

Northeastern Little League(NELL) Parents Manual



2017 NELL Board of Directors

- Marc Woolery – President
- Chris Waite – Treasurer
- Randy Walls – VP of Softball
- Brett Trathen
- Greg Mast
- Jason Washler
- Troy Redman
- Jason Mann

Who to contact

- Brett Trathen - Tball
- Jason Washler – 8u coach pitch
- Jason Mann – 10u kid pitch
- Troy Redman – Majors
- Chris Waite – Juniors
- Randy Walls – All softball
- Emails can be found on home page under helpful links on rightside.

NELL Baseball Age Divisions

T-BALL(Ages 4-7)

- Required Equipment: glove, grey pants
- Recommended Equipment: cleats, bat, helmet
- Teams are assembled by school and requests, we don't guarantee requests but will try our best to grant them.
- Inclement weather – due to field availability, we need to wait until very close to game time to cancel.
- League will provide hat and jersey
- Games will be held Monday – Saturday at Huff Park.

COACH PITCH(Ages 6-8)

- Required Equipment: glove, grey pants
- Recommended Equipment: cleats, bat, helmet
- Teams are assembled by school and requests, we don't guarantee requests but will try our best to grant them.
- Inclement weather – due to field availability, we need to wait until very close to game time to cancel.
- League will provide hat, jersey and socks
- Games will be held Monday-Saturday at Huff Park or one of our partner leagues(Northwestern, Northern and Northview)

KID PITCH(Ages 8-10)

- Required Equipment: glove, grey pants
- Recommended Equipment: cleats, bat, helmet
- Players are evaluated at our evaluation day and given a grade. Teams at this division start with the 3 coaches kids and then a draft is held. We try to use the draft grades to even talent on teams.
- Inclement weather – due to field availability, we need to wait until very close to game time to cancel.
- League will provide hat, jersey and socks.
- Games will be held Monday-Saturday at Huff Park or one of our partner leagues(Northwestern, Northern and Northview)

MAJORS(Ages 11-12)

- Required Equipment: glove, grey pants
- Recommended Equipment: cleats, bat, helmet
- Players are evaluated at our evaluation day and given a grade. Teams at this division start with any returning coach and players from previous year. If team has a new coach, team starts with 3 coaches kids. A draft is then held with the team with fewest kids picking first.
- Inclement weather – due to field availability, we need to wait until very close to game time to cancel.
- League will provide hat, jersey and socks.
- Games will be held Monday-Saturday at Huff Park or one of our partner leagues(Northwestern, Northern and Northview)

JUNIORS(Ages 13-14)

- Required Equipment: glove, grey pants
- Recommended Equipment: cleats(metal allowed), bat, helmet
- Players are evaluated at our evaluation day and given a grade. Teams at this division start with the 3 coaches kids and any kids from the previous year. A draft is then held with the team with fewest kids picking first.
- Inclement weather – due to field availability, we need to wait until very close to game time to cancel.
- League will provide hat, jersey and socks.
- Games will be held Monday-Saturday at Hillcrest Park or one of our partner leagues(Northwestern, Northern and Northview)

NELL Softball Age Divisions

COACH PITCH(Ages 6-8)

- Required Equipment: glove, grey pants
- Recommended Equipment: cleats, bat, helmet
- Teams are assembled by school and requests, we don't guarantee requests but will try our best to grant them.
- Playing up a division needs to be okayed by VP of Softball.
- Inclement weather – due to field availability, we need to wait until very close to game time to cancel.
- League will provide hat, jersey and socks
- Games will be held Monday-Saturday at Huff Park or one of our partner leagues(Northwestern, Northern and Northview)

KID PITCH(Ages 8-10)

- Required Equipment: glove, grey pants
- Recommended Equipment: cleats, bat, helmet
- Each year softball coaches collaborate with VP of softball to decide on how teams will be put together.
- Playing up a division needs to be okayed by VP of Softball.
- Inclement weather – due to field availability, we need to wait until very close to game time to cancel.
- League will provide hat, jersey and socks.
- Games will be held Monday-Saturday at Huff Park or one of our partner leagues(Northwestern, Northern and Northview)

MAJORS(Ages 11-12)

- Required Equipment: glove, grey pants
- Recommended Equipment: cleats, bat, helmet
- Each year softball coaches collaborate with VP of softball to decide on how teams will be put together.
- Playing up a division needs to be okayed by VP of Softball.
- Inclement weather – due to field availability, we need to wait until very close to game time to cancel.
- League will provide hat, jersey and socks.
- Games will be held Monday-Saturday at Huff Park or one of our partner leagues(Northwestern, Northern and Northview)

JUNIORS(Ages 13-14)

- Required Equipment: glove, grey pants
- Recommended Equipment: cleats, bat, helmet
- NELL usually only has 1 team at this level
- Inclement weather – due to field availability, we need to wait until very close to game time to cancel.
- League will provide hat, jersey and socks.
- Games will be held Monday-Saturday at Huff Park or one of our partner leagues(Northwestern, Northern and Northview)

Game Days/Schedules/Practices/Fields

- Northeastern Little League does not own any fields, we need to rent/borrow from either the city or Forest Hills Public Schools.
- NELL does have free reign of the North and South fields at Huff Park from April 1 until end of June.
- NELL requests use of all FHPS fields for practices prior to opening day. Several organizations are requesting the same fields and they grant us access to what they can. The fields and time they give us are good from after Spring Break until end of school year.
- NELL requests access to the softball fields(yellow, blue and green) at Huff Park from the city, they grant us access on the nights they do not have city softball leagues.
- Weekday games at Huff Park can start as early as 5:00 PM and Saturdays at 9:00 AM
- NELL partners with Northwestern, Northern and Northview Little Leagues to play inter-league games, some of this is due to necessity of one or more leagues only having 1 team at a particular division. With this arrangement, we have a meeting in early-mid March to go over how many teams each league has and which league will do the inter-league schedule. So to finish our league schedule, we need to have each inter-league schedule done and okayed by each league, before we can proceed with filling in rest of schedule around these games.
- Due to these circumstances, scheduling can be difficult, we ask for your patience.
- As stated in the age divisions, due to our limited field availability, we need to wait until close to game times to cancel. At our coaches meeting, we do tell coaches, that they can cancel games earlier in day if they want, but they need to keep in mind, that those games in most likelihood will not be rescheduled.

After season team tournaments(baseball and softball)

- NELL is part of Michigan Little League district 9
- District 9 holds team tournaments for regular season teams in the major and junior divisions after our regular season is over. The tournament is double elimination.
- NELL informs D9 of how many teams we have at each level(not all teams play). D9 then puts our teams in different classes with A being the highest. NELL then uses regular season records to assign our teams to the classes.
- Tournament runs from mid June to end of June.

All-Stars(NELL inter-league)

- NELL holds a inter-league all star game at end of regular season for kid pitch and major baseball(Softball will be held if there is interest).
- This game is held right after regular season is over.
- Each team at their respective division can send equal number of kids to this game. It is up to the coaching staff to send names to league. NELL leaves it up to coach on how players from their team are picked. (example: NELL had 9 teams at kid pitch, so each team could send up to 3 kids, so 27 kids at most overall. Teams do not need to send 3.) Teammates are kept together and teams are divided by trying to even out pitching and catching.

All-Stars(NELL D9 teams)(SB and BB)

- NELL is part of Michigan Little League district 9
- District 9 holds all-star tournaments that usually begin around July 4th. NELL does not get the exact dates from D9 until early-mid May. All-star divisions are kid pitch(10u), majors and juniors.
- NELL informs D9 of how many teams we have, NELL sends 1 from each division if interested. Teams are placed in pools, usually drawn about 2 weeks before first games. Pools are double elimination. Winners of each pool then advance to championship bracket for D9.(Some divisions only have a championship bracket due to number of teams). Winner of D9 advances to state tournament.
- Players for NELL D9 all-star team are chosen from the kids that are eligible to play that division. The NELL board along with coaches give input into who should represent our league.

Volunteers

- NELL is always looking for volunteers.
- Concession stand is a great place for volunteers. Each year we ask that the teams playing games at Huff volunteer for at least 1 shift. The signup for concession volunteers is done via signup genius(link on NELL homepage). 1 shift per team does not cover the entire season, so any extra help is appreciated.
- Another great volunteer opportunity is field maintenance.
- If interested in volunteering please email northeasternlittleleague@gmail.com