

2026 Chatham County Little League Spring Player Evaluations



Why the Heck Does a 7-Year-Old Need to “Try Out?”

Don't be intimidated by the word *tryouts*. Everyone makes the team in Little League. Tryouts (or *assessments*) are simply for the league to be able to spread the level of talent around.

What Exactly is Assessed in Tryouts?

1. Batting
2. Fielding Ground Balls
3. Fielding Fly Balls
4. Throwing / Pitching
5. Running

What to Wear to Tryouts

- **Comfy Clothes** – make sure your child is wearing some sort of comfortable clothes (baseball pants are preferred, but not required)
- **Cleats**
- **Cup** – only for boys, of course
- **Hat** – to block the sun

How Can You Prepare Your Child for Baseball Assessments?

1 – PRACTICE WITH THEM

It is a good idea to knock the rust off the old baseball glove a little sooner than in the car on the way to evaluations.

2 - ENCOURAGE THEM

- Assure them that they will make it on a team, regardless of their performance at evaluations
- Remind them that all the other kids are just as nervous as they are
- Encourage them to HAVE FUN!!!!

but...for my brief one-word explanation of why my kids will always have their own helmet, see this post!)

- **Batting Gloves** – only if you have them

Do Parents Stay and Watch Tryouts?

- Yes

3 - SET THEIR EXPECTATIONS

- Tryouts typically last a couple hours
- There will be a LOT of waiting and standing in lines
- Encourage your child to always be focused and paying attention to where their group is.

What is the Evaluation Process?

- Check-In, You may stand in a really long line to check your child in so make sure and be on time so we can work through each group and get started on time

What to Take to Tryouts

- **Glove**
- **Helmet** – if you have one (they have some community helmets available for those who don't have their own,

- Wait

Remember how you waited in that really long line? You will need to wait for everyone else to get through that really long line too, so come prepared to wait . You might want to consider bringing a glove for yourself to be able to play catch with your child while you wait

- Gather in Your Assigned Group

We will have a few different groups of kids, and each group will rotate through the different stations (batting, fielding, throwing, and running)

- Rotate Through the Evaluation Stations

This is where the kids need to pay attention to their group and where they are rotating

- Go Home

After your child is finished at the last station, they are free to leave.

If you have any questions please email us BEFORE evaluations at

communications.chathamcountyll@gmail.com

Thank you for making Chatham County Little League your home for the 2026 Spring ball season.