

Hello Parents!

Welcome to the start of the 2021 Little League Season! As we prepare for winter we look forward to another spring/summer at the WBLL complex filled with good food, old and new friendships and great baseball/softball being played! It truly is a fun filled experience for the whole family!! This year we will open registration in November.

West Bend Little League is pleased to announce that Online Registration is now open for the 2021 Little League Season.

West Bend Little League has divisions for beginners and competitive players in both baseball and Girls Softball. The number of players per team is limited to allow more playing time for each player. But no matter your skill level we have a program for YOUR child. Baseball and Softball provide each player with an opportunity to make new friends, learn to play the sport and most of all...HAVE FUN!!

This season we are providing you an opportunity to SAVE MONEY on registration. Please see the schedule below:

Register by midnight 12/31/20 – Save \$25 on each Registration Fee

Register after 12/31/20 (in 2021) – Registration fees increase by \$25 for each division*

*Note that our new registration system carries a \$3 transaction fee. You are encouraged to complete all registrations in one sitting.

Registration Requirements

In order to play in Little League, two types of documentation are required to register.

- 1) Proof of Age – Birth Certificate with raised seal is the best option.
- 2) Proof of Residency – West Bend Little League requires at least one proof that the player resides in the boundary. Several types of proof can be used but **MUST** be dated between February 1st, 2020 and February 1st, 2021. Examples of approved proofs –valid driver's license, utility bill, tax bills, insurance records, child care record, medical records, and vehicle registration records.
 - a. If a player lives outside the boundary but attends school inside the boundary, this is allowed. A special form is required.
 - b. If a player lives outside the boundary **AND** attends school outside the boundary, there is still a path by which your child can play. Our goal is to make it possible for all area children to have an opportunity to participate in our Little League programs. Please contact the president, Jim D'Angelo at 262-306-9664 for more information.

Other items to help complete the registration process include:

- Medical information
 - o Insurance cards, name and phone numbers of primary care doctors
- Date of last tetanus shot
- Shirt size
- Emergency contact information (other than parent)

League Age

Little League uses “League Age” calculations to determine where players land in the divisional structure. A league age calculator is located at the bottom of the website.

Age determination date for **baseball** is: 8/31/2021. The age of the players on this date will be their age for the 2021 WBLL season.

Girls Softball league age is the age of the player as of January 1st, 2021.

What is the divisional structure of the League?

The breakdown for each level and *league ages* are as follows:

Baseball:

T-Ball:	5 to 6 year olds – (born 9/1/2014 – 8/31/2017)
Rookies:	7 to 8 year olds - (born 9/1/2012 – 8/31/2014)
Midwest:	9 to 10 year olds – 8 year olds are allowed to tryout if they played at least one year of Rookies AND must meet minimum tryout requirements (born 9/1/2010 - 8/31/2012)
Intermediate:	11 to 12 year olds – (born 9/1/2008 – 8/31/2010) NOTE: Intermediate level is played using Junior League rules but on a 50/70 field.
Junior:	13 to 14 year olds – default division for 14 year olds; 13 year olds must try out (born 9/1/2006 – 8/31/2008) NOTE: League Age 13 year olds (born 9/1/2007 – 8/31/2008) will be given Junior League tryout numbers. If they do not qualify for Juniors they will be placed in Intermediate. NOTE: League Age 12 year olds (born 9/1/2008 – 8/31/2009) will be allowed to try out for Juniors, but must meet minimum tryout requirements. NOTE: League Age 15 year olds (born 9/1/2005 – 8/31/2006) are able to play in league, but are ineligible for Junior district play. Contact the league directly if interested.
Senior:	15 – 16 year olds - High School freshman and sophomore players (born 9/1/2004 – 8/31/2006) NOTE: League Age 14 year olds that are High School freshman are able to play in Senior League (born 9/1/2006 – 8/31/2007).
Challengers:	no age restriction or tryout

Girls Softball – Minors/Majors will play by a new time line (timeline same as baseball, starting games in May) and will have interleague play (playing teams from neighboring communities). Rookies and Seniors will begin playing games in early June.

Rookies:	7 to 8 year olds (machine pitch)
Minors:	8 to 10 year olds
Majors:	11 to 12 year olds
Seniors:	13 to 16 year olds

How do teams get picked?

Teams are determined by evaluations (excluding T Ball, Rookies and Challengers). The evaluation dates will be:

Saturday February 26th and Sunday February 27th – time and location TBD

Saturday March 6th and Sunday March 7th – time and location TBD

Saturday March 13th and Sunday March 14th – time and location TBD

Please indicate preferred date in registration comments. (Specific tryout times will be given out upon completed registration). Due to current health situation the availability of evaluation sites is limited so times and locations remain unknown at this time.

Registration must be done online. Register at www.westbendlittleleague.com on or after 11/16.

If you do not have access to the internet please contact Jim D'Angelo at 262-306-9664.

NOTE: Please plan to register and pay online. The site offers an option to pay with a credit card. If you choose to pay by check please mail a copy of invoice and payment to WBLL, PO Box 531, West Bend, WI 53095. Payments must be received in order to receive an evaluation slip. Checks should be made out to WBLL. If you wish to request a payment plan or to pay with cash, please call 262-306-9664.

NOTE: For Spring League, proof of residency and a copy of the player's birth certificate are requested (see requirements above). These can be scanned and uploaded to our website during the registration process.

When are games played?

Normally, games are played during the week with some weekends. A structure will be developed to help minimize late nights especially for the younger players. Details on the exact structure will be determined by the turnout and number of teams.

Junior League (baseball) will be playing interleague play with Grafton and Mequon and these will be considered regular season games. Some travel will be required depending on number of teams and games played. Also, on select weekends, district- wide interleague play will happen. Please watch for communication on these weekends. These are real games and attendance by the primary team is required.

Additionally in 2021, Midwest will also play at least one weekend in district-wide Interleague play. This is in an effort to expose players and parents to other facilities and teams within our district. It helps promote familiarity with others and give some limited opportunities to travel.

All division (except for T Ball and Rookies) will participate in an end of the season tournament that determines the league championship. These games are scheduled at the end of the regular season.

If you have additional questions, contact Jim D'Angelo at westbendlittleleague@gmail.com or call 262-306-9664.

Remember- register on or after 11/16 at www.westbendlittleleague.com and save \$25 if done by 12/31/20!

Thank you!