



## Welcome To Campbell Little League (CLL) Major & Minor Divisions

### CLL's Goal

The goal of CLL is to implant in our children the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority so that they may become more trustworthy members of our community. We use the game of baseball as our vehicle to teach this goal. The attainment of exceptional baseball skills or the winning of games is always secondary to building character in our children.

### What To Expect From CLL

CLL will provide a supervised program under the rules and regulations of Little League Baseball, where children can play the game in a fun, safe environment. Each and every child who signs up for CLL will play on a team in one of our four divisions: Majors, Minors, Farm and T-ball. We try to place players in the division that is the best fit for their skill and maturity level. This will give them the best chance to succeed and have fun playing the game.

### Minor and Major Divisions (Minors 9 – 12 year olds, Majors 10 – 12 year olds)

In the Minor and Major Divisions, kids play all positions, including pitcher. Coaches are not allowed on the field of play, unless someone is injured. Volunteer umpires officiate all games and follow the rules and regulations of Little League Baseball. Game scores are kept; win/loss results and standings are recorded. Positions are assigned by the coaching staff based on a player's ability to demonstrate the skills necessary for the position played. Players are entitled to play a minimum of 3 innings and at least 1 time at bat. Rosters are usually composed of 12 players. So if you do the math, in a 6-inning game 6 of the 12 players will play half the game. The field used is a 60 foot base path diamond; the pitching distance is 46 feet.

In March you can expect 4 to 5 practices per week (manager's discretion). Once the regular season begins, teams will play 3 games per week and practice once or twice. If you have any questions, please contact Jack Newman, our

### Draft, Team Assignments, Affiliations and Reassignments

To be eligible for a Major team assignment, **ALL 10 – 12 year olds must attend at least one fielding tryout. NO EXCEPTIONS!** This year's draft will be held Sunday, February 19th. All 10 – 12 year olds will be drafted to a Major team. All 9 year olds will be drafted to a Minor team. After a 2 week evaluation period, Major teams are required to trim their rosters to 12 players. Those 10 – 12 year olds that do not make the Major team will be reassigned (we do not use the word "cut") to the Major team's Minor affiliate team. Minor teams will then have one week to trim their rosters to 12 (possibly 13) players. Players that do not make the Minor team will be reassigned to the affiliated Farm team. Each Major team will have a Minor team and a Farm team affiliated with it. (Exception: If there is an unequal number of Major, Minor and Farm teams.)

**Note: If you have questions about your child's ability to play in the division appropriate to his/her age please contact the Player Agent before draft day.**

### Playoff Format For The 2008 Season

The Major and Minor Divisions will conclude the season with an all-team, double elimination playoff. Since all teams in each division will make the playoffs, managers will be able to focus more on player development verses winning enough games to make the playoffs.

### Little League Protection Program

All local Little Leagues are required to conduct background checks on managers, coaches, the league's Board of Directors and any other volunteers who provide regular service to the league and/or have repetitive access to, or contact with, players or teams. If you want to coach or volunteer, you must fill out an official Little League Volunteer Application form. Copies of these forms will be available in the CLL Clubhouse.

### Equipment

The league will provide a jersey and cap for each player. The league will also supply equipment such as baseballs, helmets and catchers gear. Kids can bring their own bats but must be closely supervised with a bat in hand. We ask that parents provide their child with a baseball glove, cleats and a pair (or 2) of white pants for games. Once team colors have been determined, parents have the option of buying matching socks, undershirt and belt (these items are not required).

# What Campbell Little League Expects From You

## Parents Code of Conduct

In order to meet the goal mentioned the first paragraph above, we need parents to set a good example by being positive role models. Here is the rule of thumb: If you don't have anything good to say, don't say anything at all. Always be positive and encouraging with your kids, their teammates and opponents. If you have an issue with a manager, coach or parent, take that person aside and discuss it when you are calm and collected. Never try to resolve an issue in a public environment. If you can't resolve an issue, contact the Division Director.

## Volunteers

CLL is a non-profit organization that relies completely and entirely on its volunteers. As a service to the league, we ask the following:

**Snack Shack Duty:** Parents are required to do 2 shifts in the snack shack for each child in the league. Some parents shy away from snack shack duty, but it really is a fun, enjoyable experience. If you absolutely cannot do your snack shack shifts, a \$25 per shift buy-out program is available. Your team parent can help you with this process.

**Fundraisers:** Registration fees only cover a portion of CLL's operating expenses. CLL relies on fundraisers to make up the difference, so their success is crucial to the league's solvency. The Hit-A-Thon is a fun and important fundraiser for the league. Prizes will be awarded to top sellers for the Hit-A-Thon. Please do all you can to help make our fundraisers successful.

**Field Set Up and Clean Up:** Managers and coaches are responsible for setting up the fields before games and cleaning up afterward. But they certainly could use your help. We encourage parents to help out here. You'll be doing the league a great service and your manager and coaches will greatly appreciate it.

**Other ways to support CLL:** CLL has volunteer positions and would greatly appreciate any time you may be able to offer.

## Parking

Parking is allowed in the lot across Millich Drive. However, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you follow the posted parking lot restrictions. Failure to follow these restrictions could result in CLL losing all parking privileges in this lot.

## Key Dates

**9 year-old tryouts:** Saturday February 2nd at 9:45am – Fielding and Throwing

Saturday February 9th at 9:45am – Fielding and Throwing (make-up)

**10 year-old tryouts:** Saturday February 2nd at 10:30am – Fielding and Throwing

Saturday February 3rd at 12:30pm – Batting

Saturday February 9th at 10:30am – Fielding and Throwing (make-up)

**11 year-old tryouts:** Saturday February 2nd at 9:15am – Fielding and Throwing

Saturday February 3rd at 1:15pm – Batting

Saturday February 9th at 9:15am – Fielding and Throwing (make-up)

**12 year-old tryouts:** Saturday February 2nd at 9:00am – Fielding and Throwing

Saturday February 3rd at 1:30pm – Batting

Saturday February 9th at 9:00am – Fielding and Throwing (make-up)

**Draft, Team Assignments:** Sunday February 17th

**Hit-A-Thon:** TBA

**Opening Day:** March 15, 2008

**Picture Day:** TBA

**Closing Ceremonies:** TBA

## CLL Contacts

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