

# Fairfax Little League Spring Season

**Divisions available** for boys and girls:

- **The Challenger Division** – Includes kids age 5 to 21 years old that have any special needs precluding them from participating in a mainstream Little League program.
- **T-Ball** – Kids age 5 and 6 years old participate in this instructional league where hitting, throwing and catching a baseball are taught for the first time. Players hit off a batting tee.
- **A Minors** -- Consists primarily of 6 to 8 year olds who hit a pitched ball from a machine or coach.
- **AA Minors** -- Consists primarily of 7 to 9 year olds who hit a pitched ball by another player. Batting and fielding is emphasized at this level.
- **AAA Minors** -- Consists primarily of 8 to 11 year olds who have not yet attained the experience or skill to participate in the Major League.
- **The Major League** -- Consists of skilled and experienced 10 to 12 year olds. Selection on a Major team is made through the draft system.
- **Junior Division** – Consists of 13 and 14 year olds that move to a 90 foot field, the same as high school and college baseball.
- **Senior Division** – Consists of 15 and 16 year old young men who play highly competitive games on a 90 foot field.

**Spring Evaluations** -- Depending on the age groups, between 30 and 60 kids move through two venues to demonstrate their skills. Usually, a player gets five pitches for batting, three grounders to field and then throw to another player, and three pop flies to field and then throw to another player. Depending on time, the player may also do a timed run. All kids will move together through the skills because all the coaches need to see all the kids to inform the draft.

Following try-outs, coaches conduct the draft over the next few weeks. Managers select Majors players first, then AAA, then AA. Upon completion of the process, team managers notify parents and players.

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**Time Commitment for Baseball** -- The regular season lasts approximately six weeks. End of season Division level League-based tournaments usually run for one week. With the exception of T-ball, teams play two games per week, one on a week night and one on Saturday. T-ball generally only plays one game on Saturdays. Teams generally practice once or twice a week depending on the Division also.

At the Minor League level, all games are subject to time limits. For T-Ball, no new inning shall start later than 1 hour and 15 minutes after the scheduled start time and the game terminates after 4 complete innings or completion of the last legally started inning. For A-AAA, no inning will begin later than 1 hour and 50 minutes after the scheduled start time for the game. For A-AAA, Managers generally want players to arrive 30-45 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game.

Majors teams play six innings unless one team is ahead by 10 or more runs after the fourth inning of play. Majors coaches generally want players to arrive one hour prior to the scheduled start of the game.

District 10 All Stars Tournament games run from mid-June to mid-July, depending on the team's success (double elimination). Two weeks prior to the first scheduled game, the Leagues announce All Star players and practices begin. All Star Players likely have a practice or game almost every day of the week during tournament play.

**League Boundaries** -- Three separate Leagues that work together under a single Board of Directors comprise the Fairfax Little League. Each of the three Fairfax Little Leagues (American, Dominion and National) has geographical boundaries. Players sign up for one of the three Leagues based on their place of residence. A boundary map and additional information can be found at [www.fairfaxll.com](http://www.fairfaxll.com).

**Scholarships** – Registration fees are waived for players receiving free or reduced price school lunches. Please contact Lisa Alecxih at [information@fairfaxll.org](mailto:information@fairfaxll.org) or 703-362-7073 for more information.

