

Hello Parents!

Welcome to the start of the 2019 Little League Season! As we prepare for winter we look forward to another spring/summer at the WBLL complex filled with good food, old and new friendships and great baseball being played! It truly is a fun filled experience for the whole family!! This year we will be opening up registration a month earlier than normal!

West Bend Little League is pleased to announce that Online Registration is now open for the 2019 Little League Season.

West Bend Little League has divisions for beginners and competitive players in both baseball and Girls Fast Pitch Softball. The number of players per team is limited to allow more playing time for each player. But no matter your skill level we have a program for YOUR child. Baseball and Softball provide each player with an opportunity to make new friends, learn to play the sport and most of all...HAVE FUN!!

This season we are eliminating the mandatory raffle AND providing you an opportunity to SAVE MONEY on registration. Please see the schedule below:

Register by midnight 12/31/18 – Registration fees remain the same as 2018!!!!

Register after 12/31/18 (in 2019) – Registration fees increase by \$25 for each division*

*Note that we have not had an increase in years – eliminating the raffle means the fees remain the same.

Registration Requirements

In order to play in Little League, two types of documentation are required to register.

- 1) Proof of Age – Birth Certificate with raised seal is the best option.
- 2) Proof of Residency – West Bend Little League requires at least one proof that the player resides in the boundary. Several types of proof can be used but MUST be dated between February 1st, 2018 and February 1st, 2019. Examples of approved proofs –valid driver’s license, utility bill, tax bills, insurance records, child care record, medical records, and vehicle registration records.
 - a. If a player lives outside the boundary but attends school inside the boundary, this is allowed. A special form is required.
 - b. If a player lives outside the boundary AND attends school outside the boundary, there is still a path by which your child can play. Our goal is to make it possible for all area children to have an opportunity to participate in our Little League programs. Please contact the president, Jim D’Angelo at 306-9664 for more information.

Please prepare these documents in advance of registration. Any questions, contact the League at 306-9664.

Other items to help complete the registration process include:

- Medical information
 - o Insurance cards, name and phone numbers of primary care doctors
- Date of last tetanus shot
- Shirt size
- Emergency contact information (other than parent)

League Age

Little League uses “League Age” calculations to determine where players land in the divisional structure. An age/division calculation chart is posted to the WBLL website.

Age determination date for **baseball** is: 8/31/2019. The age of the players on this date will be their age for the 2019 WBLL season.

Girls Fast Pitch Softball league age is the age of the player as of January 1st, 2019.

What is the divisional structure of the League?

The breakdown for each level and *league ages* are as follows:

Baseball:

- T-Ball: 5 to 6 year olds – (born 9/1/2012 – 8/31/2014)
- Rookies: 7 to 8 year olds - (born 9/1/2010 – 8/31/2012)
- Midwest: 9 to 10 year olds – 8 year olds are allowed to tryout if they played at least one year of Rookies AND must meet minimum tryout requirements (born 9/1/2008 - 8/31/2010)
- Majors: 11 to 12 year olds – default division for 11 and 12 year olds; 10 year olds interested in playing Majors have to evaluate for both Midwest and Intermediate. 10 year olds seeking to play in Majors must meet minimum tryout requirements to play in Majors. (born 5/1/2006 – 8/31/2008)
NOTE: Major level aged players all evaluate as Intermediate. Players interested in ONLY playing Majors should say so at Registration. They will still evaluate with their age group as an Intermediate, but will be placed in Majors.
- Intermediate: 11 to 13* year olds – a “try out” division with participation dependent upon evaluations. (born 9/1/2005 – 8/31/2008)
NOTE: Intermediate level is played using Junior League rules but on a 50/70 field.
NOTE: League Age 13 year olds (born 9/1/2005 – 8/31/2006) will be given Junior League tryout numbers. If they do not qualify for Juniors they default to Intermediate.
- Junior: 13* to 14 year olds – default division for 14 year olds; 13 year olds must try out (born 9/1/2005 – 8/31/2006)
NOTE: League Age 12 year olds (born 9/1/2006 – 8/31/2007) in the 7th grade will be allowed to try out for Juniors, but must meet minimum tryout requirements.
NOTE: League Age 15 year olds (born 9/1/2003 – 8/31/2004) are able to play in league, but are ineligible for Junior district play. Contact the league directly if interested.
- Senior: 15 – 16 year olds - High School freshman and sophomore players (born 9/1/2002 – 8/31/2004)
NOTE: League Age 14 year olds that are High School freshman are able to play in Senior League (born 9/1/2004 – 8/31/2005).
- Challengers: no age restriction or tryout

*= Dual Play possibilities. Dual play allows 13 year old players to participate in Intermediate AND Junior divisions provided their scores qualify them for Junior. If a player wishes to dual play they should add this to their notes during registration. Dual players MUST declare which division will be their

primary division. To make the formation of teams easier, dual play choices will be FROZEN as of March 4, 2019. If a change to dual play status must be made prior to this, please contact the Intermediate and Junior directors. Too much time has been spent verifying choices with many players “waffling” between dual playing and not. Players who do not wish to dual play MUST notify the divisional director prior to evaluations or note it on their registration forms.

GFP Softball – Minors/Majors will play by a new time line (timeline same as baseball, starting games in May) and will have interleague play (playing teams from neighboring communities).

Rookies:	7 to 8 year olds (machine pitch)
Minors:	8 to 10 year olds
Majors:	11 to 12 year olds
Seniors:	13 to 16 year olds

How do teams get picked?

Teams are determined by evaluations (excluding T Ball, Rookies and Challengers). The evaluation dates will be:

Sunday February 24th (8:00-3pm) in the South gym at the West Bend High School (All divisions)
Saturday March 2nd (8-3:00pm) in the South gym at the West Bend High School (All divisions)
Saturday March 9th (8-1:00pm) in the South gym at the West Bend High School (All divisions)

Please indicate preferred date in registration comments. (Specific tryout times will be given out upon completed registration).

Registration must be done online (see Online Registration button in upper right corner at www.westbendlittleleague.com). Returning players from 2018 will see much information already filled out. If you do not have access to the internet and cannot make the onsite registration, please contact Tammy Homuth at 306-9664.

NOTE: If you are new to the West Bend Little League (please see our website for details on how to register) or a returning player, you may not have to attend an onsite registration date if you pay online. The site offers an option to pay with a credit card for a small additional fee. If you choose to pay by check or cash, there are two options: a) attend one of the registration dates or b) mail copy of invoice and payment to WBLL, PO Box 531, West Bend, WI 53095. Payments must be received in order to receive an evaluation slip. Checks should be made out to WBLL.

Onsite Registration Dates are Wednesday, January 23rd from 5 pm to 8 pm. and Saturday, January 26th 9am to Noon. All registrations will be held at Silverbrook Middle School. We encourage all families to register on line whenever possible as it really is a simple process to undertake.

NOTE: For Spring League, proof of residency and a copy of the player’s birth certificate are required (see requirements above). These can be scanned and uploaded to our website during the registration process. If you do not want to upload these documents, you will need to attend one of our onsite registration dates.

Registration Outline

- a. Register online AT HOME (PREFERRED OPTION)
 - i. Upload proof of age and residency documents.
 - ii. Pay online – receive tryout slip by email once approved

- iii. Pay w/check or cash
 - 1. In person – receive tryout slip
 - 2. By mail with copy of invoice – receive tryout slip by email
- b. Register online at ONSITE registration day (LIMITED COMPUTER ACCESS)
 - i. Upload or show proof of age and residency documents.
 - ii. Pay online or w/ check or cash – receive tryout slip once approved

When are games played?

Normally, games are played during the week with some weekends. A structure will be developed to help minimize late nights especially for the younger players. Details on the exact structure will be determined by the turnout and number of teams.

Junior League (baseball) will be playing interleague play with Grafton and these will be considered regular season games. Some travel will be required depending on number of teams and games played. Also, on select weekends, district- wide interleague play will happen. In some cases, two West Bend Junior league teams will combine to form one team to play interleague games due to attendance issues. Please watch for communication on these weekends. These are real games and attendance by the primary team is required.

Additionally for 2019, Midwest and Majors (baseball) will also play at least one weekend in district-wide Interleague play. This is in an effort to expose players and parents to other facilities and teams within our district. It helps promote familiarity with others and give some limited opportunities to travel.

Senior League games will be in conjunction with Grafton, North Central and/or West Allis. West Bend will host some games, but not all. The details of the season is to be determined but will work around the high school season. It is WBLL's goal to form a Senior District team every year.

All division (except for T Ball and Rookies) will participate in an end of the season tournament that determines the league championship. These games are scheduled at the end of the regular season.

If you have additional questions, contact Tammy Homuth at surebakesalot@att.net or call 306-9664.

Thank you.