

Newsletter

2011 #1



Dunbar Little League

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- Little League International bans the use of Fully Composite bats..
- The Canadian Nationals are being held in North Vancouver this year.
- Season Opens April 16th.

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President's Message

We had another great season in 2010 at Dunbar Little League with 615 players and 54 teams. We packed a lot of games into a very intense and fun season. Accomplishing this is a credit to the work of many people over the years that have established our well run community league.

When I think back on 2010 the first thing I think about is the rain which affected many aspects of the operations. Re-scheduling games, umpires, practices and attempting to run an efficient concession were impacted greatly, but as always, the volunteers did a fantastic job of coping with the elements. You should thank them when

you meet them next in our community.

Our regular season was a wonderful success with great competition and fun in all divisions. There was such nice parity among the teams and I think in all the divisions different teams won the pennant and playoffs. Congratulations to all that showed so much development as players and individuals.

For those Players that contributed to tournament teams you represented Dunbar well and you should feel proud of your efforts. It was perhaps a record year in terms of numbers of players involved in tournaments with Dunbar having two Minor B teams playing in May (a

Dunbar team won the tournament), 4 Majors teams in the Stong's tournament (Buntain won which was the first time a Dunbar team won this tournament), a 9 year old team, a Fred Ritchie team and the perennial 9-10, 11-12 teams. The 9/10 team was in an amazingly close tournament that saw all 4 district teams tied at the end of pool play and they lost in a close final. The 11/12 team performed very well in the post season with a winning record and in the District 1 tournament losing 3-1 in the final to the eventual Canadian Champs.

Again, thanks so much to all that contributed to our great community gem.

Joe McDermott
DLL President

2011 DLL Executive

On October 4th Dunbar held its annual general meeting. Kindly the executive members decided to offer their services for the 2011 season and were duly elected. The executive consists of Joe McDermott (president), Devon Carbol (secretary) Julie Prutton

(treasurer) Sarkis Teghararian (registrar), Dave Hemer (sponsorship), John O'Malley (equipment), Doug Beers (at large), Andrew Thornley (Parks Liason), Michelle Lim (at large). It is most likely that several of these positions will need filling for the 2012 season.

For those of you who are interested in contributing your time and efforts to these very rewarding and fun jobs you should contact us about shadowing one of the executive positions this coming season.

Register for 2011 Online

Last year's online registration was a great success in terms of efficiency for the league and management of our player's database.

Key registration dates for the 2011 season.

Online Registration open: **Wednesday December 1st**.

Early registration will close: **Monday January 31st**.

Registration information session: **Saturday January 8th 1:00pm.**

(At Dunbar Community Centre)

Registration closes based on division capacity.

Please go to our website www.dunbarbaseball.ca and follow the links to register.



*"my son runs toward the
budding tree-
their first base."*

What's up for 2011

Composit Bats Banned

Little league international has banned the use of fully composite bats for safety reasons. These bats can generate excessively high velocity hits.

Dunbar does not use these bats during The regular season but do use them during tournament play. It will be interesting to see how this plays out with manufacturers as the ruling has just come down and new production needs to be certified.



Tournaments at Dunbar

This year we will be hosting the Division 1 Majors (11-12s) Tournament at Currie Field. This has always been a fun event for our community and offers our players a comfortable environment to play in to start the tournament season.

We will certainly need volunteer help to put on a great tournament and show for the fans.

The tournament will run July 6-17 at DUNBAR.

Minor B tournament.

We will again host a Minor B tournament on the may long weekend to coincide

with the Stong's May tournament. The inaugural tournament last year was a great success. It was so fun to see tournament games being simultaneously played the Majors and Minor A diamonds. There are lots of little jobs to help out with here so please step up and join the volunteer team.

Canadian Tournament.

The Canadian Little League Tournament will be played at North Vancouver Central in BC - Sat Aug 6-Sat Aug 13. This will be a great opportunity to experience this great tradition.

2011 Dunbar League Divisions

BLASTBALL

(4-5 year olds, Not in Kindergarten) 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.

T-BALL

(Division 1: 5-6 year olds / Division 2: 6-7 year olds) 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).

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 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

(Junior Division: 9-10 years old / Senior Division: 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, 2010). 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. Players must have their own baseball glove, their own batting helmet is highly encouraged and a protective cup is mandatory.



Safe or out?

"Over 600 kids play in Dunbar baseball each year"

2011 Dunbar League Divisions Continued

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MAJORS (10-12 year olds)

This is the top division of Little League Baseball, and the most competitive. 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. Playing time and position is based mostly on skill level and commitment.

Mandatory parent participation through scorekeeping and concession duty is essential for our Majors division to operate.

Players are selected through a draft system and only 72 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 both days of the Majors player evaluation session in February and “pre-evaluation” skills sessions in a gym. For more information regarding Majors, see “Frequently Asked Questions about the Majors Division” on the Dunbar Little League web site

www.dunbarbaseball.ca.

Email the registrar:
registrar@dunbarbaseball.ca

Register Now

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, 2011 you are considered a league age 10 year old. If you turn 10 on or after May 1, 2011 you are considered a league age 9 year old.

AGE	Blastball	T-ball Y1	T-ball Y-2	Minor B	Minor A Jr.	Minor A SR	Majors
4	4						
5	some 5 (a)	5					
6		some 6 (b)	6				
7			some 7 (c)	7			
8				8			
9					9		
10					10	10	10
11						11	11
12						12 (d)	12

^a 5 Years old as of April 30, 2011 and still in Preschool, if you want otherwise TBall-1

^b 6 Years old as of April 30, 2011 and in Kindergarten if you want otherwise TBall-2

^c 7 Years old as of April 30, 2011 and in Grade 1if you want otherwise Minor B. Once a player gets to baseball age 8 they must play in the correct division which is Minor B.

^d 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. A 10 year old new to Minor A will most likely be placed in Minor A Jr.

Umpire at Dunbar

Ever wish you could still play Little League baseball? Do you still savor memories of playing ball as a little leaguer – to be on the baseball diamond, kick the dirt, smell the grass? Well, you may be “over the hill” as far as your playing days go, but you are definitely not too old to be on that field! Consider volunteering as a Little League umpire.

Dunbar Little League would be delighted if you would

consider becoming an umpire for our Majors, Minor A, and Minor B divisions. Once a week for about two hours is the usual time commitment and we will train you before the season starts at our annual Umpire Clinic to be held in 2010 at the Dunbar Community Centre on Saturday, April 9th, 10:00 a.m. until noon. The room is TBA, just check DLL’s site, www.dunbarbaseball.ca closer to the clinic date.

The rewards are many. If you

are still at school, we pay for your umpiring services. If you are an adult, a soft drink and a “burger” or a “dog” awaits you after the game. The biggest reward, however, is being a part of the DLL community. If you are interested – please contact

jmcdprez@dunbarbaseball.ca

Thanks for volunteering!

Umpire Clinic is on April 9th at 10:00 am to 12:00 at Dunbar Community Centre.



Yes You.

Thank You Sponsors

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our many wonderful sponsors. Their commitment to Dunbar Little League makes many things possible for the children of our community. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated sponsors that have been with us for many years. It makes running this league so much easier

We would also like to

welcome our new sponsors and thank them for their interest in the league. These sponsors display a tremendous example, especially to the children, of the importance of community involvement.

We look forward to another great year at Dunbar and hope to see some of the sponsor representatives around the park cheering on their teams.

Everyone please take the time to personally thank the sponsors when you pass by them or their shops.

Dave Hemer

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Minor A Evaluations



“dust storm trick infielders face the outfield”

All players registered to play in the Minor A Division of Dunbar Little League are required to attend an evaluation session. This player evaluation is mandatory for all Minor A players whether or not they previously attended the Majors' evaluations.

We will evaluate throwing, catching, pitching, running and batting. All players attending the evaluations will be placed on a team in either the Minor A Junior or Minor A Senior divisions unless there

is a concern about player safety.

The primary purpose of the evaluations is to help the player agents to balance teams and to ensure that there are capable pitchers on every team. The player evaluation for Minor A will be held on the weekend of February 19th and 20th at the UBC baseball field (time will be 1:00 to 4:00). You will receive an email message letting you know which of session your child should attend. Players should arrive 10 minutes before their

session, and should wear appropriate footwear, a baseball cap and a protective cup. Please bring a batting helmet if they have one.

In the case of severe weather, please check our website (www.dunbarbaseball.ca) to see if the sessions have been postponed. If you have any questions about the Minor A evaluations please contact DLL at (playerevaluations@dunbarbaseball.ca).

Majors Evaluations

All 10, 11 and 12 year olds (age as of April 30, 2011) that are not currently on a Majors' team but who are interested in trying out for the Majors' division, are required to attend the evaluation sessions. These sessions are to be held Saturday & Sunday, February 19-20th in the afternoon 1:00 to 4:00 at UBC Baseball field

Because of the growth of the league and Little League League regulations spaces are very limited. During the evaluations, players are assessed by 12-15 Majors' coaches in four basic skill areas: Hitting, Pitching, Running and Fielding. Using ratings in these four areas along with written evaluations from last year's Minor A coaches, some players will

be drafted onto one of six Majors' teams.

The Majors' division at Dunbar Little League offers a more competitive level of baseball for those players with the necessary level of skill, attitude and commitment. Playing on a Majors' team requires a high level of time commitment as there is at least one practice and 2 to 3 games played each week and attendance is expected.

As well, there is mandatory concession, scorekeeping and pitch counting duty for PARENTS on a rotational basis.

Players should wear baseball or track pants, cleats, a baseball cap, and a

protective cup. Please bring a batting helmet if you have one. If you have any questions about the evaluations, please contact Dunbar Little League (playerevaluations@dunbarbaseball.ca). When registering your child, please indicate Majors on the registration form, and your child will automatically be registered for the Majors' evaluations.

Should your child not be drafted, they will be placed on a Minor A team.



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INFORMATION
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Registrar@
Dunbarbaseball.ca

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See us at:
www.dunbarbaseball.ca

Teen Volunteer Contributions

If you have a son or daughter in high school and they need volunteer hours for their CAPP course or other activities (i.e. Duke of Edinburgh award),

DLL may be able to offer an opportunity to volunteer right here in our Dunbar neighborhood. There are a variety of ways that teenagers can help serve our league, and in so doing make a contribution to an

organization that serves 600 local children, and also earn credit for their volunteer work. Opportunities exist in the areas of umpiring, assistant coaching, and in the concession stand.

If your high schooler would be interested in such a program, please e-mail the executive. Please have them include their name, phone number, area of interest, and name(s) of any sibling who

plays in DLL if applicable. At the conclusion of your child's service to DLL, a league official will sign off on the hours so the teen volunteer gets credit for them, but more importantly they will have made a valuable contribution to their community and learned how rewarding volunteering can be.

Out of Boundary

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 16th Avenue
South Side

EAST West side of Puget drive, south to 33rd, north side of 33rd to Blenheim, west side of Blenheim to the Fraser River

SOUTH Fraser River

WEST Camosun Street, including King Edward Place and Musqueam.

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