

# **PALM AND SHIELDS LITTLE LEAGUE-FAQ'S**

## **What division should I register my child for?**

A: Little League uses a child's 'league age' to determine which division they play in. The easiest way to find out which division your child should play in is by using the 'league age calculator' from Little League International. Palm and Shields Little League suggests at least one year of play at the lowest division before moving to a higher division (for example, one year of T-ball before moving to Minors).

## **Is there financial assistance available?**

A: Yes, there are several financial assistance options available. Registration is currently 10% off through February 8th. If your school is within the Palm and Shields Little League boundaries, a discount code was provided to your school. There are also T-Mobile's Call Up Grant that help families directly via an electronic debit card. Please email [Marketing@palmshieldslittleleague.org](mailto:Marketing@palmshieldslittleleague.org) for more information. The discount code was provided to the School Principal. Each school has a limited number of codes available. If you have questions, please email [marketing@palmshieldslittleleague.org](mailto:marketing@palmshieldslittleleague.org).

## **When are practices and games?**

A: Practices are scheduled by your child's coach in collaboration with other teams and based on field availability. Your coach will share the practice schedule with the team. Practices usually last 60 minutes for T-ball and 90 minutes to two hours for Minors and Majors. Tee-ball games are on Saturday mornings, starting from 9:00 AM. Majors and Minors teams usually play on Saturdays, with a few weekday evening games. Your coach will share the game schedule with the team.

## **How many practices do you have per week? Does this change when you start to play games?**

A: Typically, children have 1-3 practices per week, depending on their division and age. Once games start, the number of practices may change. We recommend that Tee-Ball teams only practice once per week. Practices last 60 minutes for T-ball and 90 minutes to 2 hours or more for Majors.

## **How many children are on a team?**

A: There are usually 10-13 children on a team, but this can vary.

## **How are teams formed?**

A: Teams are formed based on your child's age and skill level. We also try to have children play with classmates whenever possible.



**Where are practices and games?**

A: Practices and games are held at Wilson Elementary, Cooper Academy, Dailey Elementary, or Hamilton K-8.

For more info: [palmshieldslittleleague.org](http://palmshieldslittleleague.org)

**What is the length of the season?**

A: Teams will be formed in mid-February. Practices start on or after February 14th. Opening day is March 7th. The season will end on May 30th. Majors and Minors teams will play 12 games, while T-ball teams will play 10 games. Majors and Minors teams may play more games in the playoffs, depending on the number of teams in the division.

**How long do games last?**

A: T-ball games last for 3 innings or 60 minutes. Minors division games last a minimum of 5 innings or 90 minutes (no new inning will start after 90 min and are called after 105 minutes).

Majors games are whichever is first. Regardless of division, all play is stopped at sunset.

**What equipment do I need for my child?**

A: The league provides your child with a hat, jersey. Also, batting helmets, and catcher's gear are provided to each team. You will need to provide a baseball glove, pants, socks, and belt. Coaches will review equipment details. We recommend a protective cup for Majors players. If you need assistance, email [Marketing@palmshieldslittleleague.org](mailto:Marketing@palmshieldslittleleague.org).

**Are coaches provided or are they volunteers?**

A: Palm and Shields Little League is a volunteer-run organization. There are no paid positions. We encourage parents to volunteer in various ways, such as coaching, field prep, concession stand, and announcing games. If you're interested, please sign up to help. The more volunteers we have, the smoother the league runs and the more fun the kids will have.

**What if we live outside the league boundary but my child attends school within the boundary?**

Can they still play in Palm and Shields Little League?

A: Yes! If your child attends a school within the boundary, you can request to play within the league by completing the School Enrollment Form.



**Are we required to do fundraising?**

A: No, you are not required to fundraise. Palm and Shields works hard to raise funds for the league. There is one league-wide fundraiser which allows all players and coaches to attend a Fresno State Baseball game. Your coach will provide more details during the season.

**What should my child wear to practices and games?**

A: Players should wear comfortable athletic clothing, cleats, and a hat. Don't forget to bring a water bottle!

**Can I request for my child to be on a team with someone or with a specific coach?**

A: Yes! You can request for your child to be on a team with a specific player or coach during the registration process.

