



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Parent Code of Conduct?

Chaires-Capitola Little League has adopted at [Parent Code of Conduct](#) that describes the expectations regarding the proper role that parents and family members have in supporting their child(ren) at CCLL. All parents that register to play at CCLL agree to the expectations set forth in the code of conduct.

If I have an issue, who should I contact to resolve it?

Chaires-Capitola Little League is a volunteer-run organization, so it is important to resolve issues at the lowest level possible. Parents should always take issues to their respective team's manager. If parents do not feel comfortable discussing the issue with the Manager, please elevate the issue to the [CCLL Board President](#).

Does my child have to reside within Chaires-Capitola geographical boundary to play at Chaires-Capitola Little League (CCLL)?

Players must reside or attend an accredited K-12 school to participate in CCLL. Players using their school to determine eligibility will be required to complete a school registration form during registration. The [Little League finder](#) will help you determine if you are zoned to play at CCLL.

What are the various divisions offered at CCLL?

CCLL offers the following Divisions:

- **Tee Ball** – is for boys and girls league age 4-6 who want to learn the fundamentals of hitting and fielding. [Learn More](#)
- **Machine Pitch** - Intermediate Machine Pitch will be comprised of league age boys and girls between 6 and 8 and will be a machine pitch format. [Learn More](#)
- **Minors** – is the first Chaires division with player-pitch; Minor League Baseball division is for boys and girls league ages 8-10. The diamond used is a 60-foot diamond and the pitching distance is 46 feet. [Learn More](#)
- **Majors** – this division is sometimes known as the the Little League Baseball Division and is for boys and girls league ages 10–12. The diamond used is a 60-foot diamond and the pitching distance is 46 feet. The local league has an option to choose a Tournament Team (or "All Stars") from within this division, and the team may enter the International Tournament. [Learn More](#)
- **Seniors** – the Senior League Baseball Division is for league age boys and girls 13-16 years old, using a conventional 90-foot diamond with a pitching distance of 60 feet, 6 inches. [Learn More](#)

What is meant by “League Age”?

“Little League structures its divisions to allow children to participate in various divisions based on their league age, so that players and parents can have an enjoyable Little League experience. This provides flexibility to play on more than one regular season team at the Major division or above (e.g. rostered on a Major League Division and Junior League Division team), as well as being tournament eligible based on league age.”

How do I determine my players “League Age”?

Little League International publishes official age charts that are the best way to determine a player's League Age. The [Little League Baseball age chart](#) is a great resource to determine league age or another way to find a child's age for an upcoming season is to utilize the [League Age Calculator](#).

Can my child play up or down a division based on their league age?

The short answer is “maybe”. Depending on circumstances (e.g. skill level, safety concerns, baseball experience), it may be recommended by parents or managers to allow a player to play up or down a

division. All requests to play up or down will be evaluated and decided by the CCLL Board and a final determination by the Board President.

How does CCLL determine registration fees?

CCLL routinely reviews per player costs to determine fees for any given season. Our costs include items such as:

- Little League charter fees
- Insurance expenses
- Accounting / CPA expenses
- Banking fees
- State of Florida Licenses (Secretary of State, FDACS)
- Team management system (Sports Signup Play)
- Field maintenance and equipment (not covered by the county)
- Team equipment (pitching machines, first aid kits, catcher's gear, helmets, tees, practice baseballs, game day baseballs)
- Team jerseys and hats (managers, coaches, and players)
- Marketing/Communications
- Concession's equipment and upkeep
- Umpires

Each of these items are used to determine a 'per player' cost, which may vary from division to division.

Why does registration for the spring season open and close so early?

Registration typically opens mid-December with a 5-week registration period. So, working backwards... our spring season typically begins in late February or early March. By February 1st, we need to submit final rosters and player numbers to Little League and finalize our jersey and hat orders for the season. This means that by mid/late January evaluations and the player draft must be complete and teams formed. This forces us to close registration mid-January, which gives us only a few weeks to complete all administrative tasks necessary to begin a successful season.

Do late fees apply if I register after the registration period closes?

Yes, late fees may be assessed if a player is allowed to register after the registration period closes. However, depending on the timing it may not be possible to accommodate a late registrant.

Am I able to request a refund once I have registered my player?

We are able to offer partial refunds up until completion of the draft/team selection. Once the draft is complete, refunds may be addressed as requested. However, once uniforms have been ordered, refunds will not be provided.

What equipment will I need to purchase for my player?

As part of the registration fees, the league will provide a hat and jersey for each player, and a hat and jersey for each manager and assistant coach. Players are responsible for pants, belt, socks, and cleats. Your team manager will decide the colors for the pants, belts and socks, please do not purchase these items until the team manager has decided on the color(s).

Each player will also need a batter's helmet, baseball glove and bat for games and practices. The bat must be a baseball bat which meets the [USA Baseball Bat standard](#) (USABat) as adopted by Little League.

How are teams selected?

Teams are selected in the same manner with the exception of tee-ball, in accordance with Little League guidelines and the CCLL By-Laws. All players will be placed on a team regardless of skill level and experience. Some players may be moved down to a lower division if managers and coaches feel there could be a safety issue for the player. All players must attend evaluations, once evaluations take place, players are then drafted in a snake draft format based on manager/coaches' selections. During

evaluations, coaches are required to make their own evaluations and notes. During the spring season, teams in the Majors division must have at least 12 players or the same number of players on each team.

For tee ball, there is no evaluation process. Players are assigned to teams based on birthdates in accordance with a Little League defined process.

Why does it appear that teams sometimes appear imbalanced?

Every year we struggle with the evaluation process. Some players evaluate very well but struggle in game situations. Some players evaluate extremely poorly, for a number of potential reasons, but flourish in games. Many players do not show up for evaluations at all, either because of schedule conflicts or apathy. Some players are placed on teams and then get injured or decide not to play after the season begins.

All of these factors can lead to imbalance by the end of the season. Our intent is to have the teams as fairly placed as possible.

When do practices begin?

Practices begin as soon as the weather is suitable, and our fields are playable. This typically happens around late January or early February.

What is the practice schedule before games begin?

Practice days vary by team, and sometimes week to week. We schedule across approximately 25 teams and 5 fields including Miccosukee. We do our best to accommodate coaches' schedules however, we cannot guarantee players certain practice or game dates, it is wholly dependent on the team in which they are placed.

Before the season begins, there will be one practice during the week and one practice on the weekend. Typically, each practice is 1.5 hours in length. Once the season begins, weekday practices are replaced by games however the weekend practices remain.

When does the season begin and what commitment will I be required to make?

Practice usually begins late January, early February with games running late February, early March through May. Post Season tournament play usually begins in June with teams playing until they are eliminated.

All parents are required to volunteer at a minimum of one full game in the concession stand. This commitment is documented in the [Parent Code of Conduct](#) that each family agrees to during registration.

Are all volunteers background checked?

Yes, the CCLL Board takes safety of our players very seriously. All managers, assistant coaches, team parents, umpires, board members, and volunteers must agree to have CCLL perform a background check through Leon County. A photocopy of a valid government-issued identification card must be presented to the CCLL Board in order to complete a background check as required by Little League.