



Fall 2025 Coaches' Meeting

August 7th, 2025
Cornelius Town Hall





Lake Norman Little League

- ❖ Lake Norman Little League was established in 2011 as a non-profit, 100% volunteer-run, baseball and softball organization affiliated with Little League® Baseball and Softball. As a proud member of the Little League community, Lake Norman Little League believes in the power of youth baseball and softball to teach life lessons that build stronger individuals and communities and will work together as One Team. One Little League. Lake Norman Little League is a member of Little League's North Carolina District 3 consisting of member organizations from the greater Charlotte metropolitan area.

League Charters

2025 LITTLE LEAGUE® *Certificate of Charter*

This certifies that

Lake Norman Little League

is an official Little League program for the 2025 season and agrees to adhere to the rules, regulations, and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. As a proud member of the Little League community, this league believes in the power of youth baseball and softball to teach life lessons that build stronger individuals and communities and will work together as One Team. One Little League.



ISSUED JANUARY 1, 2025 AT WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA


Little League President and CEO



Little League Charter
(Tee Ball through Senior League)



Babe Ruth League Charter
(18U Baseball)



Board of Directors

Jerri Shephard
President

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Heather Kline
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Player Agent

Todd Elwell
Safety Officer

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Vice President

Steve Treffiletti
Coaching
Coordinator

Bryan Walsh
Director

SOFTBALL PROGRAMS

Megan Rowell
Vice President

Todd Elwell
Coaching
Coordinator

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General Counsel

Brian Ragone
Challenge

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Brian Ragone
Equipment Mgr

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League
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Officer

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Director



Little League Baseball & Softball

North Carolina's District 3

Southeast Region

(Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South
Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia)



NC Little League Districts



Player Eligibility – League Age

- **Babe Ruth 18U Baseball Division**
 - Players who are age-eligible to participate in Senior League Baseball are encouraged to do so through the end of their Little League eligibility.
 - Fall '23 seasons reference the 2024 Babe Ruth League Birth Chart for Baseball
 - Any player born in 2005 through April 2008 is eligible to participate.
 - Any player eligible to participate in high school athletics is eligible to participate.



Player Eligibility – League Age

- Little League Softball
 - Divisions of play are structured by league age
 - Spring & Fall seasons reference the current year's Little League Age Chart for Softball
 - The 2025 Age Determination Date for Softball players is the actual age of a child on December 31, 2025

2025 Little League® Age Chart



Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE
2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	4
2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	5
2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	6
2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	7
2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	8
2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	9
2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	10
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	11
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	12
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	13
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	14
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	15
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	16

NOTE: This age chart is for SOFTBALL DIVISIONS ONLY, and only for 2025.

Player development needs considered for petitions to play up/down.



Player Eligibility – League Age

- Little League Baseball
 - Divisions of play are structured by league age
 - Fall '25 seasons reference the 2026 Little League Age Chart for Baseball
 - The Fall '25 Age Determination Date is the actual age of a child on August 31, 2026
 - Fall '25 will reference the 2026 LLB age chart

2025 Little League® Age Chart



Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE
2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020	2020	4
2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019	2019	5
2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018	2018	6
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NOTE: This age chart is for BASEBALL DIVISIONS ONLY, and only for 2025.

Player development needs considered for petitions to play down.



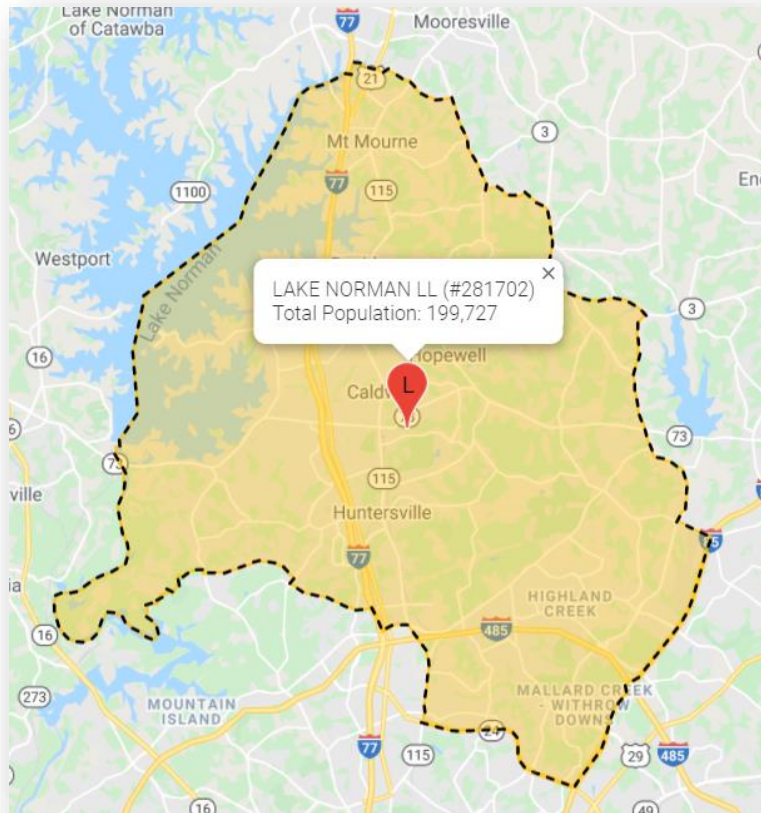
Player Eligibility – Residency

- Age-eligible youth that reside or attend school within our league boundaries have full eligibility for participation.
- Little League boundary regulations are designed to maintain a community, hometown spirit.
- No Little League boundary can overlap or encroach on another chartered Little League's boundary.

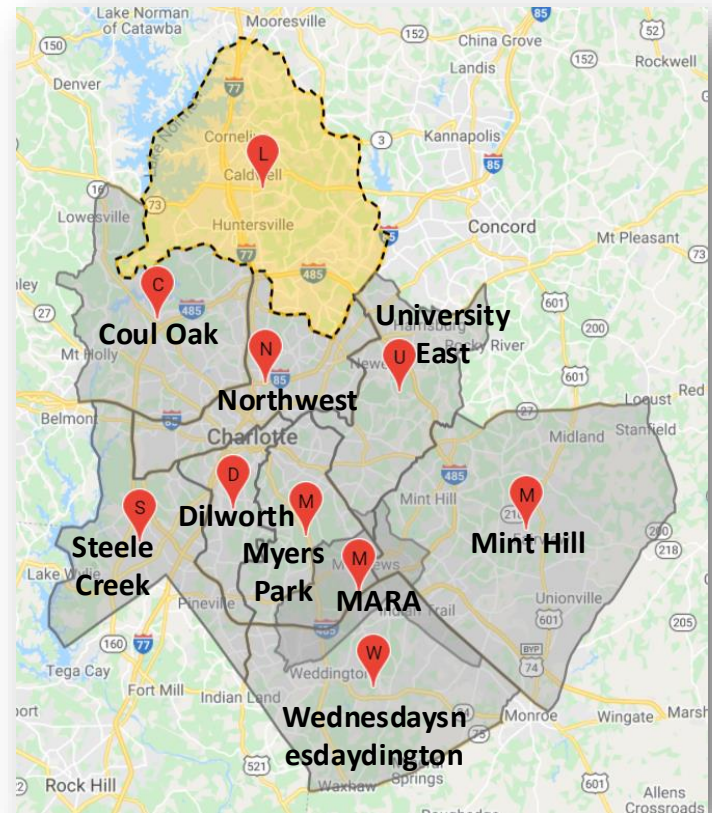


Baseball Boundary

LKNLL Baseball



NC District 3 Baseball

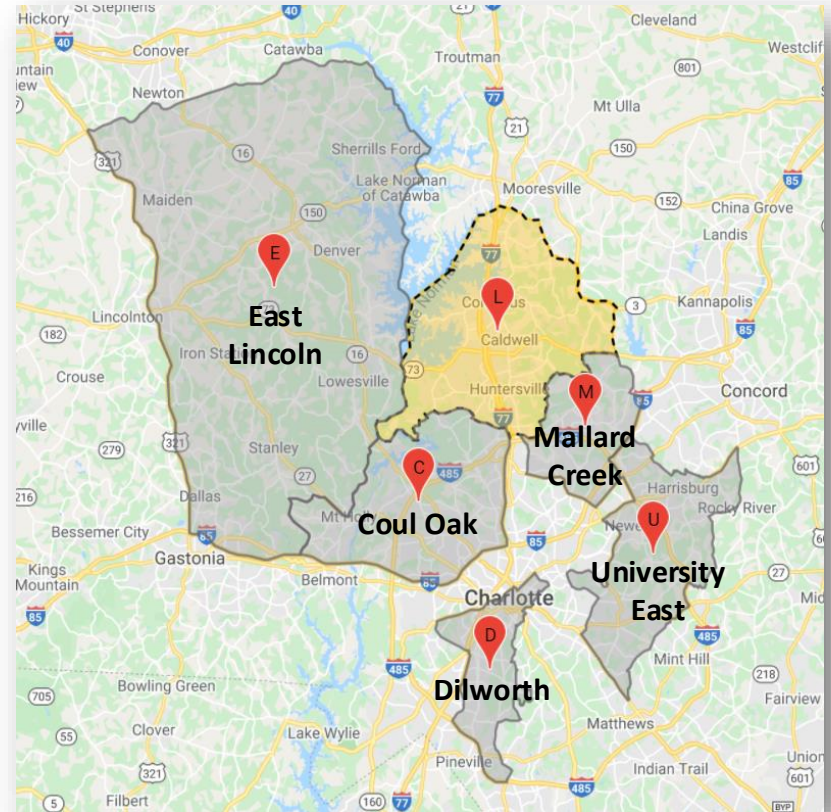


Softball Boundary

LKNLL Softball



NC District 3 Softball



Community Partnerships



Abernathy Park

Alexander Middle School

Bradford Park

Bradley Middle School

Huntersville Athletic Park

Huntersville Elementary

North Mecklenburg Park

Torrence Creek Elementary

Waymer Park

Bailey Road Park

James Hoyt Wilhelm Park

Legion Park

Smithville Park

Torrence Chapel Park

Westmoreland Athletic Complex

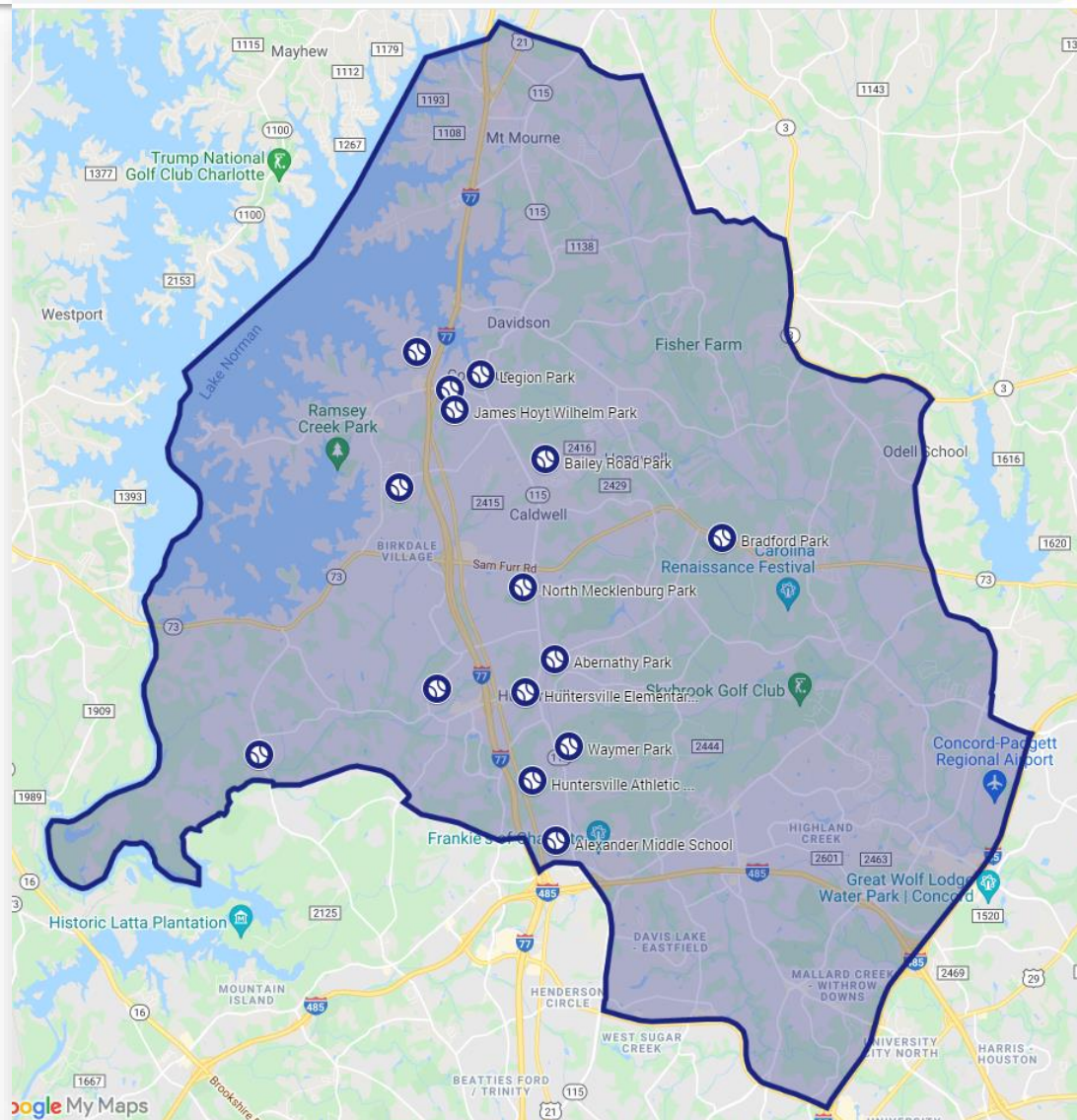
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Password: Spring 2024



Ballpark Locations



Programs Report



2025 Divisions of Play



Baseball	League Ages	Softball	League Ages
Tee Ball	4-6		
Single A	6-7	Rookies	6-8
Double A	7-8		
Triple A	8-10	Minors	8-10
Quad A	9-11		
Majors	10-12		
Junior League	13-14	Majors	10-12
Senior League	15-16		
Baseball	Ages	Senior League	13-16
Babe Ruth	16-18		

"Big League" Divisions
District League Game Schedules

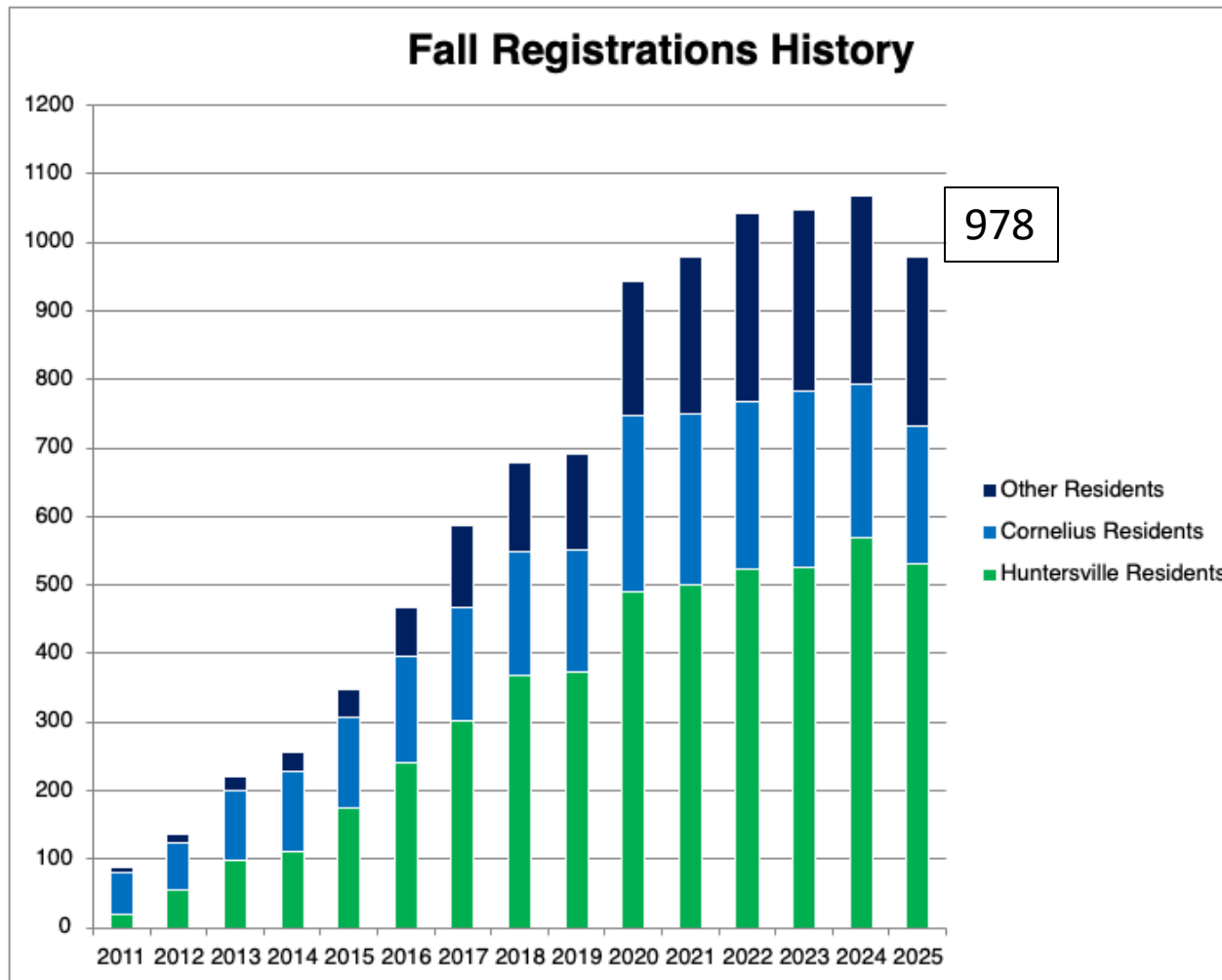


Division Commissioners

Program	Division	# Teams	Commissioner	Email
Softball	Rookies		Mark McAuley	MarkMcAuley@lknll.com
	Minors		Lindsey Brammer	LindseyBrammer@lknll.com
	Majors		Shannon Malone	ShannonMalone@lknll.com
Baseball	Seniors		Monica Putnam	MonicaPutnam@lknll.com
	Tee Ball		Brandon Caputo	BrandonCaputo@lknll.com
	Single A		Walt Sullins	WaltSullins@lknll.com
	Double A		Brian Ragone	BrianRagone@lknll.com
	Triple A		Damon Towe	DamonTowe@lknll.com
	Majors		Flint Foley	Flintfoley@lknll.com
	Juniors		Mike Marshall	MikeMarshall@lknll.com
	Seniors		Mike Marshall	MikeMarshall@lknll.com
	18U		Rob Johnston	RobJohnston@lknll.com
BB Challenge			Brian Ragone	BrianRagone@lknll.com



Fall Registrations



Safety

Safety Coordinator:
Todd Elwell



Safety

- www.LKNLL.com > Information > Safety
- Safety Manual
- AEDs
 - Fields and Locations
- Safe Baseball
 - League online course for coaches and volunteers
 - We ask that ALL team managers and lead assistants take the training
 - Requirement for any coach coaching all stars
 - 30 minute course





Abuse Awareness Training

- Annual Abuse Awareness Training, in compliance with Little League Regulation I(c)(10), is required to be conducted by every individual before assuming any of his/her duties for the current season. Each local league is permitted to determine which specific abuse awareness training program should be completed by their league. The Abuse Awareness training provided by USA Baseball is hosted by former Chicago Cubs catcher, David Ross. The free Abuse Awareness for Adults course provides resources to create a positive and safe environment for all athletes, coaches, parents, legal guardians, and umpires by understanding how to recognize misconduct and abuse of all types. Topics covered include how to identify and report incidents and what abuse awareness policies should be in place.

Little League - Local Leagues

If your Little League is not listed, please select " **Little League "

Lake Norman LL - Huntersville, NC



+ Join

- USABDevelops.com/page/3532/courses
- ALL COACHES MUST COMPLETE



Background Checks

- All volunteers must complete a background check prior to participating in ANY on field activities (Games and practices)
- This includes all coaches, volunteers, scorekeepers, and umpires
- Volunteers should sign into their account at www.lknll.com and complete the volunteer application. The league will then initiate the background check through JDP.
- Volunteer will receive an email from JDP with a link to complete the check
- Team managers are responsible to ensure no one helps during practices and games without the completed background check.
- Team Roster Email will show all volunteers assigned to your team
- Gamechanger roster will also show all volunteers assigned to your team under Team - Staff

Team Volunteer Information

Role	First Name	Last Name
Assistant Coach	Jason	baker
Assistant Coach	Keith	Costenoble
Assistant Coach	Stephen	Costenoble
Team Manager	Rob	Johnston
Assistant Coach	Arick	Kanagy
Assistant Coach	Charles	Thompson



Additional Safety

- Majors and Below - No on-deck Batters. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- No swinging outside the dugout anywhere unless in a batting cage
 - No hit sticks
 - No soft toss outside the dugout unless inside a batting cage
 - Prior to games teams may do soft toss into a net inside the field or in a batting cage
- All Softball players must wear a facemask when fielding and batting helmets must have face shield



LITTLE LEAGUE® DIAMOND LEADER TRAINING

- Social and emotional learning/assistant program
- Focused on ensuring children have a positive, well-rounded experience on and off the field, the Little League® Diamond Leader Training Program is a FREE educational resource that provides coaches with an understanding of the impact that mental, social, and emotional well-being has in youth sports through detailed information, interactive scenarios, and a variety of additional resources.
- [Little League® Diamond Leader Training - Little League](#)
- All Coaches are encouraged to take this course. ALL coaches who plan to coach all-stars must complete training.
 - Only need to take one time



Sportsmanship

Coaching Coordinators:



Sportsmanship

- Sportsmanship will always be one of the most important pillars of the Little League program.
- Build a positive, character-developing culture on your team.
 - Emphasize the importance of effort.
 - Teach players how to speak and behave as people of principle and character.
 - Be patient with mistakes, keeping verbal and non-verbal reactions to mistakes in check.
 - Treat umpires respectfully. Model and explain self-control techniques to players.
 - Get to know your players as people.



Umpire Interaction Policy

- Reference League Bylaws, Section 1.13
- Parents/Spectators shall not question or comment from spectator areas regarding umpire calls. Questions should be directed to their Team Manager only after abiding by the 24-hour rule, NOT at the game site.
- Parents/Spectators shall not discuss a game, a play or a strategy with a coach for at least 24 hours after the contest.
- All communications with umpires should be done in a respectful and deferential manner by the TEAM MANAGER ONLY.
- Coaches are expected to exercise control of their team's players, spectators, and parents.



Umpire Interaction Policy

Coach Interaction with Umpires:

Coach actions on the field are viewed by all spectators, parents and players from both teams; thus, coaches must set the highest standard of behavior. All communications with umpires should be done in a respectful and deferential manner by the **TEAM MANAGER ONLY**. The Team Manager should always speak directly to the umpire who made the call. Yelling across the field at an umpire over a call is not acceptable as this can be construed as hostile even when not intended. Team Managers should request a time out to approach the umpire and discuss the situation in a respectful and conversational manner. Coaches must remember that an adult coach approaching a youth umpire can be intimidating to the young umpire, A coach acting in a respectful manner will help mitigate that intimidation.

Additionally, coaches are expected to exercise control of their team's players, spectators, and parents; proactively intervening early in situations that could potentially result in disciplinary actions from the umpire and/or league.

Judgment calls by an umpire shall **NEVER** be questioned. Coaches may not demand that an umpire seek help from another umpire. Umpires, at their discretion, may consult with the other umpire for help.

Interpretations of a rule may be questioned, but only in a quiet and respectful way by requesting to approach the umpire. For example, if a coach wanted to discuss the proper penalty for an interference call it would be appropriate since there are guidelines spelled out in the Little League Rulebook and it is not up to umpire discretion. However, arguing the umpire's judgment to call interference is not acceptable. If something cannot be resolved on the field, refer to the Little League Rule 4.19 regarding protesting a game.



Draft Night

- Draft night will be August 14-18th
 - Commissioners will reach out to coaches with locations
- Balanced Teams
- Focus on development
- All trades must be approved by division commissioner AND VP of baseball, softball OR President



Skill Day



Skill Day

- WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
- Focus on measurable skills
 - Running Speed
 - Throwing Distance
 - Infield/Outfield
 - Hitting
- Points Based Scoring
- Talk to Soren Johnson about volunteering
- Sorenjohnson@lknll.com



Skill Day

PROGRAM	DIVISION	CHECK-IN	EVALUATIONS
Softball	Rookies	8:30 am	9:00 - 10:30
	Minors	10:00 am	10:30 - 12:00
	Majors	11:30 am	12:00 - 1:00
	Seniors	11:30 am	12:00 - 1:00
Baseball	Single-A	8:30 am	9:00 - 11:00
	Double-A	10:30 am	11:00 - 1:00
	Triple-A	12:30 pm	1:00 - 3:00
	Majors	2:30 pm	3:00 - 5:00
	LAST NAMES	JERSEY FITTINGS	
Tee Ball	A - D	9:00 - 10:30	
	E - K	10:30 - 12:00	
	L - P	12:00 - 1:30	
	Q - Z	1:30 - 3:00	

WE NEED UMPIRES!!



- Great part time job
- Keeps teenagers and adults around the game
- Perfect for our older kids that are still playing big league division baseball and softball or those that have graduated from the league



League Fundraising Events



Team & Individual Pictures

ckvisuals

- Fall pictures scheduled for September 24-27
- Team picture plaques provided to sponsors
- 100% participation is expected for team photos

Promote League Shop Days



Lake Norman Little League
Offers valid 8/8/2025 - 8/11/2025

- Dicks Sporting Goods 8/8 – 8/11
 - Must use link provided in email or on Facebook
- Academy Aug 22-24

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Fall Event

-COACH-
Ballgame

2025
SANDLOT TOUR

Feb 12 Chandler, AZ
Feb 23 HB, CA
Mar 12 Nashville, TN
May 9 St. Paul, MN
May 10 Lakeville, MN
May 17 Henderson, NV
June 28 Salt Lake City, UT
June 28 Farmington, UT
July 16 Suwanee, GA
July 17 Newnan, GA
July 18 Hoover, AL
Sep 4 Liberty Lake, WA
Sep 5 Wenatchee, WA
Sep 6 Snohomish, WA
Sep 6 West Seattle, WA
Sep 8 Frederick, MD
Sep 10 Long Island, NY
Sep 12 Swansea, MA



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~~Sep 13 Norfolk, MA~~ sold out
Sep 14 Sudbury, MA
Sep 16 Cleveland, OH
Sep 17 Indianapolis, IN
Sep 18 West Terre Haute, IN
Sep 20 Branson, MO
Sep 22 Louisville, KY
Sep 23 Chattanooga, TN
Sep 24 Huntersville, NC
Sep 26 Chesapeake, VA
Sep 27 Outer Banks, NC
Oct 3 Vista, CA
Nov 12 Waxachachie, TX
Nov 13 Arlington, TX
Nov 14 Arlington, TX
Nov 15 Salado, TX
Nov 16 Austin, TX - Girls
Nov 16 Austin, TX - Boys

SIGN UP at www.coachballgame.com



Resources



Equipment Pickup

- Brian Ragone – Equipment Manager
 - Tuesday 8/19 from 5:30 PM – 7 PM

* if unable to come by on the 19th please reach out to Brian Ragone
brianragone@lknll.com *



Little League Rulebook App

RULEBOOK APP IS NOW FREE

Along with the 2023 Little League® season updates, the Rulebook App is now a FREE download on both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

Download the FREE Rulebook App Today!



[Rulebook App - Little League](https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/little-league-rulebook-app/)

<https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/little-league-rulebook-app/>



GC Team Manager App



Important Next Steps



Complete Volunteer Application

- To become an approved league volunteer, you must first register online through your league account.
- Once registered, you will receive an automated email to complete the volunteer application and authorize a background check. This is required each **CALENDAR** year.
- Only approved league volunteers are permitted to participate in team activities.

Division Commissioners have complete listing of approved volunteers



Review Playing Rules

- The 2025 Little League rulebook governs all play.
- League Bylaws established as the General League Policy.

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**LAKE NORMAN LITTLE LEAGUE
BYLAWS**
2025 Edition



Approved: October 15, 2024

Review Playing Rules

- Download the Little League Rule book app to your phone.
- Bookmark and print spring the local Rules/Bylaws
- Page 15 starts local Rules (Section 6)
 - 6.1.7 Start of a new inning
 - 6.1.11 Approved Volunteers allowed on field
 - 6.1.12 Bat Rules (Team Manager Responsibility)
 - 6.1.15 Mandatory Play Rule
 - 6.1.19 Music Rule

Review Tee Ball Curriculum



- 10-week plan that features structured learning
- Coaches and parents engage in a series of lessons utilizing up to 40 activities that include skills, drills and plenty of physical activity.

Take Note of Important Dates

	All Programs
Registration Opens	July 1
Early Bird Deadline	July 10
Registration Closes	August 3
Coaches Meeting	August 7
Skills Day (Little League)	August 9
Skills Day (Juniors/Seniors) & Babe Ruth 18U	August 10 (afternoon)
Baseball Tryouts	August 10 (afternoon)
Challenge Baseball Tryouts	August 14
Team Drafts	week of August 18th
Team Announcements	week of August 25th
Practices Begin	August 31 – September 1*
Labor Day Break*	September 5-9
Games Begin	September 24-27
Pictures	October 31*
Halloween Break*	by November 8
Season Ends	

What Equipment is Required?

- Shared equipment is discouraged
- Contact your Division Commissioner if any child needs equipment assistance
- Parents are encouraged to equip their children with all equipment necessary to participate
 - Glove
 - Bat
 - Batting helmet
 - Cleats
 - Batting gloves
 - Personal protective gear
 - Fielding face guard (softball)
 - Personal equipment bag

What is included with Uniforms?

- Parents for all players provide game pants
 - Coach to determine based on team colors
- League provided uniforms include:
 - Hat (Baseball)
 - Jersey
 - Socks
 - Belt (no belts for Tee Ball)
- Big League Baseball uniforms and senior softball include two jerseys

“Little League” Uniforms

- Uniform cost included in registration
- Uniform standardization across league
- Baseball – MLB Colors
- Softball – College Colors



“Big League” Baseball Uniforms

- Uniform cost included in registration
- Returning players who own a uniform package can receive a refund for the uniform cost



Senior Softball Uniforms

- Uniform cost included in registration



Belt



Divisional Break-out Meetings

Thank you for Volunteering!



Divisional Break-out Meetings

Program	Division	Commissioner	Game Days
Softball	Rookies	Mark McAuley	Wednesdays (6:45) & Saturdays (9 /10:45/ 12:30 / 2:15)
	Minors	Lindsey Brammer	Mondays & Thursday (6:45)
	Majors	Shannon Malone	Tuesdays & Fridays (6:45)
	Seniors	Monica Putnam	Mondays & Thursdays (7:00 or 8:00)
Baseball	Tee Ball	Brandon Caputo	Saturdays (9:00)
	Single A	Ryan Miller	Saturdays (10:30 / 12:30)
	Double A	Brian Ragone	Wednesdays (6:45)
	Triple A	Damon Towe	Mondays & Thursdays (6:45)
	Majors	Flint Foley	Tuesdays & Fridays (6:45)
	Jrs/Srs/18U	Mike Marshall	Tuesdays/Wednesdays (6:45) & Saturdays (varies)
BB Challenge		Brian Ragone	Sundays



SKILLS DAY – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you for Volunteering!

