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January 3rd, 2025

Dear Chittenango Little League Families,

We hope this message finds you well. We are excited for another successful year and the CLL board has been busy planning our 2025 Little League Season. Please read the following information that will bring you up to date on everything planned:

Registration:

Registration opens **January 6th** and closes **March 2nd** (T-Ball/Senior BB and Senior SB registration closes **April 4th**)

- **Online Registration:** You can access registration at www.chittenangolittleleague.com. If you did not participate last season, you will need to create a new account. If you participated last year, use the email associated with your account to update your login information.
 - Registration is by age and your player may be moved to a different division of play following skills evaluations.
 - The Little League Age chart has also been attached to this email for both baseball and softball.
 - What level should I register my player?
 - Tee ball (Co-ed): Typically ages 4-6 years old, sometimes players age 6 would be better suited for Teeball. If they are a first time player with little to no experience this may be the best option. Once the player is over 6 years old we would recommend Coach Pitch even if they are a first time player.
 - Coach Pitch (Co-ed): Typically ages 6-7 years old, 2nd year players. 1 year of Teeball is recommended for players 6 and under.
 - Minors Baseball and Softball: (Boys/Girls): Both levels are player pitch with possible inclusion of coach pitch if necessary. Typically ages 8-10 years old. We recommend at least 1 year of Teeball and 1 year of CP. If your player is league age 7 and is a first time player a year of CP may be recommended.
 - Majors BB and SB: Players 10-12 years old.
 - Senior BB and SB: Players ages 13-16 years old.
 - Player evaluations for baseball and softball (Majors & Minors divisions only) will take place Sunday **March 2nd** – details to come. **If you believe your child has the skill level to move up a division from coach pitch please email us at chittenangolittleleague@gmail.com**

Registration fees are as follows:

- Tee ball: \$70.00
- Baseball/Softball: \$115.00
- There is a \$45 discount for each additional child participating in the program
- Raffle Tickets: every registered player will pre-purchase 5 raffle tickets for \$5 each totally \$25 that can be entered into our large end of year raffle on community day. These tickets will be handed out at roll out and can be sold to family members or kept for the purchasing players family. We will have more tickets for sale at the concession stand once the season is underway for families and community members to purchase. Community day and our raffle is a huge part of our revenue which makes this league possible so we are very thankful for your support and hope you wish to purchase even more tickets and participate in community day and all the festivities to end our season.
- **Late Registrations:** Late registrations and requests have been a huge challenge for our league and pose a tremendous obstacle. Registration will be open for 55 calendar days and we need all participants who would like to participate to register during that window. Not only does late additions cause us a tremendous amount of time going through team rosters for placement it also delays uniform orders which need to be placed by mid March once teams are established and if late registrations are taken it will delay uniforms for the entire league. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE register your player by the March 2nd deadline. This year we have decided to proceed with uniform orders per the list on March 2nd. Any players registered after March 2nd will be subject to a \$50 increase to cover added costs for to individually order the uniform and to expedite shipping. This fee is also subject to any accounts not paid in full or check not postmarked by March 2nd.



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Important Information for 2025:

- **Baseball/Softball Preseason Roll Out Day – Wednesday April 9th:** Families and players will attend a preseason meeting where you will meet your coach, turn in all necessary paperwork, pick up uniforms, season schedule and sign up for volunteer opportunities.
- **Teeball Preseason Roll Out Day – Wednesday April 23rd:** Families and players will attend a preseason meeting where you will meet your coach, turn in all necessary paperwork, pick up uniforms, season schedule and sign up for volunteer opportunities.
- **Opening Day – Saturday May 3rd:** Come out to the fields and celebrate the start of our 2025 Spring season. Player/coach parade will kick things off at 9a followed by team introductions, ceremonial first pitches and a full day of games to follow.
- **Community Day – Saturday May 31st:** Stay tuned for details on a day of fun, raffles, food, and of course, baseball and softball.

Volunteers are needed:

We need your help! We anticipate approximately 300 participants from t-ball to majors baseball/softball. We need volunteers to make CLL a positive experience for all families. Here are some of the ways you can help:

- **Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches:** Each team will need **one head coach** and **two assistant coaches**. A coaches meeting will be scheduled and guidance will be offered. We are encouraging both moms and dads to consider coaching especially for our coed coach pitch division. If you have questions about coaching, please speak to a board member or email chittenangolittleleague@gmail.com with any questions.
- **Volunteers:** If you are not able to commit to a coaching position, we still have a lot of opportunities throughout the season. You can provide help at practices and/or games as a team mom/dad, volunteer in our concession stand on a day your child is or even is not playing, Field prep on game days including raking and lining the fields before and after games. Even the smallest amount of time you can volunteer is so greatly appreciated. Without committed parents like you this league would not be possible.
- **Field Prep and Community Clean Up Days:** Prior to the start of our season, we will hold field prep days for CLL Fields located at 1725 Fyler Rd. We would love to see as many of our parents and players as possible helping to get ready and prepared for the upcoming season.
- **Sponsorship:** The generosity of sponsors and donors last season helped our league replace aged equipment and provide all coaches with everything they needed for a successful season. This also allows us to keep our registration costs lower than those of our neighboring communities. We still have sponsorship opportunities for the 2025 season. Please visit our facebook page for details and to view our sponsor form.
- All local Little Leagues are required to conduct background checks on managers, coaches, board of director members and any other persons, volunteers or hired workers, who provide regular services to the league and/or have repetitive access to, or contact with, players or teams.

Important Dates to Remember:

- Registration opens: January 6th
- Registration closes: March 2nd
- Pre-season baseball and softball skills evaluation: March 2nd
- Skills Clinics March 9th, 16th and 30th 12p-4p (times for each level will be published with registration. Players must be registered to participate.)
- Coach's Meeting (Majors, Minors, CP): April 9th @ 6:00p Bolivar Rd Gym
- Preseason Roll Out Day (Majors, Minors, CP): April 9th @ 7:00p Bolivar Rd Gym
- Spring Clean Up: April 12th
- Practices begin for Minors/Majors BB and SB: April 14th
- Preseason Roll Out Day (Teeball): April 23rd @ 7:00p Bolivar Rd Gym
- Opening Day & Games begin (Majors, Minors, CP): May 3rd
- T-ball practices/games begin: May 5th



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- Community Day: May 31st
- Softball Championship Week June 2nd – June 6th
- Baseball Championship Week June 9th – June 13th

We look forward to a fun and successful 2025 season! If you have any questions or input, please reach out to chittenangolittleleague@gmail.com. You can also visit our Facebook page where we will keep all of this information and any changes up to date. Much of our correspondence will come through our Facebook page and email so please be sure to follow and check for emails as the season progresses.

Sincerely,

Michael Hibbard
President
Chittenango Little League