

# 2018 Patriots Little League Frequently Asked Questions



## **Q: When does registration end?**

Early registration ends Jan 15, 2018.

Registration for Coach Pitch, Major and Minor Leagues ends March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Registration for Junior T-Ball, Senior T-Ball, and Junior League ends Apr 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Q: What is the Parent / Coach meeting and is it mandatory?**

The parent/coach meeting is tentatively scheduled for Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for parents to learn more about the upcoming season and get their questions answered. It is for information purposes only and is NOT mandatory.

We encourage anyone considering coaching in any leagues to attend and will ask them to stay for an additional period to discuss any important changes for the upcoming season and answer questions.

## **Q: What is the evaluation and who is required to attend?**

All players ages 7-12 are required to attend an evaluation. **PLAYERS ONLY NEED TO ATTEND ONE EVALUATION.** We anticipate those evaluations begin conducted at Liberty High School on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> and Mar 4<sup>th</sup>. Typically we encourage players ages 9-12 to attend between 1-4pm and players ages 7-8, along with any 6-yr olds interested in playing up to Coach Pitch), to attend from 3-4pm.

These evaluations are used to provide some guidance to coaches in Major, Minor and Coach Pitch Leagues for draft purposes. They are also used to provide guidance to parents who are interested in having their child play up a league.

Junior T-Ball, Senior T-Ball and Junior League players **DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND THIS EVALUATION.**

## **Q: Can I / should I attend more than one evaluation.**

NO. Players ages 7-12 only need to attend one of the two evaluations.

## **Q: If I can't make one of the two scheduled evaluations, what do I do?**

We recognize a few players may have conflicts or religious obligations that will prevent them from attending the evaluations. Please email [jason.brown@olentangyil.org](mailto:jason.brown@olentangyil.org) to confirm you are not available and we will determine other options prior to the draft being completed.

## **Q: How are teams formed?**

Teams in Junior, Major, Minor and Coach Pitch leagues are all drafted. We will identify one Manager and two assistant coaches for each team and the children of those coaches will automatically be paired together. All other players will be drafted. We use evaluation results to help create balanced teams. We will also ensure that travel baseball players are evenly spread across teams. While you can list coach and player preferences as part of registration, there are no guarantees in these leagues.

For Junior and Senior T-Ball, we will identify one Manager and two assistant coaches for each team and the children of those coaches will automatically be paired together. We then look at coach and player preferences and work to accommodate as many of those as possible. Finally, we look at addresses and schools to try and get kids together from the same neighborhoods and schools.

## **Q: Where are practices and games held?**

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All practices and games are held in the Powell community. Our primary fields include:

- **Library Park** (460 Liberty Street, Powell, OH, 43065); primarily used for Junior and Senior T-Ball
- **Indian Springs** (3828 Home Road, Powell, OH, 43065); primarily used for Coach Pitch
- **Bruce Miller Field / Patriot Park** (7761 Liberty Rd N, Powell, OH, 43065); used for Minor and Major League
- **Tyler Run** (580 Salisbury Drive, Powell, OH, 43065); primarily used for Major and Minor League
- **Liberty Middle School** (7940 Liberty Rd N, Powell, OH, 43065); primarily used for Junior League

Once teams are formed and announced, coaches will typically schedule 2-3 practices per week (weather permitting) prior to games starting. Once the regular season starts, practices are much more limited.

Practices will be scheduled on available game fields prior to the regular season. Coaches also routinely use neighboring parks and open spaces for drills and basic skill work.

### **Q: When are the games?**

During the regular season, typically teams will play one game during the weekdays and one game during the weekend.

For Major Leagues this year, the majority of games will be on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

For all other leagues, games will typically be held Mon – Thur during the week and on Saturday. Depending on number of teams and games required, we may need to schedule some games on Sunday but try and limit these. We also do not schedule games on Friday nights, but do reserve these for potential rainout makeup dates.

### **Q: How many games do you play?**

The number of regular season games played varies by league. Please see the 2018 League Overview for details.

### **Q: When does the season start and end?**

Please see the 2018 League Overview for details. The season start date varies by league. We anticipate all regular season and league tournament games to be completed by June 28<sup>th</sup>, to accommodate family vacation requests over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

### **Q: What is the “League Celebration” scheduled for May 12, 2018?**

We began this in 2017 as a replacement to our opening day celebration and plan to conduct again in 2018. By pushing back a bit later, we will be able to include all players from all leagues and hopefully enjoy some better weather. More details to come.

### **Q: What are the all-star tournaments and who is eligible?**

There are Little League sanctioned district all-star tournaments for age groups 10 and up starting in early July. OPLL facilitates an evaluation process in early June to identify and form all-star teams to compete in these tournaments. More details to come.