

SOFTBALL

REGISTRATION

SPRING 2018



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I. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Summerlin South Little League's 2018 Spring Season. This season, we anticipate that we will host nearly 900 players from ages 4-16 in baseball, girls softball, and tee ball. Over 300 adult volunteers will serve as coaches, scorekeepers, board or committee members, and team parents to make our league the overwhelming success it is. Our goal is to deliver the best quality youth sports experience possible.

Registration for the 2018 Spring Season opens on Cyber Monday (November 27, 2018). Players who register that day will even enjoy a \$25 discount on their registration fees. The purpose of this booklet is to provide parents and coaches with a summary of things they might want to know in order to register their child(ren) for one of the Summerlin South Little League's softball divisions. There is a separate, similar booklet with information on registering a female for one of the league's baseball divisions.

This booklet is designed only to provide the most basic information needed to make registration decisions. For a more detailed summary of the league's operations and policies, please see the Policy & Procedure Handbook that we recently revised and posted on our website at www.summerlinsouthll.org.

If you have any questions after reviewing this booklet or the information pages on our league website (www.summerlinsouthll.org), please feel free to reach out for additional information.

Thank you for trusting us to provide your children and our community with a healthy and fun baseball and softball experience this season.

Summerlin South Little League Board of Directors

LEAGUE CONTACT INFORMATION

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II. LEAGUE BOUNDARIES

GEOGRAPHICAL ELIGIBILITY

Players are eligible to play in Summerlin South Little League only if they reside inside the league's boundaries OR they attend a school located within the league's boundaries. The league consists of those portions of Summerlin south of Charleston Boulevard or west of the 215 beltway (in the Summerlin West, Summerlin South, Summerlin Centre, or Red Rock Country Club communities). A map of the league's boundaries is available at www.summerlinsouthll.org or in the Parent & Coach Handbook. A player resides within the league boundaries if:

- The player's parents are living together and are residing within the league's boundaries; OR
- Either of the player's parents (or his/her court-appointed legal guardian) reside within the league's boundaries.

A player will be deemed to attend school in the league's boundaries if the physical location of the school where they attend classes is within the league's boundaries. Under Little League regulations, this excludes home schools, cyber schools, sports-related schools, sports academies, preschool, or after school programs where a student participates outside of the primary school the player is enrolled. Currently, the following schools are located in Summerlin South Little League's boundaries:

- Vassiliadis Elementary
- Givens Elementary
- Goolsby Elementary
- Ober Elementary
- Solomon Schechter Day School
- Faith Lutheran Academy
- Alexander Dawson
- Doral Academy Red Rock
- Faith Lutheran Jr./Sr. High School
- West Career and Technical Academy
- Bishop Gorman High School.

Because we operate a combined girls softball program with Peccole Little League and Summerlin North Little League, players who reside in or go to school in those leagues are likewise eligible for our girls softball program, in the event those leagues do not register their own softball teams.

WAIVERS FOR PLAYERS LIVING OUTSIDE THE LEAGUE'S BOUNDARIES

Any player who does not reside in or go to a school located in the league's boundaries must have an approved waiver issued by the Charter Committee at Little League International in order to play in Summerlin South Little League. Consult the league's [website](#) or the Policy & Procedure Handbook for more information on the types of waivers and the process for obtaining them. Waiver forms can be downloaded from the league's website. Once completed, the waiver should be uploaded through the waiver submission portal on the homepage of the league's website accompanied by a signed letter explaining the circumstances that you believe justify requesting a waiver. No out-of-boundary players will be rostered or drafted without a waiver in place.

III. SOFTBALL DIVISIONS FOR SPRING 2018

Summerlin South Little League welcomes **female players** with "league ages" 5-16 to participate in its softball programs. Tee ball is available for female players with league ages 4 (teams are co-ed and will play with a baseball unless sufficient interest warrants a separate division for tee ball softball).

DETERMINING PLAYER AGE

Little League International rules dictate how a child's age is calculated. The player's actual age at the time of registration or the season beginning is not necessarily his or her age for Little League registration purposes. Instead, Little League uses a concept called "league age," which is different for baseball and softball:

For **softball** players, league age is defined as the age the player is prior to January 1 of the year in which any given season is played. This principle applies regardless of age.

You can determine your child's league age by consulting this chart:

You can determine your child's league age by consulting this chart (NOTE THAT SOFTBALL LEAGUE AGES ARE DETERMINED DIFFERENTLY THAN BASEBALL LEAGUE AGES):

Spring 2018 Little League Age Chart FOR SOFTBALL DIVISION ONLY

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
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	4
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	5
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	6
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	7
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	8
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	9
2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	10
2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	11
2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	12
2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	13
2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	14
2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	15
2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	16
2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	17
1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	18

TEE BALL DIVISIONS

TEE BALL - MINORS (League Ages 4-5)

Players born between September 1, 2012 and August 31, 2014

The Tee Ball Minors division is for league age 4 and 5-year olds is a pure tee ball division (NEVER COACH PITCH) designed to introduce our youngest players to the basics, fundamentals and fun of baseball. This is a non-competitive division where players can learn and practice fundamental baseball skills at an early age and receive maximum enjoyment from the experience. Tee Ball players do not evaluate to play. There are no team standings or playoffs, and scores are not recorded. Players can request a coach (depending on roster availability). Teams are co-ed and will play with a baseball unless sufficient interest warrants a separate division for tee ball softball.

SOFTBALL DIVISIONS

MINORS A (League Ages 5-8)

Players born between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2012

The Minors A division is a developmental machine pitch division for league ages 5, 6, 7 and 8-year olds. 5 and 6-year olds MUST have played at least one season of Tee Ball to be eligible to play in this division. Players do not evaluate to play. Game scores and standings are kept and will be used to seed the teams for the end of season tournament, although the primary focus is player development. In order to maintain competitive balance, players cannot request a specific coach or team.

MINORS AA & AAA (League Ages 8-11)

Players born between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2009

The Minors AA division is a modified kid pitch division where standings will be kept. Because players are learning to pitch, batters cannot take a base on balls. Once a batter has a four ball count, the batter's coach will pitch until the batter has put the ball into play or is retired. The Minors AAA division is a competitive kid pitch division where standings will be kept. Both division utilize a 60-foot base path, 35-foot pitching distance, and 11" ball. Game scores and standings are kept and will be used to seed the teams for the end of season tournaments. **For the Spring Season, players do not select whether they wish to play in the AAA or AA division.** All players must attend one of four scheduled evaluations to be eligible for the draft (they select the session during registration). The AAA teams draft their players and any remaining players are placed in the AA draft pool.

MAJORS (League Ages 10-12)

Players born between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007

The Majors division is a competitive division where standings will be kept. It utilizes a 60-foot base path, 40-foot pitching distance, and 12" ball. Game scores and standings are kept and will be used to seed the teams for the end of season tournaments. All players must attend one of two scheduled evaluations to be eligible for the draft. There is no draft for the Fall Season, and players are permitted to choose their division, subject to available roster spots and appropriate skill level.

JUNIORS (League Ages 12-14)

Players born between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2005

This division is the first to utilize a regulation sized softball field with a 60-foot base path and 43-foot pitching rubber. **The league's ability to charter a team in this division is dependent on sufficient interest.**

SENIORS (League Ages 13-16)

Players born between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2003

This division is the first to utilize a regulation sized softball field with a 60-foot base path and 43-foot pitching rubber. **The league's ability to charter a team in this division is dependent on sufficient interest.**

IV. REGISTRATION DATES & FEES

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

January 1, 2018	Deadline for early registration for all divisions
February 1 2018	Late registration closes for all softball and tee-ball divisions

Players who do not register by the deadline can join the waitlist. Instructions for being included on the waitlist will be posted on the league's website.

REGISTRATION FEES

	REGISTRATION FEE	LATE FEE (after January 1)
TEE BALL:		
Tee Ball Minors Division	\$160 per player	\$185 per player
Tee Ball Majors Division	\$170 per player	\$195 per player
SOFTBALL:		
Minors A Division	\$190 per player	\$215 per player
Minors AA & AAA Divisions	\$205 per player	\$230 per player
Majors, 50/70, Junior, & Senior Divisions	\$220 per player	\$255 per player

All players who register on Cyber Monday (November 27, 2018) will received a \$25 discount on their registration.

SIBLING DISCOUNT

If you are registering more than one player in your family this season, you will receive a \$25 discount for every child registered as long as there is a minimum of 2 children registered (must be registered at the same time).

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee includes a complete uniform (personalized jersey, pants, belt, socks, visor), field time for practices and at least 12 games (more in older divisions), cage time at Mesa cages for each team, field preparation fees, umpire fees (in non-tee ball divisions), game balls, insurance, and participation awards for all tee ball and Minors A players as well as trophies for tournament winners and runners-up in the Minors AAA Division and above. Registration fees do not include team or player pictures, which can be ordered directly from DCI Photography, the official photographer of Summerlin South Little League.

DISCOUNTS FOR EARLY REGISTRATION

Register early to avoid additional fees. Each player registering after January 1, 2018 will pay a \$25 late fee.

IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER

The league's ability to charter teams in a specific age group is dependent on interest. If there are not enough players in a division to form even a single team, the player will be notified as soon as possible, the league will refund registration fees, and will attempt to assist the family in locating an alternate playing opportunity.

V. HOW TO REGISTER

The only way to register players for Summerlin South Little League is through the online registration portal on the homepage of the league's [website](#).

During the online registration process, there is a tool for you to upload a scanned version of your child's birth certificate. You must also be prepared, on demand, to submit proof of address. Acceptable proofs of address include documents, dated or in force between February 1, 2017 (previous year) and February 1, 2018 (current year) that show the parent's name and address from **EACH** of the following categories:

Group I:

1. Driver's License
2. School records
3. Vehicle registration or lease
4. Employment records (paystub, W-2, etc.)
5. Insurance documents

Group II:

1. Welfare/child care records
2. Federal records (tax, social security, etc.)
3. State records
4. Local (municipal) records
5. Support payment records
6. Homeowner or tenant records (deed, rental agreement, etc.)
7. Military records

Group III:

1. Voter's registration
2. Utility bills (gas, electric, water/sewer, phone, waste disposal, etc.)
3. Financial (loan, credit, investments, etc.) records
4. Medical records
5. Internet, cable or satellite records

In addition, players who attend a school located in the league's boundaries are eligible no matter where they live. School attendance must be established by a completed School Enrollment Form (available [here](#)).

VI. REFUND POLICY

A player may withdraw his/her registration and receive a full refund of the registration fee (minus a \$25 service charge) until the date registration closes for that player's division. After registration closes for a particular division and teams are being formed, any refund is for extraordinary circumstances only (such an injury, moving away from the area, etc.) and is at the Board's sole discretion. Refunds will not be given for a player who withdraws his/her registration to pursue another sports program.

VII. TEAM FORMATION

TEAM FORMATION IN DRAFTING DIVISIONS

For the Spring Season, players in the following baseball divisions are assigned to teams through the draft:

- Seniors (if number of registrants warrant multiple teams)
- Juniors (if number of registrants warrant multiple teams)
- Majors
- Minors AAA
- Minors AA

Players in these divisions must evaluate to be drafted. The process and schedule for evaluations and the draft are described below.

In the Majors division, the League has adopted the "property player" system in which a player, once drafted to a Majors Division team, remains the property of that team for the remainder of his or her Little League Majors career unless formally released under the procedure established by the Operating Manual. Since the Majors division has been inactive for a few seasons, there are currently no property players in Majors softball.

TEAM FORMATION IN NON-DRAFTING DIVISIONS

In the other divisions, there is no draft and rosters are assigned by the Player Agent for that division:

- In the Tee Ball Minors and Tee Ball Majors divisions, each manager can "reserve" his/her child, and the children of his/her assistant coaches, and any other player up to a maximum of 10 players. Parents are permitted to make coach requests during registration. The league will do its best to honor coach requests, but cannot promise that all such requests can be fulfilled.
- In the Minors A division, each manager can "reserve" his/her child and the children of his/her assistant coaches up to a maximum of five players. If the team has a committed sponsor, they can "reserve" a sixth player. The balance of the roster will be assigned by the Player Agent, with the goal being to balance the teams as closely as possible in age, experience, and skill. **Once a player is in the Minors A division, parents can no longer make coach requests and such requests will not be considered.**

Teams are rostered immediately following registration closes. Players and their parents are notified of their team assignment by their team's manager.

SIBLINGS ON THE SAME TEAM

Some families have children that are close in age and are both of an age where they could be playing in the same division (baseball or softball). Siblings registered in the same division will automatically be rostered on the same team with two exceptions:

- In the Majors division, there is no guarantee that siblings will be drafted to the same team. A parent cannot enforce an option for siblings to be drafted together.
- The so-called "sibling option" cannot be used to compel the league to roster a player with his/her sibling if there is a disparity of skill and ability between the two children such they should not be placed in the same division. In such circumstances, a league official will contact the family and find an appropriate solution for both players.

CHANGING TEAMS AFTER ROSTERS ARE FORMED

Once a player is drafted or rostered in either baseball or softball, he/she must play on that team. The league will not move players from team to team, with the exception of a player being moved up to a Major team to fill a vacancy as outlined in the league's Policy & Procedure Manual.

VIII. PLAYER EVALUATIONS & THE DRAFT

PLAYERS WHO MUST EVALUATE & BE DRAFTED

In order to be eligible to play one of the drafting divisions (Seniors, Juniors, Majors or Minors AAA & AA divisions), a player **MUST** be evaluated before the Spring Season. This means all baseball and softball players who are league age 9 or older must participate in evaluations (unless evaluations are waived for the Juniors or Seniors divisions). League age 8-year old players **may** evaluate for the baseball Minors AA division in baseball or the Minors AAA division in softball but are not guaranteed to be drafted onto a team. Any league age 8 player who wishes to evaluate should select the AA division at registration.

SCHEDULE FOR EVALUATIONS

The schedule for evaluations is posted on the league website. There are two available sessions in which a player can evaluate for softball (typically a weeknight and a Saturday morning). But a player only needs to evaluate at one session. Players choose their evaluation session during registration. A specific evaluation time is assigned to each player a few days before the session. Players should arrive in enough time to warm up before their assigned evaluation time.

WHAT TO BRING TO EVALUATIONS

Players should be dressed and equipped for softball. They should have a fielding glove, bat, and batting helmet. They should wear softball clothes, hat, and cleats. The league strongly discourages players from wearing sneakers or shorts to evaluations.

EVALUATION PROCESS

Players will be grouped together with 10-12 other players of similar age or experience. After checking in, players will enter the field and move through a series of drills involving ground balls, fly balls, pitching, hitting, and base running. Each player will get multiple repetitions at each skill. The drills are run by Majors division baseball players and members of the Board of Directors. Managers for the drafting teams will be on the field observing and taking notes. Each player will have a number of chances at each station. The evaluation process should last about 30 minutes.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS AT EVALUATIONS

Parents, even if they anticipate being an assistant coach, are not permitted on or near the field or in the dugout during evaluations. The league will rope off the bleachers and areas surrounding the field during the evaluation. Parents should not attempt to coach or communicate with their child during the evaluation session. In the league's experience, this is typically detrimental to the player's performance.

MAKE-UP EVALUATIONS

Evaluations involve the commitment of many managers, league officials, and volunteers. Players should not plan on a make-up evaluation session being available if they miss evaluations.

PLAYERS WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN EVALUATIONS

If a player does not participate in evaluations, he/she will not be eligible to play in the Majors division (unless the player is league age 12). Instead, the player will either be placed on a Minors division team by random draw or moved down to another division (depending on age and skill). Players who are league age 12 will be placed on a Majors division team unless a waiver from Little League of the rule mandating 12-year olds play in the Majors division is obtained. Players league ages 9-11 will be placed on a Minors division team, unless they are drafted into the Majors Division. (The Board may approve some league age 9-year olds to play in the Minors A division if a safety or player development reason justifies it.)

The only exceptions to this requirement that a player evaluate will be (1) a pre-approved waiver; or (2) an unexpected emergency. If a player has a prior commitment and cannot reasonably participate in any set of evaluations, that player must present the prior commitment to the league President at least one week prior to the beginning of evaluations. The Board of Directors will then review the request and determine if it is an excusable reason. If it is determined to be excusable, then that player would be eligible to be drafted in any division. If it is not excusable, then that player will not be eligible to be drafted into any division and will be placed on a minor division team for the entire season with the exception of 12-year olds as outlined above. In the case of an emergency that prevents a player from participating in any of the evaluation sessions, that player must present the circumstance of the emergency to the league President within two days following the last evaluation session. The Board of Directors will review the circumstance and determine if it was excusable. If it is determined to be excusable, then that player would be eligible to be drafted in any division. If it is not determined to be excusable, then that player will not be eligible to be drafted into any division and will be placed on a minor division team for the entire season with the exception of 12-year olds as noted above.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ON 8-YEAR OLDS

Players who are league age 8 are welcome to register for and evaluate for the Minors AA division. But they are not guaranteed to be drafted. If an 8-year old player is not drafted into the Minors AA division, they will be rostered on a Minors A division team.

HOW THE DRAFT WORKS

A few days after evaluations are complete; managers in the drafting divisions will convene for the draft to select their teams.

The draft process is different depending on the player's age and division. The league's Policy & Procedure Manual contains details on draft procedures for the Majors and Minors divisions. Only managers and specific league officials with responsibility for conducting the draft attend. Parents, players, and prospective assistant coaches are not permitted to attend.

After the completion of the draft, managers will notify players on their teams. Players and parents are never notified where in the draft a player was selected.

CHANGING TEAMS ARE ROSTERS ARE FORMED

For the equity of all players and teams, once a player is drafted or rostered in either baseball or softball, he/she must play on that team. The league will not move players from team to team, with the exception of a player being moved up to a Major team to fill a vacancy as outlined in the league's Policy & Procedure Manual.

IX. SPRING SCHEDULE AND IMPORTANT DATES

Players and parents should check the league's website at www.summerlinsouthll.org for the up-to-date calendar information for each season.

REGISTRATION DATES & DEADLINES

November 27, 2017	Registration opens (register online at www.summerlinsouthll.org)
January 1, 2018	Early registration ends (\$25 late fee for any late registrants thereafter)
January 18, 2018	Late registration closes for baseball draft divisions (Majors, Minors AAA & AA)
February 1, 2018	Late registration closes for all other divisions (baseball, softball & tee ball)

Registration closes at midnight. Players who do not register by the deadline can join the waitlist. Instructions for being included on the waitlist will be posted on the league's website.

EVALUATIONS

January 18, 2018	Baseball evaluation session 1 (6:00pm-9:30pm; Mesa Park)
January 19, 2018	Baseball evaluation session 2 (6:00pm-9:30pm; Mesa Park)
January 20, 2018	Baseball evaluation session 3 (9:00am-12:30pm; Mesa Park)
January 20, 2018	Baseball evaluation session 4 (1:00pm-4:30pm; Mesa Park)
February 2, 2018	Softball evaluation session 1 (6:00pm-9:30pm; Vistas Park)
February 3, 2018	Softball evaluation session 2 (9:00am-12:30pm; Vistas Park)
February 17, 2018	Seniors, Juniors & Intermediate (50/70) baseball evaluations (if necessary)

All players seeking to play in the Majors, Minors AAA & AA baseball & softball divisions must evaluate. Players only need to evaluate in one session. They select the session at registration. A specific evaluation time is assigned to each player a few days before the session.

DRAFTS

January 24, 2018	Baseball Majors, Minors AAA & AA divisions (times & location TBA)
February 5, 2018	Softball Majors, Minors AAA & AA divisions (times & location TBA)
February 17, 2018	Baseball Seniors, Juniors & Intermediate (50/70) divisions (if necessary)

Only teams in the Majors, Minors AAA & AA baseball & softball divisions draft. Seniors, Juniors & Intermediate (50/70) teams will draft if multiple teams are formed in each division.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TEAMS & BEGINNING OF PRACTICE

January 26, 2018	Baseball Majors, Minors AAA & AA divisions teams announced
January 27, 2018	Practice begins for Baseball Majors, Minors AAA & AA divisions
February 6, 2018	Softball Majors, Minors AAA & AA divisions teams announced
February 10, 2018	Practice begins for Softball Majors, Minors AAA & AA divisions
February 8, 2018	Teams formed & announced for all remaining baseball and tee ball divisions
February 10, 2018	Practice begins for all remaining baseball and tee ball divisions

MANDATORY MEETINGS FOR MANAGERS, COACHES & OTHER VOLUNTEERS

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| February 21, 2018 | Mandatory rules & safety meetings for Baseball & Softball Majors, Minors AAA & AA divisions (Vistas Community Center; 7:00pm) |
| February 22, 2018 | Mandatory rules & safety meetings for Baseball & Softball Minors A, Tee Ball Majors & Minors divisions (Vistas Community Center; 7:00pm) |
| February 26, 2018 | Mandatory scorekeeper clinic (Minors AA division & above) (time & location TBA) |
| February 27, 2018 | Mandatory scorekeeper clinic (Minors A division) (time & location TBA) |

OPENING DAY

- March 3, 2018 **OPENING DAY CEREMONIES & TEAM PICTURES AT MESA PARK**

X. WHAT EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED

EQUIPMENT THE PLAYER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING

Each player should plan have the following equipment:

- Glove
- Batting Helmet (see details below)
- Cleats (must be molded or turf-style; metal spikes are not permitted for players or coaches in Little League except in the Intermediate (50-70), Juniors and Seniors divisions)
- Water bottle (multiple bottles are often necessary in hot weather games)
- Bat (not absolutely necessary; there are usually plenty to use)

**If the cost of gear is a problem for any player, please notify president@summerlinsouthll.org and we will assist in outfitting the player appropriately.

EQUIPMENT THE LEAGUE PROVIDES

The league will provide the following equipment to players or managers for each team:

- Player uniform** (jersey, hat, pants, socks, belt)
- Batting tees (in appropriate divisions)
- Catcher's gear (shin guards, chest protector, catcher's mitt, helmet w/ dangling throat guard)
- Game balls
- First Aid Kit & ice packs

** Teams are not permitted to "upgrade" or otherwise alter uniform elements (pants, hats, etc.).

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ON BATS

All bats must comply with Little League's bat restrictions, discussed in Section XI below.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ON BATTING HELMETS

The league does not provide batting helmets. They are, however, available if needed by any player or coach who requests them. If a player has his or her own helmet it must meet NOCSAE specifications and bear the NOCSAE stamp as well as an exterior warning label. Under Little League rules, helmets may not be re-painted and may not contain decals or stickers unless approved in writing by the helmet manufacturer or authorized dealer. This means players may NOT wear helmets with club ball logos or other decals.

A NOTE ON COLD WEATHER GAMES

Some games are played in colder weather and will necessitate that players wear a long sleeve baselayer under their jersey. When players are in a pitching division, Little League rules require that any part of the undershirt or undersleeves of a pitcher be of a solid color. White undersleeves are not permitted for pitchers. Players should develop the habit early of complying with these rules and wear only undersleeves in dark, solid colors.

Hoodies or jackets (whether under or over the jersey) for cold weather games are not appropriate and therefore not permitted on the field. Players may wear hoodies or jackets in the dugout during cold weather.

For safety and conduct reasons, managers and coaches are required to wear the league-issued jersey with their name on back at all games. In cold weather games, managers and coaches are **not** permitted to wear outerwear over the jersey and should plan appropriately for a long sleeve baselayer under their jersey.

XI. BAT RESTRICTIONS

Only Little League-approved bats are permitted to be used in Summerlin South Little League. The requirements for each division are listed below. In addition, Little League International has assembled an online resource page dedicated to bat information. The latest bat information, including the current Little League rules and regulations governing bats, definitions, information on the moratorium on the use of composite bats, a series of bat FAQs, and lists of licensed bat can be accessed at <http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/baseballbatinfo/batrules.htm>.

TEE BALL DIVISIONS

TEE BALL MAJORS & TEE BALL MINORS DIVISIONS

Little League Baseball® has adopted USA Baseball's new standard for bat performance for mandated use effective January 1, 2018. This means that, effective January 1, 2018, the approved Little League bats described above will no longer be approved for use in Summerlin South Little League. All bats for the spring 2018 season forward will have to comply with the new USA Baseball bat standard for baseball and tee-ball bats.

Under the USABat standard, certified Tee Ball bats (26" and shorter) will feature the USA Baseball mark and text which reads ONLY FOR USE WITH APPROVED TEE BALLS. All Tee Ball bats must feature the USA Baseball mark and accompanying text.

Summerlin South Little League does not sticker tee ball bats and tee ball bats are not permitted for use in any other divisions.

SOFTBALL DIVISIONS

MAJORS & MINORS

Approved bats shall be a softball bat, not be more than 33 inches in length nor more than 2 1/4" in diameter. Non-wood bats must be labeled with a BPF (bat performance factor) of 1.20 or less. Composite bats are prohibited unless specifically approved by Little League International.

All bats in these divisions must be checked and bear the league-approved softball bat sticker to show they are approved for play. Only members of the League's Board of Directors can approve and sticker bats. Talk to your team's manager to determine how to get your bat approved. Penalties for the use of unapproved or unstickered bats are outlined in each division's rules. Tee ball bats are not approved for use in any non-tee ball division.

JUNIORS & SENIORS

Approved bats shall be a softball bat, not be more than 34 inches in length; nor more than 2 5/8" in diameter, and if wood, not less than 15/16" in diameter (7/8" for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Non-wood bats must be labeled with a BPF (bat performance factor) of 1.20 or less. Composite bats are prohibited unless specifically approved by Little League International.

Summerlin South Little League does not sticker bats in these divisions.

XII. PRACTICES

Practices for all softball divisions will begin on February 10, 2018.

Before Opening Day, teams typically practice twice each week (one weeknight; one Saturday). Once games begin, most teams hold one weeknight practice. Some teams also schedule regular cage time at the Mesa cages. Some tee ball teams do not practice during the season (manager's discretion).

Practice times are selected by the team's managers based on availability. Availability is dictated by the following factors: seniority (older divisions select practice times first), manager & field availability (the league has way more teams than field space), and the needs of a particular division (tee ball teams do not need pitching mounds and outfield fences, for example).

XIII. UNIFORMS

Summerlin South Little League is proud to offer what it considers the highest quality uniforms among other Little Leagues. Each player receives the following:

- College-replica jersey
- Knicker-style softball pants
- Belt
- Socks
- Visor or hat
- Headband

Each player and team must wear the entire uniform provided by the league. Teams are not permitted to "upgrade" or otherwise alter uniform elements (pants, visors, etc.). The league's practice is to upgrade uniform elements starting at the Majors division level (or the AAA level if registrations warrant splitting the Minors division).

Players receive their uniform before Opening Day. Unworn pants can be exchanged for a different size at or before Opening Day. Jerseys will only be exchanged if the delivered jersey was not the size ordered. Otherwise the player's family is responsible for the cost of replaced or re-ordered items.

UNIFORM SIZE CHARTS

Jerseys

	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL
MEN	36"-38"	40"-42"	44"-46"	48"-50"	52"-54"	56"-58"	60"-62"
WOMEN	4-6	8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	N/A	N/A
YOUTH	6-8	10-12	14-16	18-20	N/A	N/A	N/A

Pants

	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL
MEN	24"-26"	28"-30"	32"-34"	36"-38"	40"-42"	44"-46"	48"-50"	52"-64"
WOMEN	24"-26"	26"-28"	28"-30"	30"-32"	33"-36"	36"-39."	N/A	N/A
YOUTH	18"	19"-20"	24"-26"	28-30"	32"-34"	N/A	N/A	N/A

XIV. OPENING DAY

Each Spring Season, the league kicks off the season with a huge Opening Day celebration at Mesa Park. Opening Day is filled with fun and excitement, including a skills challenge featuring the Majors Division players, a home run derby featuring the Majors Division sluggers, food, music, the parade of teams, and a visit from college or professional baseball players. Team and individual player pictures are also taken on Opening Day.

Opening Day is also an excellent opportunity to purchase Summerlin South Little League fan gear, buy extra or surplus uniforms or gear at a steep discount, and participate in the Opening Day raffle fundraiser.

This season's Opening Day is March 3, 2018. The schedule of events will be announced in late February.

XV. GAME SCHEDULES

Games for most teams will begin on Opening Day. Younger teams in the tee ball divisions usually start their games the week after opening day. The regular season for all divisions will end by the end of May/early June. There will not be any games during the week of public school spring break or the weekend of Memorial Day. However, coaches may still elect to have practices during those times.

Each team typically plays two games per week (one weeknight; one Saturday) unless there is a bye situation or holiday. The league has not yet determined where the softball division will play its games. In addition to our facilities, some games may be played at the fields of our interleague partners (see the website or Parent & Coach handbook for addresses and location). Games are scheduled in two slots each night: 5:15 and 7:30. Younger teams play in the early time slot and older teams play exclusively in the later time slot.

The number of games a team will play in a given season varies by division:

Tee Ball divisions:

Tee Ball Minors:	12 games
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Softball divisions:

Minors A:	12-14 games + postseason tournament
Minors AA:	12-14 games + postseason tournament
Minors AAA:	14-16 games + postseason tournament
Majors:	14-18 games + postseason tournament
Juniors:	TBD
Seniors:	TBD

The game schedules are not created until teams are rostered. It is usually released two weeks before the season starts. Therefore, it is impossible to predict when a given team or division will play. The league typically has over 60 teams playing two games per week in tight succession. Requests for games to not be played on certain days therefore cannot be considered.

Summerlin South Little League does not schedule games during the CCSD spring break, Memorial Day weekend, Labor Day weekend, Nevada Day weekend, and Veteran's Day weekend. However, coaches may still elect to have practices during those times. In some instances, games are scheduled for the Friday night before a holiday weekend or the Monday evening ending a holiday weekend.

XVI. END OF SEASON TOURNAMENTS & AWARDS

The Tee Ball Majors & Minors divisions do not have an end of season tournament. These divisions are considered purely non-competitive and instructional. Participation trophies are awarded to each player in these divisions.

All other divisions (Minors A and above) will have an end of season tournament. The tournament format varies based on the size of the division and field availability. But the league typically selects a format that guarantees each team to play at least two tournament games.

Trophies are not awarded for regular season champions or runners-up. Instead, the focus of the regular season should be player development. For this reason, tournament formats will not always favor higher regular season seeds as much as one might expect. **The league's primary goal is to create the most competitive tournament possible – not reward higher regular season seeds.**

Trophies are awarded to the tournament champions and runners-up in each division. Depending on the division's size and structure, a 3rd-place trophy might be awarded.

The league also provides participation medals to all Minors A players, regardless of where their team finishes in the tournament.

For the purposes of tournament seeding, in the event of a tie, the better seed will be determined as follows:

1. The team with the best record in head-to-head play;
2. The team with the best overall record ignoring inter-league play;
3. Runs Against;
4. Runs For; or
5. Coin flip.

The tournament bracket or rules will outline the format for tournament ties.

XVII. CODES OF CONDUCT

CODE OF CONDUCT

Any manager, coach, player, or parent/member who conducts himself/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner while participating in any Summerlin South Little League function shall be removed from further participation. Players, Managers, Coaches, or any party associated with any Summerlin South Little League team shall not ride, abuse, heckle, or make uncomplimentary remarks whatsoever, to any opposing player, umpire or team official. Any individual violating this regulation may be ejected from the game.

The team manager will be responsible for the conduct of his coaches, players and parents. The umpire can eject the manager for your behavior.

ANY PLAYER, MANAGER, COACH OR PARTY ACCOMPANYING A TEAM WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GAME FROM THE TIME OF RULE INFRACTION IF THEY:

1. Use profane language after being warned.
2. Make any unnecessary gesture in protesting an umpire's decision. Only the manager or coach may ask for a clarification of a rule and the umpire in chief must give him such clarification.
3. Throw helmets, bats or any other equipment.
4. Make unnecessary gestures to fans or opposing players.
5. Use alcoholic beverages of any kind on the playing field, dugout or on Summerlin or City parks or School District property.
6. Use tobacco on the playing field, dugout or general area of the game.

Any player ejected from the game will be required to remain in the dugout. If any MANAGER or COACH is ejected from the game, they must leave the park. They can no longer take part in the game. If he/she refuses or creates a problem, the game in progress may be suspended until the problem is resolved. If the situation gets uncontrollable, the police will be called. The above also pertains to parents, fans or family members.

The *minimum* penalty for any player, manager, coach, or member ejected from a game for any of the above will be:

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| 1st time: | Suspended for 1 league game |
| 2nd time: | Suspended for 3 consecutive games |

The penalty for additional ejections or more flagrant offenses will be decided by the Summerlin South Little League Discipline Committee.

A manager or coach suspended for any reason is not permitted to be at the game site, including parking lots. They must not take any part in the game, nor have any communications whatsoever with any persons at the game site. Violation may result in further suspension and possible forfeiture of a game.

There will be no toleration for fighting (deliberate body contact). Any manager, coach, player, spectator, parent, or anyone associated with the league, caught fighting in or around the playing field, before, during or after a game or practice, will be suspended for 1 game and be subject to further disciplinary action. There is no room for this type of behavior. There will be no warnings or no second chances when it comes to fighting.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the Summerlin South Little League, have implemented the following Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in our league.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Good Citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or Parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

XVIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please consult the Parent & Coach Handbook or the league's website at www.summerlinsouthll.org for more details or for additional information, including:

- Becoming a manager or coach;
- Training for scorekeepers, team parents, and other volunteers;
- How the draft works;
- What equipment is needed and what equipment the league supplies;
- Little League bat requirements and restrictions on what bats can be used;
- Field access policies;
- Playing rules and regulations;
- Safety policies and procedures;
- All-Stars;
- The location of the league's fields & facilities;
- Sponsoring a team & fundraising.