



Welcome to San Clemente Little League! We hope the following information will be helpful to new families.

OUR DIVISIONS

San Clemente Little League has several divisions of play, based on age and playing ability. The lower division teams start with T-Ball, and then go up to Rookie (coach pitch) and then Single A (machine pitch) as the players get older. Our upper divisions, which are all “kid pitch,” consist of AA, AAA Minor, AAA, Majors and Juniors. Players are placed on lower division teams by the Player Agent. If your child will be a lower division player and you are interested in him/her playing for a particular manager or with a specific friend, please make note of this request on the Player Application. The Player Agent will try to honor those requests when possible. Once kids start playing in the upper divisions, though, managers select their teams based on a draft. There is a mechanism to allow siblings to play on the same team, however.

LEAGUE AGE

You may hear the phrase “League Age” during the registration process. League Age is the age the child will be on or before April 30th of the playing year. The player will be considered that league age during the whole season.

A child must be League Age 5 to play Little League.

League Age 5 year olds typically play T-Ball. League Age 6 year olds typically play in the Rookie division. This pattern continues up through the divisions as the players get a year older. There may be some flexibility to “play up or down” depending upon the player’s circumstances (i.e. ability, siblings, etc.). The Player Agent can give you further guidance if you wish it.

The following chart will help you determine your child’s League Age for the upcoming 2010 spring season. Match the month in which your child was born (top line) with the year of his/her birth. Your child’s League Age is then determined at the right.

MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	AGE
2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005	5
2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	6
2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	7
2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2002	2002	2002	2002	8
2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2001	2001	2001	2001	9
1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	2000	2000	2000	2000	10
1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1999	1999	1999	1999	11
1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1997	1998	1998	1998	1998	12
1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1997	1997	1997	1997	13
1995	1995	1995	1995	1995	1995	1995	1995	1996	1996	1996	1996	14
1994	1994	1994	1994	1994	1994	1994	1994	1995	1995	1995	1995	15
1993	1993	1993	1993	1993	1993	1993	1993	1994	1994	1994	1994	16
1992	1992	1992	1992	1992	1992	1992	1992	1993	1993	1993	1993	17
1991	1991	1991	1991	1991	1991	1991	1991	1992	1992	1992	1992	18

REGISTRATION

Registration is a two-step process. First, please fill out the online Player Application form on the SCLL website. Then, attend one of the registration events at the San Clemente Community Center. Remember to bring with you the following:

- two copies of the Player Application – remember to sign both of them!
- payment (\$150 for League Age 5, 6 & 7 year olds or \$175 for League Age 8 year olds and above)
- proof that your player lives in San Clemente (CDL, utility bill, etc.)
- a birth certificate if the player is new to SCLL (we do not need to keep a copy)

At registration, there are also opportunities to sponsor a team or become a volunteer. SCLL is always looking for managers, coaches, Team Moms and umpires. If interested, please fill out a volunteer application while at the registration event.

LEADING UP TO THE SEASON

Kids who will participate in our upper divisions will receive a “Try-Out Number” on registration day. Every player with a Try-Out Number will be given a time slot on a weekend in early January to attend the Player Evaluations. These times will be listed on our website in late December or early January. On Evaluation Day, the players will participate in a handful of drills (batting, catching, pitching, running, etc.) while the managers look on. The managers then use the information they gathered on those evaluation days to select their team at the Managers’ Draft. No kids are “cut,” and the draft choices/orders are never divulged. This is simply a process to achieve fair and balanced teams all around.

THE SEASON

All players should expect to get a call from their managers in mid-to-late January. Practices start after that. Games usually begin toward the end of February. There is a two-week Spring Break during the season which coincides with many of the schools’ Spring Breaks. The regular season goes through the first week of June.

For the lower division teams, there is generally one practice per week. It is usually held on a weekday in the late afternoon. That weekday practice slot typically becomes a “standing” practice for the T-Ball, Rookie and Single A teams. These divisions’ games are usually held on Saturdays, with the exception of a couple of weekday afternoon games, and last about an hour. There are three innings, and all players get a chance to bat each inning. Although coaches may honor “outs” later on into the season (i.e. if the runner is out at first, he/she will go back to the dugout), there is no switching sides once three outs are made. The team in the field will only go in to their dugout after every player on the batting team had a chance to bat.

Upper division teams have longer practices and longer, more complex games. You will see umpires, scorekeepers, pitch counts and snack bars at these games. Volunteers are need for all of these positions. Practices are scheduled on a rotating basis depending on the team’s game that week.

EQUIPMENT

Lower division players will receive a jersey, pants, socks and a hat. Parents must provide a glove and proper shoes. Most kids do wear baseball cleats. Coaches will have team bats and batting helmets to share. However, many parents do like to buy their child his/her own batting helmet that is not to be shared. Your choice!

Upper division players will receive a jersey, belt, socks and a hat. Once the team decides on a pants’ color, the family is responsible for providing that item of the uniform. Cups are required for catchers and recommended for all other players.

SCLL CONTACT

If you have any further questions about SCLL, please feel free to contact our Player Agent, Wendy McGreevy at steveandwendy@cox.net. We hope to see you out there on the fields! Go SCLL!