

General Information Regarding Little League Baseball (LLBB)

Oak Grove Little League

Philosophy **Players First; Winning Second**

Founded and operated to provide all youth the opportunity to play in a safe, organized sports environment, teach skills, teamwork, and enhance self-esteem.

Ages for players range from 6 to 17 years of age.

The regular season starts between the last week of March and first week of April and concludes after 10 weeks (mid June). There are two levels of post season tournament games (a) District Sponsored - LL Majors, Junior, & Senior Division (b) All Star tournaments - (9yr. - 10 yr. - 11yr, LL Majors, Junior, Senior Div.)

The Divisions of Little League at Oak Grove are as follows:

Tee Ball Age eligibility = 6 to 8

AA Age eligibility = 7 to 10

AAA Age eligibility = 8 to 12

These three divisions are not considered "competitive" because there are no official standings at these levels. The AA and AAA are referred to in Little League Baseball (LLBB) as Minor divisions that are structured to focus on the fundamentals of the game and place less emphasis on winning at this level.

Major LL Age eligibility = 9 to 12

This division is a competitive division and the program level most people associate with Little League.

Junior Div. Age eligibility = 13 -14

Senior Div. Age eligibility = 14 -16

Big League Age eligibility = 16 -17

These divisions are competitive, maintain win/loss standings, and compete with other local Leagues during the regular season.

Signups for the regular season (Spring season) start in November and conclude in January. An additional fee will be charged for sign-ups on or after the first tryout date. Tryouts are mandatory for the regular season to establish eligibility of any player excepting those that are returning as a Major LL or Senior Div. player. Players are observed by Coaches and Managers and then based on the skill level displayed at tryouts are "drafted" to a team. All players that tryout are placed on a team unless there are not enough players to form a team or in the event the maximum allowed by LLBB is exceeded. The philosophy of LLBB is to have players play at the level commensurate with their skills. Not all players necessarily will be selected to the LL Majors, however all players will be drafted to a team assuming we have an adequate pool of qualified adult Managers, Coaches, and Umpires. All players are guaranteed to play approximately 50% of the game.

Our "Winter Ball" program generally starts mid September and concludes in within 6 to 8 weeks. This program is structured to work on fundamental skills and allows players and adults to participate in the program without any standing at all. Signups for Winter Ball will start the last week of August and conclude in mid September, just before teams are formed