

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What does DTQ stand for?**
 - Dumfries, Triangle, Quantico Little League
- 2. What is District 9?**
 - Little League breaks up each state into districts, DTQ resides in District 9; there are 16 districts in Virginia.
 - **Source:** [VA District 9 Little League > Home \(vad9.org\)](http://vad9.org)
- 3. Can I play for DTQ?**
 - Please use the Little League Finder to find out if you reside within our boundaries - [League Finder - Little League](#)
- 4. What is my player(s) little league age?**
 - Please check out the little league age calculator [League Age Determination - Little League](#), this will help determine what division your player fits within.
- 5. What are the seasons DTQ plays?**
 - Spring (generally speaking) runs from April to June.
 - Registration for Spring typically opens in November and closes in January.
 - Fall (generally speaking) runs from August to October.
 - Registration for Fall typically opens in June and closes in August.
- 6. Is there basic equipment that should be purchased for the season?**
 - Bat*, Helmet*, Glove, Cleats*
- 7. What type of bat is authorized for little league use?**
 - **T-Ball:** 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.
 - **Machine Pitch, Minors, and Majors Division(s):** It shall not be more than 33 inches in length; nor more than 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end.
 - **NOTE 1:** Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.
 - **NOTE 2:** Approved Tee Ball bats may also be used for Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch Minor Divisions only with the use of [approved Tee Balls](#).
 - **Juniors/Seniors Division(s):** It shall not be more than 36 inches in length, nor more than 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end. The bat shall not weigh, numerically, more than three ounces less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 33-inch-long bat cannot weigh less than 30 ounces). All bats not made of a single piece of wood shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be so labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color. Aluminum/alloy and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminum/alloy or composite. This marking shall be silkscreen or other permanent certification mark, a minimum of one-half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.
 - **Source:** [Bat Rules - Little League](#)
- 8. What type of glove is authorized for little league use?**
 - A baseball glove or mitt is a large leather glove worn by baseball players of the defending team, which assists players in catching and fielding balls hit by a batter or thrown by a teammate. By convention, the

glove is described by the handedness of the intended wearer, rather than the hand on which the glove is worn: a glove that fits on the left hand—used by a right-handed thrower—is called a right-handed or "right-hand throw" glove. Conversely, a left-handed glove is worn on the right hand, allowing the player to throw the ball with the left hand. Any brand of glove is acceptable.

- **NOTE 1:** "White gloves" are not permitted for use while pitching.

9. What type of helmet is authorized for little league use?

- The safety of all our participants is our utmost concern, and, like most youth organizations, Little League® requires our batters to wear helmets that meet National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) specifications and bear the NOCSAE stamp. **Please avoid "shiny" helmets** as the sun glare could blind the pitcher and fielding players.

10. What type of cleats are authorized for little league use?

- Little Leaguers® are permitted to wear cleats or spikes on their feet. For baseball and softball players Major Division and below, plastic cleats (often called molded cleats) are to be worn. In the Junior and Senior Divisions metal cleats may be worn.
- **Source:** [Search for cleats \(littleleague.org\)](http://www.littleleague.org)

11. What is included with my uniform?

- Generally speaking: Hat, shirt, socks, pants*
 - **NOTE 1:** T-Ball, MP, Minors, Majors – pants are supplied.
 - **NOTE 2:** Juniors/Seniors – pants are available upon request.

12. What fields/areas will game(s) and practices be held at?

- Fields are by permit only, and we strive to secure the below listed fields. Please note these are subject to change based on availability.
 - Fuller Heights (near Quantico)
 - Anne Moncure Park (in Montclair) – Gardziel (60-foot field); Wall (90-foot field)
 - Pattie Elementary
 - Henderson Elementary
 - Eagle Field (near the Police Station off Cardinal)

13. Why is there a volunteer fee?

- Little League relies on the hundreds of thousands of Little League volunteers throughout the world to offer the opportunity for children and families to forge lifelong memories and have positive experiences both on-and-off the field. Every local league needs committed volunteers. DTQ cannot operate without volunteers. Furthermore, to encourage volunteers to engage in activities we require families to pre-pay the volunteer fee, then a refund is issued once a volunteer activity has been completed.

14. Why is there a spring mandatory raffle fee?

- There is a variety of costs associated with running a Little League. To help fund necessary upgrades, we found it useful if the families can "win" some money, making this a "win-win" for both the league and some lucky families. Also, your e-raffle tickets can be sold to family and friends, however you will need to email our fundraising coordinator to swap out the ticket owner's name.

15. What are some volunteer opportunities that are available?

- There are volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Here is a list of volunteer opportunities including but not limited to: Field Day, Opening Day, Umpiring, Camp/Skills Assessments, Concessions, Team Manager*, Team Assistant Coach*, Post Season Tournaments etc.
- **NOTE 1:** All Team Managers and Assistant Coaches must have a manager application on file, and a completed and cleared background investigation with JDP. Without these forms and clearances individuals are considered "helpers" not coaches. "Helping" is not considered as a refundable volunteer activity.

16. What is a typical schedule like?

- T-Ball – 1 practice, 1 game per week*

- Machine Pitch – 1 practice, 1 game per week*
- Minors – 1 - 2 practices, 1-2 games per week*
- Majors – 1 - 2 practices, 1-2 games per week*
- Juniors/Seniors – 1-2 practices, 1-4 games per week*
 - **NOTE 1:** All items above are stated in “general terms”.
 - **NOTE 2:** All team managers have the right to request additional practice time from their division coordinators when field are open.
 - **NOTE 3:** Juniors/Seniors Division players participate in interleague games and often play double headers on the weekends.

17. Can I make a request to play with a particular manager or player?

- We cannot guarantee placement with players or managers. We want everyone to have a great little league experience. We typically use assessment scores, coach evaluations, and age to determine the teams.

18. What is interleague play?

- Operating using Interleague Play and Combined Teams provides leagues an opportunity to come together to offer the Little League® program where a single league cannot offer a complete program at a given level of play. For DTQ Interleague play occurs at the Juniors and Seniors Division level, however there are some seasons where local leagues have very low numbers in the Minors and Majors division in which we will allow interleague play*.
- **NOTE 1:** Juniors/Seniors Divisions participates in interleague play. Games are mostly double headers on the weekends, and some travel to visiting fields required. Please talk to your manager about your team’s schedule.
- **NOTE 2:** Minors/Majors “sometimes” participates in interleague play. Games are often within a 20 miles radius of Dumfries.

19. Where can I find Little League Rules*?

- Little League rules can be found here - [Little League Rules, Regulations, and Policies](#)
- **NOTE 1:** DTQ has local rules in place that may further restrict and/or define rules/regulations rules stated in the link above.

20. Why do emails from the DTQLLBaseball@gmail.com go to my spam folder?

- Please ensure you check your email platform settings and ensure you list our DTQLLBaseball@gmail.com email as an accepted/trusted email address.