



North Central Little League

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT NORTH CENTRAL BASEBALL PROGRAMS

League Age

Little League baseball uses what is called "League Age" to determine your player's age. Their school grade or other factors are not considered. Anytime an age is mentioned, it is referring to League Age.

- Baseball: Your player's age on April 30, 2010
- Softball: Your player's age on January 1, 2010

Scholarships

North Central Little League is committed to all kids that want to play baseball get that opportunity no matter their financial status. Money should not get in the way of playing baseball. If you wish to request a scholarship, please indicate this request on your registration or contact the league at ncl.baseball@comcast.net.

Coach Pitch Division (Baseball): Boys/Girls Ages 7-8

- This division is intended for any child who will attain the age of 7 or 8 yrs old who has successfully demonstrated all of the Tee Ball skills. Seven year olds who have never played baseball can choose to play Tee Ball (with league approval).
- A safety ball will be used at this level since this will be the first-time children will be pitched to versus hitting off of a tee.
- Six year olds may be considered to play in this division but must have played 1 year of Tee Ball and/or be approved by the Player Agent and their previous coach.
- Team selection is based on parent requests, siblings, school, and to some extent parity within the division.
- Players returning to this division typically return to their same team and/or coach.
- There are minimum play requirements

9'ers Division (Baseball): Boys/Girls Age 9

- This division is intended to be a "bridge" division to acclimate players to kid-pitch baseball.
- This division is intended for any child who will attain the age of 9 yrs old on or before 4/30 of the current season who has successfully demonstrated all of the Coach Pitch skills.
- At the 9'ers level, all games will be a combination of coach-pitch and player pitch. The 9'ers level is where the players should begin to understand "WHY" they are making certain plays.
- All players must have played 1 yr at the Coach Pitch level to be eligible for 9'ers
- Team selection is based on parent requests, siblings, school, **with a priority of creating parity** within the division.
- Players returning to this division typically return to their same team and/or coach.
- There are minimum play requirements

Minors Division (Baseball): Boys/Girls Ages 10-11

- Any child who will attain the age of 10 or 11 yrs old on or before 4/30 of the current season shall be eligible to play Minors.
- All players ages 10-11 will be invited to tryouts as they are eligible to be drafted into the Majors.
- If player is not selected for Majors and played for a Minors team last season, s/he will most likely return to same team.
- If player is not selected for a Majors Division team and did not play in minors last season, s/he will go through the draft process and be assigned to a minors team.
- The primary objective at the Minors division is the same as the previous levels with emphasis on preparing players for advancement to the Majors division.
- The Minors division is both instructional and competitive with more emphasis on instructional than competition during the regular season.
- There are minimum play requirements

Majors Division (Baseball): Boys/Girls Ages 11-12

- Any child who will attain the age of 10, 11 or 12 yrs old on or before 4/30 of the current season shall be eligible to play in the Majors Division.
- All eligible players will be invited try outs.
- A player must be selected by a manager during the draft process in order to play at the Majors division.
- All 12 yr olds will be selected to play at the Majors division unless a safety issue exists determined by the Player Agent.
- Only one 10 year old is allowed per Majors team.
- The Majors division is both instructional and competitive with admittedly more emphasis on the competitive aspects of the game than at the Minors division.
- Managers focus on fielding a competitive team while also providing the players with a fun learning experience.
- Players should focus on refining their baseball skills with a strong emphasis on consistency. Often the difference between an average player and a good player is the ability to consistently execute the required skills.
- There are minimum play requirements

Junior League (Baseball): Ages 13-14

- This League moves to the larger, 90 foot diamond.
- Specific tryouts will be held for player placement only – all players make a team.
- Team selection is through a draft process.
- North Central teams play other teams from our “District” which includes Ballard, Queen Anne, Magnolia, Richmond, Northwest Seattle, and Northeast Seattle.
- There are minimum play requirements

Senior League: Ages 15-16

- 90 ft diamond
- Specific tryouts will be held for player placement only – all players make a team.
- Team selection is through a draft process.
- North Central teams play other teams from our “District” which includes Ballard, Queen Anne, Magnolia, Richmond, Northwest Seattle, and Northeast Seattle.
- There are minimum play requirements

Big League: Ages 17-18

- 90 ft diamond
- North Central teams play other teams from our “District” which includes Ballard, Queen Anne, Magnolia, Richmond, Northwest Seattle, and Northeast Seattle.
- There are minimum play requirements