is fun and easy. Players will receive three grounders in the infield, three flies in the outfield, three pitches from the mound, and five pitches to hit from a pitching machine or coach, and then they run from home to third base. The division vice presidents, player agents, and team managers and other board members observe each child and evaluate their performance. Players are not only scored on their ability to catch or hit, but on enthusiasm, attitude and determination and sometimes by their parents' actions as well.

Each age group takes about an hour to get through depending on the number of attendees. Players should arrive 20-30 minutes prior to their start time to check in and warm up.

If your child misses their evaluation date, we host a make-up weekend a week or two later. Please be sure to make arrangements to have your child attend. Younger players that miss evaluations are drafted as blind picks, however this disrupts the balance of the teams. 12 year old players that do not attend either of the evaluation dates are placed on a waiting list and will only be put on a Major team if there is a refund or injury.

Q: How do I become a Coach or Manager?

A: If you're interested in coaching or taking a team, please contact the VP of the division you are interested in. For example, if you're interested in coaching in the Minor division, you would contact our [league VP](#).

Q: How is the playing age determined?

A: For Baseball players born on or after September 1, 2005, the playing age is determined by the age your child will be as of August 31st of the current year. *For example, if your child turns 4 on or before August 31, 2015, then their playing age is 4 and they are eligible to play this season.*

For Baseball players born on or before August 31, 2005, the playing age is determined by the age your child will be as of April 30th of the current year. *For example, if your child turns 11 on or before April 30th, then their playing age is 11.*

Please visit [Little League Baseball Age Determination Chart](#).

Softball playing ages are the determined using the age the player was as of December 31st of the previous year. *For example, if you daughter turns 9 on January 1st, 2016, then she will play as an 8 year old for the 2016 season.*

Q: I heard that Little League recently changed the Age Determination Date, what does that mean?

A: For the past couple of years, there has been a lot of discussion about the Little League Age Determination Date. Little League changed it to August 31st to align the ages of the players with what many schools use. The change will allow younger children to play as well as ensure that the Little League (Major) division remains a true 12 and under program. To read more please visit the [Little League Baseball Age Determination Chart](#).

Q: My child will be playing as a 7 year old, but I want him to stay in T-Ball/Coach Pitch?

A: All children with a playing age of 7 or older must attend the player evaluations. 7 year old players who do not attend evaluations are automatically placed in the Farm division.

We review all participants prior to placing them on a team. Any potential safety concerns are discussed at that time. It's important to note that your child will be playing with other children who are the same age and skill level as yours.

Q: My son is better than most 6 year olds, can he play up a division?

A: Little League has set guidelines that help leagues determine the ages for each division of play and together our focus is on both the physical and emotional development of each player. Therefore, our divisions are as such: 4-6 year olds will play in the T-Ball/Coach Pitch division, per Little League, players age 6 or under are not allowed to play in player pitch divisions – no exceptions. 7-8 year olds will play Single A/Farm, 9 year olds will play in the AAA Minor division, 10-11 year olds are eligible for both the Minor and Major divisions, but are drafted based on their player evaluations. 12 year olds may only play in Major. 13 year olds in 50/70 and 14 year olds in Juniors.

Q: When are practices held and games played?

A: Practice schedules are determined by each team's manager and coaches. Prior to the season opening, this is usually two practices per week, possibly more for the older divisions. Games are typically held two times per week; one weekday game on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and one game on Saturday. Weeknight games begin at 5pm for the first couple weeks of the season to give us enough light to complete a game. They then move to 5:30pm. Saturday games typically begin at 9am and the last game at 3pm.

Q: I would like my child to be on the same team as his friends. Can you do this?

A: For children ages 4-6 years, you can request a Buddy Option during your registration process. The [Player Agent](#) will do his best to honor all the requests when assembling the teams, however, there are no guarantees. Teams for players 7 and older are assembled using a draft system, so buddy requests are not allowed.

Q: I have 2 children (siblings) and would like them on the same team. Can you do this?

A: When you register, you can complete the field for a Sibling Option. This may be possible, but is dependent on each of the players ages and skill levels. Though we will do our best to make this happen, it is not guaranteed.

Q: If I have 2 or more children, do I have to meet the Volunteer Requirements and Fundraising Requirements for each child?

A: The fundraising requirement is *per child*, however the volunteer deposit is *per family*. The minimum volunteer requirement will depend upon how many kids you have. Please see the **Volunteer Service Policy** for more details.

Q: If my child does not live or attend school within the Concord American Little League Boundaries, can I register him/her at Concord American anyway?

A: As much as we would like to have everyone play for CALL, only those players that live or attend school in our boundaries are allowed to register with us. We are happy to help you determine if you are in our boundaries or connect you to the Little League that is.

Q: **Which schools are in the CALL Boundaries?**

A: The following schools are all within the Concord American boundaries. If your school is not listed but you believe it's within our boundaries, please contact our Registration Coordinator for more information.

MDUSD Schools: Ayers, Delta View, El Dorado, El Monte, Monte Gardens, Mountain View, Rio Vista, Riverview, Shore Acres, Silverwood, Sun Terrace, Sunrise, Westwood, Wren Avenue.

Private Schools: Calvary Temple, Kings Valley, Queen of All Saints, St. Agnes, Tabernacle

Q: **What equipment will my child need to participate?**

A: Players should bring cleats or athletic shoes and a glove to all games and practices.

Players will be provided with a uniform shirt and hat. Families will need to purchase pants, socks and a belt (about \$15). The manager will tell parents what colors to purchase. Metal spikes or metal cleats are not allowed in the 4-12 year old divisions.

Players are welcome to bring their own bats and helmets, but it is not required. Before purchasing a bat for your child, please ensure that it is allowed to be used in the Little League division they'll be playing in. For any bat questions, please see the [Bat Information on LittleLeague.org](#)

Q: **My child changed his mind and decided not to play baseball. Can I get a refund?**

A: If you choose to cancel your order or your child is unable to play for any reason, there is a \$35 administrative fee which will automatically be deducted from your refund. The remainder of the money will be determined by our Board of Directors based on the timing of your request. **Please note: Any drops after tryout dates, or the formation of teams, will not receive a refund.**

Q: **What is the Challenger Division?**

A: The Challenger Division provides boys and girls with disabilities the opportunity to experience the emotional development and fun of playing Little League Baseball.

The Challenger Division also helps to establish strong bonds of friendship between Little Leaguers from other programs and Challenger children in an atmosphere of sharing and caring. In Challenger games, "buddies" help their challenged partners by acting as guides for blind children or pushing wheelchair-bound children around the base-paths.

Challenger Division will continue to provide new opportunities for children with disabilities so that everyone can get into the game, instead of watching from the side.

There is no cost to participate in Challenger Baseball. The only things the players have to supply are shoes and a glove. Challengers will supply uniforms and equipment; the uniforms are the children's to keep.

For more information please contact the [VP of our Challenger division](#).

Q: I'd like to donate to the league or become a sponsor, how do I do that?

A: As a non-profit, we welcome all the help we can get. We have a team sponsorship program for all levels of businesses. For more information, please visit the Sponsorship tab on the Home page of our website.