

North Kitsap Little Leagues 2009 Season

We'll soon start another great season of Little League baseball and softball at Snider Park! We will place extra forms in the North Kitsap Schools, at The Zone and at The Sport Haus for you to pick up if needed.

Registration We encourage you to register online at www.NKLL.com. You can also register at the NKLL Clubhouse on Jan 25th, or by mailing a registration form to: PO Box 1476, Poulsbo, WA 98370. 5 year olds are eligible to play T-Ball, 5th birthday must be on or before April 30th 2009.

Registration Closes March 8th. Players with registrations received after March 8th will be placed on a waiting list.

Registration Fees

Oldest player will determine the initial cost, all other players in the family will be charged additional player fee, to the maximum family fee.

Player	Fee
T-Ball Program	\$75.00
All Other Programs	\$125.00
Each additional player in the family	\$75.00
Maximum cost per family	\$250.00

It is the policy of the North Kitsap Little Leagues that no child will be prevented from participation because of financial difficulties. Please contact the President or Treasurer for more information.

Opening Day Ceremonies will again be held at Snider Park. All teams will be presented, in uniform, for this ceremony.



The T-Ball, Minor A, and Minor AA teams will gather on Saturday April 18th for the opening ceremony at 9:30am for both the American & National Leagues. Then at

11:00am ceremonies for Minor AAA, Major, Senior, and Big League baseball and all softball will begin. Following the second session stay and watch the AAA and Major teams in action.

Please plan to attend this traditional event.

Skills Assessments are required for all players league age 9 years old and older. The only exception is for a 12 yr old returning to a Major baseball team, or softball players 12+ returning to a Major, Junior or Senior team. Players that do not attend a skills assessment will not be eligible to play at the Major level. All players who register will play on a team. The skills assessment is used to help determine the most appropriate program for the player to participate in. The skills assessments will be held on Feb 28th and March 7th. Players must attend at least one of the two assessments.



Not required for players under age 9.

This year the assessments will be held at Snider Park, 22898 Viking Way NW, Poulsbo.

Saturday, Feb. 28th, March 7th

Baseball:

9 & 10 yr. olds check-in 8:30am
11 & 12 yr. olds check-in 12:30pm

Softball:

9 - 16 yr. olds check-in 12:30pm

Sunday, March 1st

Baseball:

9 & 10 yr. olds check-in 8:30am
11 & 12 yr. olds check-in 12:30pm

Softball:

9 - 16 yr. olds check-in 12:30pm

All players must sign-in for the skills assessments. Please arrive at the scheduled check-in time.

What is the league age? For baseball and T-Ball, the player's league age is the age that he/she is on April 30th. So if Pete is ten on April 30th then he is league age ten. For softball the date is December 31st of the previous year. So if Jill was nine on December 31, 2008 then she is league age nine for the 2009 season.

Player Divisions

Challenger The Challenger division is for players age 5 through 18 who have physical or mental disabilities. The players from other divisions help with the games, which is a great opportunity for them as well as the Challenger players.

Majors, A, AA, & AAA What are these? Little League allows for two main divisions to correspond with the development level of the players participating. The Majors division is for players who are older, have more experience and are more skilled. The Minor division is for players who are younger, new to the game, or don't quite have the skill level that would help them to develop properly in the Major division.

Minor A Baseball is for players league age 7 & 8. Pitching in this division will be by pitching machines operated by an adult.

Minor AA Baseball is primarily for players league age 8 through 10. This division is intended for players new to the game or whose skills are not yet ready for the next level of play. Pitching in this division will be by pitching machines operated by an adult.

Minor AAA Baseball is for players league age 9 through 12. This division is intended for players whose skills are more developed than those in the A and AA divisions. Pitching in this division will be by the players.

Major Baseball is for players league age 9 through 12 who come to the skills assessment and are drafted to a Major team. This is the standard Little League Major baseball program.

Minor AA Softball is for players league age 7 through 10. Pitching in this division will be by pitching machines operated by an adult.

Minor AAA Softball is fastpitch softball for players league age 9 through 12. This division is intended for players whose skills are more developed than those in the AA division. Pitching in this division will be by the players.

Major Softball is fastpitch softball for players league age 10 through 12. This is the standard Little League Major softball program.

Junior & Senior Softball are fastpitch softball for players league age 13 through 16.

Big League Baseball & Softball are baseball & fastpitch softball for players league age 16 to 18.

Year End Tournaments will pit the American League Major and Minor AAA teams against the National League teams after the regular season ends in June. These are double elimination tournaments that all teams participate in. This gives every player a chance to see what it is like to battle it out in a tournament just like the All Stars do!

League Team Assignments This will be the second year that North Kitsap will operate the league with two programs in a closely tied fashion. This method allows us to not only join our operating funds and volunteers but also the players.

What does this mean for your child? As long as you live within the boundaries of the combined leagues of NKLL your child can participate. The location of your residence within the boundary does not determine which league the players play in. This gives us the ability to even out the teams better between the American and National Leagues. Here is how the system works.

- Teams are designated as being either American or National league teams.
- Players are placed on teams in the T-Ball, Minor-A, and Minor-AA programs primarily by school or geographic area.
- Players are selected by draft for the Major and Minor-AAA levels. All players attend the same skills assessments and managers of the teams from both leagues will draft at the same time.
- Once a player is placed on or drafted to a team he/she will remain a part of that League for the duration of the season. 11 year old players drafted to a Major team can remain on that team the following year. All other players go back into the player pool the next year.

So if your son or daughter played on a team in the National league last year he/she may be playing on an American team this year.

The league assignments will hold for All-star selections as well.

League Boundaries have been modified to better reflect the population distribution in North Kitsap and to include some additional area. With the team assignment procedure, the physical division between the American and National leagues no longer determines which league you play in. However, the outer perimeter of the two leagues is still critical to allow participation in the program. Please review the boundary map to confirm the your family lives within the boundaries of NKLL.

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Clubhouse & Rain-Out Number 697-5449



This message will be updated by approximately 3:30 pm each day that the weather is questionable for play. Follow the prompts for information.

SPONSORS

We would like to thank all of our sponsors who helped us during the 2008 season.

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The generous financial support from our community is greatly appreciated.

To sponsor a team or order a sign call Frank or May Mathiesen at 779-4804

North Kitsap Little Leagues 2009 Planning Calendar

JANUARY

- 8 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting
- 22 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting
- 25 SUNDAY 12:00pm – 3:00pm Registration at Snider Park Clubhouse

FEBRUARY

- 7 SATURDAY 3:30 - 6:30pm Coaches Clinic at The Zone taught by Jose Rijo. Coaches not in attendance will not be eligible to act as head coach for NKLL during the 2009 season. No cost to coaches.
- 12 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting
- 26 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting
- 28 SATURDAY Skills Assessments - Snider Park
8:30am check-in for 9 & 10 yr olds baseball
12:30pm check-in for 11 & 12 yr olds baseball
12:30pm check-in for 9 to 16 yr olds softball

MARCH

- 1 SUNDAY Skills Assessments - Snider Park
8:30am check-in for 9 & 10 yr olds baseball
12:30pm check-in for 11 & 12 yr olds baseball
12:30pm check-in for 9 to 16 yr olds softball
- 3 TUESDAY 6:00 – 7:30 pm at Snider Park All T-Ball, A, & AA Managers & Safety Meeting
- 7 SATURDAY Skills Assessments - Snider Park
8:30am check-in for 9 & 10 yr olds baseball
12:30pm check-in for 11 & 12 yr olds baseball
12:30pm check-in for 9 to 16 yr olds softball
- 8 SUNDAY - **REGISTRATION CLOSES**
Registrations received after today will be placed on a waiting list.
- 9 MONDAY 6:00pm Major Baseball Draft
- 10 TUESDAY 6:00pm AAA Baseball Draft
- 12 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting
Practices may start if fields are released
- 14 SATURDAY District Umpire Clinic
1:00pm - 8:00pm at The Zone
- 15 SUNDAY District Umpire Clinic 10:00am - 1:00pm at The Zone – Focus on 90ft field
- 15 SUNDAY 12:00 – 1:30 pm at Snider All Softball, AAA, & Major Managers & Safety Meeting
- 17 TUESDAY 7:00pm – 9:00pm Umpire Clinic
- 19 THURSDAY 7:00pm – 9:00pm Umpire Clinic
- 26 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting
- 28 SATURDAY 10:00am Final Equipment Handout

APRIL

- 6 MONDAY Season Begins For All Divisions
- 9 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting

18 SATURDAY – Opening Ceremonies

- 9:30am AA, A & T
- 11:00am Big League, Softball, Major & AAA (MEGA Game following for Major & AAA)
- Umpire On-Field Practice

23 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting

MAY

- 2 SATURDAY Fall Ball Registration starts
- 14 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting
- 16 SATURDAY Safety posters due to Marian Phillips
- 23-24 SATURDAY-SUNDAY Memorial Day Weekend – No games
- 28 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting

JUNE

- 12 FRIDAY Regular Season Ends
- 13 SATURDAY Interleague Tournaments start for all Minor AAA & Major teams
- 11 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting
- 15 MONDAY League All-Stars Announced
- 21 SUNDAY Interleague Tournaments End
- 25 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting

JULY

- ALL Star Tournaments
- 9 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting
- 23 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting

AUGUST

- 3 MONDAY Fall Ball Starts
- 13 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting
- 27 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 10 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting
- 24 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting

OCTOBER

- 8 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting
- 22 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting

NOVEMBER

- 12 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting
- 24 TUESDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting

DECEMBER

- 10 THURSDAY 6:00pm Board of Directors meeting

District 2 Hosts Washington State Major Baseball Tournament

Washington District 2 will host this end of season tournament for 2009. We will need help from the entire District community to make this a success again. Stay tuned for more information.

Big League Program

The Big League program has become increasingly popular in our area. Big League is for players age 16 to 18. For the last several years we have fielded 2 or 3 teams from North Kitsap. Our teams play against each other and teams from other leagues in the district. The game schedule is compatible with the high school so players may participate in both.

We are looking forward to having both the baseball and softball programs as part of the NKLL system. Contact Jackie Stenstrom at 779-1985 with any questions.

All-Star Selections All-Star teams will be posted no earlier than June 15, 2009.

Volunteers are the reason this program continues to serve our community. Please fill out the enclosed volunteer sign-up and return with your child's registration. Should you have any questions, contact info@nkll.com.

Concession Help Needed! All teams are required to provide adults (Parents, Coaches, Managers, etc.) to work one to two shifts per season in the concession stand. Duties involve working the front windows, restocking products and cleaning up at the end of their shift. The team manager will be provided with the scheduled time and information about working. Anyone wanting to volunteer additional time will be greatly appreciated. For more information call Amy Knutsen at 509-9775 or email Concessions@nkll.com.

Trade Box Do you have second-hand baseball gloves or cleats lying around? There are many kids out there who would like to play ball but can't because they are not able to afford new baseball equipment. If you have extra equipment around your house, why not put it to good use by giving it to NKLL so that other kids can play ball. We'll have a box for you to put them in, and maybe you can even find something in the box for your player to use.



Safety is important to all of us. Please remember to slow down when driving through the ball park and near practice fields. A clean park is a safe park so help us keep it clean. A Safety

Poster contest will be held again this year. Posters should be no larger than 11"x14" and prizes will be awarded. Age groups are 5-7, 8-10, & 11-12. Prizes for each age group will be BlueJackets tickets. **Posters must be turned in by May 16, 2009.** Please see Marian Phillips for details.

If you have any safety concerns please contact Marian at 697-3847

Umpires are in short supply. Without an umpire there can be no game.

Each team is responsible to provide an umpire for each of their own games. We will do our best to have a league umpire at the game as well when one is available.

Umpiring is not just for men. Every year we have more women participating in this fun aspect of the game. This is a perfect opportunity for older siblings, aunts, uncles, and grandparents to also participate in our program. We will provide training and equipment. Please seriously consider volunteering for this important job. Call Dave Carstensen at 434-0259 or Frank Enfinger at 425-314-5282 with any questions.

Managers and Assistant Coaches are needed in all divisions. Please call the Coordinator for the level you would like to manage. Please call early as managers are picked early. Please note that while we always seem to be short of managers and coaches in some divisions, not all who apply are asked to participate. The managers and assistant coaches spend more time with the individual players than any other members of the NKLL family. As such, we carefully review each candidate before they are asked to begin, or continue, this important role.

Uniforms are inventoried each year. If you have a uniform from last year that was not collected by the coach please let us know, that way, unnecessary purchases will not be made. Please contact Jennifer Johnson at 930-2799. Please return any uniforms you still have on one of the registration days at the Clubhouse.

Equipment If you were a manager last year and have not turned in the equipment, please do so **NOW!** Please contact Eric Loverich, 471-3161 or Casey Chandler, 204-6767. The equipment needs to be inventoried and restocked.

League Boundary Map Below is a map of the new league boundaries.

