

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *Can I help my child's team at practices or games?*
Only volunteers that have a volunteer League ID badge, carried in plain view, are allowed to help at practices and games. Volunteers are carefully screened and approved to provide the best protection for players.
2. *How do I get a League ID badge?*
You must submit a volunteer application and successfully pass a background check. Individuals may not be on the field, for practices or games, until a volunteer League ID badge is issued by the Board of Directors. Visit our website, print and fill out a volunteer application, and submit it to the president of the League.
3. *Who needs to submit a volunteer application?*
Managers, coaches, scorekeepers, base coaches, bench assistants, team parents and anyone who will be around players.
4. *I filled out a volunteer form last year. Do I need to fill one out this year?*
Yes. National Little League requires a new volunteer application every year.
5. *How do I figure my child's age for Little League purposes?*
For Baseball/T-Ball figure out what age he/she will be on April 30, 2010.
For Softball, figure out what age she will be on December 31, 2009.
6. *When is the last day of Registration?*
No more applications will be accepted after February 20, 2010.
7. *How are teams formed?*
Teams are formed for T-Ball & 2A Divisions by school.
Although, it is rare that teams will consist of only one school. Because some schools may not have enough players or may have too many players to form one team, schools may need to be split or combined. Late registrants will be added to a waiting list and players will be assigned to a team at the discretion of the division coordinator. Teams for players in divisions 3A, Majors and Juniors are organized by evaluations and draft. Drafting players allows for an evenly mixed team of various skill levels and results are confidential.
8. *Will all players who register be on a team?*
Yes, for ages 12 and below. Because of the limited interest in teams for ages 13 and above it may or may not be necessary to limit the number of players on the team based on an evaluation.
9. *What kind of uniform do I need?*
A T-shirt and hat will be provided to all players 12 & below, which they will be allowed to keep. Baseball/Softball pants for T-Ball & 2A Divisions are not a required part of the uniform, but are recommended. Cleats are recommended for 2A and above. Metal cleats are allowed at the Junior (13-14 year old) division ONLY.

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10. *Where do I purchase baseball/softball pants?*
You may purchase them at most sporting good stores.
11. *What kind of equipment will my child need?*
All equipment will be provided except a glove. Because of lice concerns, some parents feel more comfortable purchasing their own helmet. Helmets may **NOT** be painted but may have names with stickers on the inside bill. Painting voids the warranty and decreases protective properties of the helmet.
12. *When will practices be held?*
Practices are at the managers' discretion.
13. *When are games held?*
Regular season scheduled games will start at 5:30 or 6:00 pm during the week, with the exception of some Saturday games at the 3A, Majors and Junior divisions.
14. *How many games will be played?*
At least 12 games for the season. More games may be played at 3A, Majors and Juniors divisions.
15. *How do I know if a game is rained out?*
Rainouts will be made up at the earliest possible date, and could possibly be scheduled on a Saturday. Your Manager or Coach will call you and inform you of any rain out games. Please do not call the hotline as umpires and managers make this decision prior to the start of the game.
16. *How can I contact Albany Little League?*
Albany Little League is a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers. We do not have an office. Please leave a message at the hotline (541) 917-8811. Hotline messages are checked every day. You can also e-mail the league at info@albanyll.com. Please visit our website www.albanyll.com for more personnel e-mail contact information.
17. *Why do I have to show a state certified copy of a birth certificate?*
National Little League rules require proof of age be obtained for regular season and All-Stars. Information on obtaining your players Oregon certified birth certificate can be found at: www.ohd.hr.state.or.us or www.birthcertificates.net.
18. *What if I don't have my child's birth certificate today?*
You may still register, although your child will not be able to start practice until his/her birth certificate is certified by a Little League District 7 Representative. A Representative will be present at all registrations and at board meetings (see calendar). You can also find Vital Statistics online www.ohd.hr.state.or.us or www.birthcertificates.net.

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19. *I don't know where my child's birth certificate is, what should I do?*
There are blank order forms to be used when ordering your child's birth certificate available at registrations with a list of numbers to receive a form from other states.
20. *What do I need to bring as proof of residence and why 3 different items?*
Little League requires 3 different items for proof of residency to ensure members live within official league boundaries.
Examples: Drivers License, School Records, Federal, State, Local Record, Homeowner or tenant Record, Utility Bill.
21. *What if we can't make evaluations?*
Evaluations are required for 3A, Majors, Juniors and to qualify for All-Stars.
22. *What should my child bring to evaluations?*
A glove, comfortable clothing and non-marking tennis shoes (no cleats). Do not bring balls.
23. *When will we hear from our manager?*
If you have not heard from a manager by March 13th, 2010, please send an e-mail (info@albanyll.com) with your child's name, age and school or leave a voice mail on the League information line 917-8811.
24. *What is All-Stars?*
All-Star teams are formed for players in 3A, Majors and Junior divisions. Players are nominated by their peers to attend an evaluation or to be voted on by the Major Managers. This is very competitive post-season play, which travels to Salem to play in the District tournament. Teams have the potential to continue play and progress to State, Divisional, Regional, and World Series Tournaments. The 2007 Albany/Corvallis Softball Senior girls won State and went to Montana to compete in Regionals.
25. *I see Board Meetings on the calendar. Who attends & where are they held?*
Everyone is welcomed to attend and provide feedback and ideas to the Board of Directors. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month, at Ray's Food or at Allied Waste's meeting room, at 6:30 pm. Meetings are used to discuss, plan and coordinate League activities.
26. *I have no coaching or umpire training or experience, can I have the opportunity to give it a try?*
YES! Upon passing a background check and approval from the Board, anyone can coach or umpire! We provide several training opportunities to Managers, Coaches and Umpires. We are one of the few organizations who offer free manager and coach training. If you are interested in becoming a certified umpire, ask a board member how to get involved.

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27. *How are Managers/Coaches chosen?*
All Managers/Coaches must be approved by a majority Board of Directors vote. The following points are taken into consideration:
- Previous experience working with children.
 - Past coaching experience with Albany Little League. Past performance and positive/negative comments from parents and volunteers.
 - Previous volunteer experience
 - Past playing experience
 - Information reported on background checks. Only the League President has access to background information and information is kept completely confidential.
28. *What is a member/voting card?*
Cards sell for \$1 at the registrations and allows any member the right to vote on any proposal made at the general membership meeting or at the annual election of officers in September.
29. *How do I become more involved?*
There are many opportunities to become involved. Board positions are always available. You can be a Manager, Coach or Umpire. We need help keeping the fields cut during the season. Ask a Board member how you can help. We will not turn you away!!
30. *What fields do we practice on?*
That is up to the team manager (head coach). Only Albany City Parks or Albany Public School fields, within the Albany city limits, are acceptable as long as they are not being used by other groups.
31. *Where are games played?*
The following fields will be used for the 2010 season. In addition, upper divisions may play in Corvallis or Salem, depending on how many teams are formed in Albany.

Baseball

T-Ball	Waverly Elementary
2A Baseball	South Shore Elementary
3A Baseball	Timber Linn Park
Major Baseball	Timber Linn Park
Junior Baseball	TBD

Softball

3A & 2A Softball	Oak Elementary
Major Softball	Fairmont Elementary
Junior Softball	Corvallis Fields