



GASTINEAU CHANNEL LITTLE LEAGUE

Frequently Asked Questions



REGISTRATION & TRYOUTS

When does registration begin?

Registration begins in December and lasts until tryouts in mid March. Players registering after tryouts thru March 15th will be placed on a waiting list.

How can I register my child?

You can register your child *online* at www.juneaulittleleague.com, *by mail* or in person. *In-person* registration events include the annual taco feed in late January or *at tryouts* in March. There are also 3-4 registration sign up events in January and February each year, usually on Saturdays at the Nugget Mall.

Does my child need to attend tryouts?

Players that are league age 8 and above must attend 1 tryout session. This includes all players who were on a team last year. Girls that are league age 7 may sign up for Farm Division (no tryout required) or have the option to tryout for the Minors Division.

What happens if I register my child after tryouts?

We will place as many kids on teams as we can however late registrants will be put on a waiting list and will be contacted when they are placed on a team.

What is my child's league age?

Baseball Divisions (including T-Ball) - the player's age as of APRIL 30, 2008.

Softball Divisions - the player's age as of DECEMBER 31, 2007.

TEAM PLACEMENT

When will I find out what team my child will play on?

For the T-Ball, Single A and Farm Divisions, once registration ends in mid March teams will be formed and your child's manager will contact you by the 1st week of April. For all other divisions, your child's manager will contact you by the end of March. If you don't hear from a team manager by the first week of April, please contact the League's **Player Agent**.

How are teams formed?

In the T-Ball, Single A and Farm Divisions teams are formed by parent requests and on a neighborhood basis as much as possible. For all other divisions, players attend tryouts where they are evaluated. Teams are then formed using a draft process that helps promote even and competitive divisions.

If my child is unhappy with the team they are placed on, can they switch teams?

Only in extreme cases does the league allow children to switch teams after the teams have been formed. Such requests must be made in writing to the League's **Player Agent** for consideration. Approval requires extenuating circumstances, so any request is highly unlikely to be approved, and in most cases we will ask the player remain with their team.

PRACTICES

When will practices begin?

Practices for all divisions begin in mid April, ideally 2-3 weeks prior to Opening Day which is typically scheduled for the last Saturday of April.

How often and long will my child practice?

T-Ball, Single A: 1-2 times per week pre-season; once/week during season; 1 hour

Farm Softball: 1-2 times per week pre-season; once/week during season; 1 hour

Minors Softball: 2-3 times per week pre-season; once per week during season; 1-2 hours

AA, AAA: 2-3 times per week pre-season; once per week during season; 1-2 hours

Majors Baseball & Softball and above: 2-3 times per week pre-season; once per week during season; 2 hours

Where will my child practice and games played at?

T-Ball: Lena Loop Park and Cope Park

Single A: Mendenhall River Field #1

AA: Mendenhall River Field #2; Auke View #1; Miller Field #2

AAA: Miller Field #2; Auke View #1

Majors: Miller Field #1 & #2

Juniors: Melvin Park; Adair-Kennedy; Auke View #2

Seniors: Adair-Kennedy; Melvin Park

All Softball Divisions: Melvin Park; Lena Loop Park

You can go to www.juneaulittleleague.com for more details regarding field locations

REGULAR SEASON GAME SCHEDULE

When does the regular season begin?

Games begin on Opening Day, typically the last weekend of April or 1st week of May. T-ball and Single A games may begin a week after Opening Day.

As the dates vary each year, please check the Gastineau Channel Little League calendar on the web page for the exact dates for the current year of play.

How long will the season last?

The season usually lasts 7-8 weeks from May through June. AAA divisions and above participate in an end of the season tournament during the last week of the season.

For Baseball, AAA division and above seasons are extended into July and potentially

August for players that are selected to the All-Star tournament teams. For Softball, the Majors division and above have All-Star tournament teams. Please consider your summer vacation plans if you have a child that may be selected to these teams.

What days and times are the games played?

T-Ball, Single-A and Farm Softball teams will have 1 game per week, usually on Saturdays. All other divisions will have 2 games per week in May and up to 3 games per week in June.

Who umpires Gastineau Channel Little League games?

League umpires are a combination of parent volunteers and youth umpires. Youth umpires are paid for games. The League provides umpires for AAA and above Baseball Divisions and Majors and above Softball Divisions. These umpires are required to attend umpire training sessions in April.

In AA and Farm Softball, the umpires are parents of ALL players in those divisions. In the T-Ball and Single A Divisions, coaches manage the flow of the games.

EQUIPMENT & UNIFORMS

What equipment will my child need before the first practice or game?

GLOVE – A quality leather glove is a must. It is recommended to stay away from vinyl and simulated leather gloves that may be cheaper as they tend to cause the player a great deal of frustration. It is impossible to form a pocket in gloves made of vinyl or simulated leather. Therefore, the ball tends to pop out when the player attempts to catch it.

CLEATS - Rubber cleats are highly recommended, and steel spike are not allowed until the Junior division and above.

CLOTHING - All players should bring a windbreaker, jacket, or sweatshirt to every game and practice, especially early in the season.

ATHLETIC SUPPORTER - For AA & above Baseball Divisions, an athletic cup supporter is highly recommended and a requirement for catchers.

BAT BAG - A baseball/softball bag is recommended to transport bats, batting gloves, water bottles, hats, and other items.

Are there any uniform supplies my child needs?

Each player receives a hat, jersey, pants and a pair of socks. Team managers will distribute the uniforms to each player. T-ball, Single A, AA & AAA players keep their uniform. In Majors, Juniors and Seniors, the players must return their jersey each year. For all softball divisions, the players must return their jersey and shorts each year.

The jerseys don't provide much warmth, so it is a good idea to purchase a long-sleeve baseball shirt to match the color of your child's team. Your manager will provide more specifics as for the color.

GAME RULES

Are there any rules around minimum playing time?

Rules will vary by division regarding playing time. Refer to the local rules posted on the League web site.

Are there time limits on games?

T-Ball: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours

Single A & AA: No new inning to begin after 1 hour 45 minutes

AAA: No new inning to begin after 2 hours

Majors Baseball: No new inning to begin after 2 hours 15 minutes

Juniors & Seniors Baseball: No new inning to begin after 2 hours 30 minutes

Farm & Minor Softball: No new inning to begin after 1 hour 30 minutes

Majors & Junior Softball: No new inning to begin after 1 hour 45 minutes

How many managers/coaches can be on a team?

Every team has a manager appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. Each team's managers can have as many assistants as they can find for practices, but only two coaches are allowed in the dugout during games. Any adult volunteer cannot come in contact with a player until a Volunteer Application to the league to run a background check has been satisfactorily completed.

What are the responsibilities of a manager and a coach?

The team manager oversees the management of the team through the season. They are responsible for developing a practice format, creating a lineup card for every game, and ensuring the players get their minimum playing time in each game. Managers must be committed to following through with the management of the team from April through June. Managers need to commit to be at all practices and games. Managers must attend a pre-season coaching clinic provided by the league and a manager's meeting. Managers must schedule and conduct a parent meeting prior to the first practice of the season and ask for a volunteer team parent to help with administrative duties such home run cards, uniform distribution, and picture day.

Coaches are under the guidance and direction of the manager. Typically, a manager will design a practice format and have assistants take care of coaching small groups of players, assisting with batting practice, fielding drills, etc. Assistant coaches should commit to be at all practices and games. All actions of an assistant coach during games are the ultimate responsibility of the manager.

Are there conduct rules that apply during games?

Absolutely. The League does not tolerate foul language or taunting at any level by the players, parents, managers, or coaches. Any spectator, player, manager, or coach that is warned is subject to being ejected from the premises and banned from the field for additional games. Additional rules for managers and coaches may be found in the "Coaches" section of this web site in the *Coaches Application*.