

What's New in Registration

This year we are using the same registration system as last year. We are opening up the registration on December 1, 2011. This year we are strictly abiding by the baseball age rule for each Minor and Major division (birth date as of April 30, 2012). This may shift the division your child will play in so please have a close look at the 2012 League Division section in this newsletter.

2012 League Divisions

BLASTBALL

- 4 year olds and 5 year olds in Preschool

Blastball is a fun, basic introduction to T-Ball. In Blastball, kids hit a spongy ball from a stationary tee, run to the base, and stomp on it to make it honk. Teams are smaller, games are shorter, a numbered T-shirt and cap uniform is provided, and everyone has fun! Baseball glove and helmet are not required.

The season begins in April and games are played in the early evening on Wednesdays or midday on the weekends at Dunbar Memorial Park 33rd Avenue and Wallace. Team equipment is provided.

T-BALL

There are two subdivisions within T-Ball

- TBALL 1 - 5 year olds and 6 year olds in Kindergarten
- TBALL 2 - 6 year olds and 7 year olds in Grade 1

T-Ball offers players the opportunity to learn, develop and practice fundamental baseball skills at hitting, throwing, fielding and running. The games are held on a small diamond and use a special "soft" official ball. In TBALL 1, the ball is hit from a stationary tee. In TBALL 2, the ball is soft under- hand pitched by coaches. Coaches are allowed on the field and designated parents help by taking turns umpiring. All players are on the field and rotate positions.

The season begins in April and games are played in the early weekday evenings or on weekends at Dunbar Memorial Park 33rd Avenue and Wallace (or rarely Valdez Park (23rd and Balaclava). Team equipment,

shirts and baseball caps are provided but players must have their own baseball glove (their own batting helmet is highly encouraged). At least one year of T-ball is recommended.

MINOR B

- 7-8 year olds

This is also an instructional division with the emphasis on having fun while learning basic baseball skills. There are usually 13 players per team and a special pitching machine is used for consistency. Games have 5 innings. An inning ends when either three outs have been recorded or 5 runs scored (except the last inning, which has unlimited runs). All players are rotated through the infield and outfield positions, and all players bat through the order.

The season begins in late April and all games are played at the Minor B diamond at Balaclava Park (31st Avenue and Balaclava) in the early evening or on the weekend. There is usually 1 practice and 2 games per week. Team equipment, shirts and caps are provided, but players must have their own baseball glove (their own batting helmet and a protective cup is highly encouraged). There is an organized warm-up session before each game. Parents take turns as scorekeeper. In Minor B, coaches and parents learn that the trained teenage home plate umpire (provided by the league for most games) is always right!

MINOR A Division:

There are two subdivisions within Minor A:

- Junior Division with 9 and 10 year olds
- Senior Division with 10, 11 and some 12 year olds

Minor A is the first division where batters face players pitching with regulation hard baseballs. The emphasis is on development of baseball skills and team play. For safety reasons, all players applying to Minor A must attend the Minor A evaluations. These evaluations are also used to help balance the teams in this division. Balanced teams take precedence over team mate/friend requests. At least one season of Minor B is strongly recommended before playing Minor A. Spaces in Minor A Junior are first offered to 9 and 10 year olds (as of April 30, 2012). The Minor A Senior division includes 10, 11 and some 12 year olds with the 10 year olds having Minor A experience.

Teams will play within each division. Minor A games are 5 innings, and there are limits on the runs per inning, except in the fifth inning, which has unlimited runs. Pitching limits must be adhered to for player protection. There are usually 13 players per team. All players are rotated through the infield and outfield positions and all players bat through the rotation.

The season begins in April and games are played at the Minor A diamond at Dunbar Memorial Park (33rd Avenue and Dunbar) in the early evening or on the weekend. There are usually 2 practices and 2 games per week. Team equipment, caps and socks are provided. The team jersey and a belt require a \$100 refundable uniform deposit. Fitted grey baseball pants (with belt loops) are required and will be available for purchase on evaluation day. Players must have their own baseball glove and a protective cup is mandatory. Their own batting helmet is highly encouraged.

MAJORS

- 10-12 year olds

This is the top competitive division of Little League Baseball and in Dunbar players aged 10-12 years may qualify for selection to a Majors Division team if they have commitment, skill set, and have played a minimum of one year at the Minor A Division level. Mandatory parent participation through rotational scorekeeping and concession duty is essential for Majors.

Players are selected through a draft system and only a limited number of positions are available. Not every player trying out will be drafted. Players who are not drafted must attend the Minor A evaluations to be placed on a Minor A team. No out of boundary players are eligible to be drafted, unless they are grand-fathered as per the official rosters sent to Little League Canada. Once drafted to a team, the player remains on that same team while age eligible for Dunbar Little League.

Games are played at the Majors diamond at Dunbar Memorial Park (33rd Avenue and Highbury). There are usually 2 practices and 2-3 games per week. It is intensive and attendance is expected. A \$100 postdated cheque is required as uniform deposit for the team jersey and belt.

Players who have not previously played on a Majors team and wish to be considered for the Majors draft pool are required to attend the Majors

player evaluation session in February and are encouraged to attend a “pre-evaluation” skills sessions in a gym.

For more information about the Dunbar Little League Check our web site:
www.dunbarbaseball.ca or Email the registrar:
registrar@dunbarbaseball.ca

AGE ELIGIBILITY CHART:

Little League defines "league age" to be a player's age as of April 30. This means that if you turn 10 on or before April 30, 2012 you are considered a league age 10 year old. If you turn 10 on or after May 1, 2012 you are considered a league age 9 year old.

AGE	Blastball	T-ball Y1	T ball Y2	Minor B	Minor A Jr	Minor A Sr	Majors
4	4						
5	5 ¹	5					
6		6 ²	6				
7			7 ³	7			
8				8			
9					9		
10					10	10	10
11						11	11
12						12*	12

* 12 year olds are first encouraged to try out for Majors but if a player can not commit to the Majors division obligations then they can be considered for Minor A Sr. Please contact the registrar if there are any questions.

¹ 5 Years old as of April 30, 2012 and still in Preschool

² 6 Years old as of April 30, 2012 and in Kindergarten

³ 7 Years old as of April 30, 2012 and in Grade 1

Registration

In person information session will be held on January 7, 2012 from 1pm to 3pm at the Dunbar Community Centre.

This year, we are pleased to continue to offer online registration. Please go to our website at www.dunbarbaseball.ca and follow the links to the online registration.

If you have question before our in person information session please email the registrar at: registrar@dunbarbaseball.ca

If online registration is not possible, please contact the registrar at: registrar@dunbarbaseball.ca

DLL Out of Boundary Policy

Dunbar Little League has reached capacity. As a result, all out of boundary registrants will be placed on a waiting list until boundary registration is completed in late February.

No out of boundary applicant will be accepted for Majors due to limitation in available spaces.

Due to our Online Registration, those who register online and are out of boundary will have their credit card processed right away. They will be placed on the waiting list and if a spot can not be found for the player, then a refund will be sent less a processing fee of \$25. If you have a question before our in person information session please email the registrar at: registrar@dunbarbaseball.ca.

If your child is out of boundary for DLL (see below), please contact your in boundary league:

Jericho www.jerichobaseball.com
Kerrisdale www.kerrisdalebaseball.com or
Little Mountain www.littlemountainbaseball.com

DLL Boundaries

NORTH	16 th Avenue South Side
EAST	West side of Puget drive, south to 33 rd , north side of 33 rd to Blenheim, west side of Blenheim to the Fraser River
SOUTH	Fraser River
WEST	Camosun Street, including King Edward Place and Musqueam.