

SCR Fall 2016 FAQ's

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Tball

Age: Birthdays between 5/1/2010 and 4/30/2012

Recommend for 4-5 year old players

The purpose of the T-Ball league is to introduce the game of baseball and develop the fundamentals of baseball for all kids participating. This includes catching, throwing and hitting. Our first priority is to teach kids to have fun while learning the fundamentals of baseball.

Registration is open until August 27th, 2016. Teams are typically formed and announced about 2-3 days later. If you register after August 27th you will be put on the waitlist and assigned to the first team that has room. Waitlisted players we cannot guarantee playing with friends or coach requested.

Rules can be found at <http://scottsdalecalripen.com/Page.asp?n=61624&org=scottsdalecalripen.com>

Registration for this division can be found @ <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=2:146610>

1. My player is too old for Tball but never played baseball, can he start in Tball?
 - a. We do not allow “playing down” but Coach pitch is a great place for a 6 year old to learn baseball
2. Can we play with our friends?
 - a. We always do our best to put kids and friends together. When you register please indicate a coach or another player you want to be on the same team with. We cannot guarantee it but we always do our best to fulfill these requests.
3. What is provided with registration?
 - a. Your registration includes hat, jersey shirt and a basic picture package and a participation trophy.
4. I got assigned a team but want to switch, can I switch?
 - a. The time to request teams is before registration is closed. Once teams are built it is very difficult to switch teams with players and is not good for overall team building. If the circumstances are extreme and we can find places on teams a fee of \$35 will be charge to cover additional costs associated with switching teams after the close date.

5. What additional equipment will I need to buy?
 - a. Each season Dick's sporting goods in Fashion Square Mall does a 1 day sale for our league. This is a great time to buy any equipment needed.
 - b. The rest of your uniform colors will be determined by your coach before the season. Typically you will be purchasing baseball pants, belt and socks to complete uniform
 - c. Your player will also need shoes, glove, helmet and bat. Bat is optional as typically there are more bats in a dugout than kids.
6. Where are Practices and games?
 - a. Practices are typically at Thompson Peak Park in one of the outfields, Desert Canyon Elementary School or other local parks where coaches can throw down some bases and work on the basics
 - b. Games for this age level are typically played at Reach Adaptive fields (tennis shoes only), Sonoran Hills or Cheyenne Elementary School
7. When does practice and games start?
 - a. Practices will start the week of August 29th
 - i. Practice times and places will be chosen by the coach and what we have available to us from the city. We cannot guarantee days and times due to city allocations.
 - b. Games will start September 17th and will end November 19th
 - i. All games are typically on Saturday's unless there are rainouts or cancellations for any reason
8. Unfortunately we had a change of plans, can we get a refund?
 - a. Please see leagues refund policy at <http://scottsdalecalripen.com/Page.asp?n=57958&org=scottsdalecalripen.com>

Coach Pitch

Age: Birthdays between 5/1/2009 and 4/30/2011

Recommended for 5-6 year old players

Introduces live pitching through the use of coach pitch / soft toss baseballs to the batters. Players are encouraged to swing while learning the strike zone.

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Registration for this division can be found @ <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=2:146611>

1. My player is too old for Coach pitch can they play down?
 - a. We do not allow playing down but at 7 years old machine pitch is a good division for beginners. They will be able to develop with friends and kids their age
2. My player is not old enough to play in this division, can they play up?
 - a. We recommend staying with your age level and do not recommend players to play up beyond 1 year but if you choose to play him in this division you may fill out a "Play-up Waiver" and submit it to the commissioner of the division for approval.
 - b. How do I register them? – Register your player for the highest division he can play in by age, then download the "Play-up Waiver" fill it out, have the coach for the team you want to be on sign it then submit it to the commissioner. All play-up waivers must be complete by the end of registration.
3. Can we play with our friends?
 - a. We always do our best to put kids and friends together. When you register please indicate a coach or another player you want to be on the same team with. We cannot guarantee it but we always do our best to fulfill these requests.
4. I got assigned a team but want to switch, can I switch?
 - a. The time to request teams is before registration is closed. Once teams are built it is very difficult to switch teams with players and is not good for overall team building. If the circumstances are extreme and we can find places on teams a fee of \$35 will be charge to cover additional costs associated with switching teams after the close date.
5. What is provided with registration?
 - a. Your registration includes hat, jersey shirt and a basic picture package and a participation trophy.
6. What additional equipment will I need to buy?
 - a. Each season Dick's sporting goods in Fashion Square Mall does a 1 day sale for our league. This is a great time to buy any equipment needed.
 - b. The rest of your uniform colors will be determined by your coach before the season. Typically you will be purchasing baseball pants, belt and socks to complete uniform
 - c. Your player will also need cleats, glove, helmet and bat. Bat is optional as typically there are more bats in a dugout than kids.

7. Where are Practices and games?
 - a. Practices are typically at Cheyenne Elementary school and Thompson Peak Park Desert Canyon Elementary school and other fields around the valley. Sometimes coaches may use a local park with grass to practice on at this age level
 - b. Games for this age level are typically played at Cheyenne Elementary school, Thompson Peak park and Sonoran hills
8. When does practice and games start?
 - a. Practices will start the week of August 29th
 - i. Practice times and places will be chosen by the coach and what we have available to us from the city. We cannot guarantee days and times due to city allocations.
 - b. Games will start September 17th and will end November 19th
 - i. All games are typically on Saturday's unless there are rainouts or cancellations for any reason
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AAA Machine Pitch

Age: Birthdays between 5/1/2007 and 4/30/2009

Recommended for 7-8 year old players

Using a pitching machine, it results in more action at the plate and in the field, while avoiding the fear of being hit by a pitched ball. Games move quickly and players learn the fundamentals of coordinated defense. Recommended for players that have played at least 1 year in AA Coach Pitch. Those players that are in 2nd grade (typically 8 year olds) are encouraged to play 8U kid pitch division if they have an average or better skill-set.

Registration is open until August 27th, 2016. Teams are typically formed and announced about 2-3 days later. If you register after August 27th you will be put on the waitlist and assigned to the first team that has room. Waitlisted players we cannot guarantee playing with friends or coach requested.

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Registration for this division can be found @ <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=2:146612>

1. My player is too old to play in Machine Pitch can they play in this division?
 - a. We do not allow playing down. In the next level teams are split out into multiple divisions that encourages more even playing field for all teams.
2. My player is not old enough to play in this division, can they play up?
 - a. We recommend staying with your age level and do not recommend players to play up beyond 1 year but if you choose to play him in this division you may fill out a "Play-up Waiver" and submit it to the commissioner of the division for approval.
 - b. How do I register them? – Register your player for the highest division he can play in by age, then download the "Play-up Waiver" fill it out, have the coach for the team you want to be on sign it then submit it to the commissioner. All play-up waivers must be complete by the end of registration.
3. Can we play with our friends?
 - a. We always do our best to put kids and friends together. When you register please indicate a coach or another player you want to be on the same team with. We cannot guarantee it but we always do our best to fulfill these requests.
4. I got assigned a team but want to switch, can I switch?
 - a. The time to request teams is before registration is closed. Once teams are built it is very difficult to switch teams with players and is not good for overall team building. If the circumstances are extreme and we can find places on teams a fee of \$35 will be charge to cover additional costs associated with switching teams after the close date.
5. What is provided with registration?
 - a. Your registration includes hat, jersey shirt a basic picture package and a participation trophy.
6. What additional equipment will I need to buy?
 - a. Each season Dick's sporting goods in Fashion Square Mall does a 1 day sale for our league. This is a great time to buy any equipment needed.

- b. The rest of your uniform colors will be determined by your coach before the season. Typically you will be purchasing baseball pants, belt and socks to complete uniform
 - c. Your player will also need cleats, glove, helmet and bat. Bat is optional as typically there are more bats in a dugout than kids.
- 7. Where are Practices and games?
 - a. Practices are typically at Thompson Peak park and Curt Schilling field. Sometimes coaches may use a local park with grass to practice on at this age level
 - b. Games for this age level are typically played at Thompson Peak Park, Aztec Park and Curt Schilling
- 8. When does practice and games start?
 - a. Practices will start the week of August 29th
 - i. Practice times and places will be chosen by the coach and what we have available to us from the city. We cannot guarantee days and times due to city allocations.
 - b. Games will start September 17th and will end November 19th
 - i. All games are typically played Saturday's unless there are rainouts or cancellations for any reason
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8U Kid Pitch

Age: Birthdays between 5/1/2007 and 4/30/2008

Recommended for 8 year olds, bridges the gap between AAA and Minors by emphasizing pitching and catching and the concept of smart hitting. This is the first division that Scottsdale Cal Ripken offers where the kids are the pitchers. We would like all capable 8 year old's to progress through this division to increase their confidence for the next level.

Registration is open until August 18th, 2016. Tryouts will be August 20, 2016. Any player that is not assigned to a team by midnight August 19th will need to enter tryouts and be drafted. If you register after August 18th then you will be put on the waitlist and assigned to a team in order of needs.

Waitlisted players we cannot guarantee playing with friends or coach requested.

Rules can be found at <http://scottsdalecalripen.com/Page.asp?n=61624&org=scottsdalecalripen.com>

Registration for this division can be found @ <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=2:146613>

1. My player is too old to play in 8u Kid pitch can they play in this division?
 - a. We do not allow playing down. In the next level teams are split out into multiple divisions that encourages more even playing field for all teams.
2. My player is not old enough to play in this division, can they play up?
 - a. We recommend staying with your age level and do not recommend players to play up beyond 1 year but if you choose to play him in this division you may fill out a "Play-up Waiver" and submit it to the commissioner of the division for approval.
 - b. How do I register them? – Register your player for the highest division he can play in by age, then download the "Play-up Waiver" fill it out, have the coach for the team you want to be on sign it then submit it to the commissioner. All play-up waivers must be complete by the end of registration.
3. How will my player be placed on a team?
 - a. If the team you are requesting is full or you choose to enter the draft players will be requested to attend tryouts on August 20th, 2016 (time TBD). If you cannot make the draft but did sign up on time you will be placed on a team. We highly encourage your player to attend the tryouts so teams can get an idea of the abilities.
 - b. If you are waitlisted you will be put in order and fill team spots as openings happen. We cannot guarantee a team or spot depending on how full the teams are.
4. I got assigned a team but want to switch, can I switch?
 - a. Once registration is closed you can enter the draft via the tryouts but you cannot switch teams once registration is closed.
5. What is provided with registration?
 - b. Your registration includes hat, jersey shirt, and a basic picture package. Trophies are given to 1st and 2nd place teams of the end of season tournament.
6. What additional equipment will I need to buy?
 - a. Each season Dick's sporting goods in Fashion Square Mall does a 1 day sale for our league. This is a great time to buy any equipment needed.
 - b. The rest of your uniform colors will be determined by your coach before the season. Typically you will be purchasing baseball pants, belt and socks to complete uniform

- c. Your player will also need cleats, glove, helmet and bat. Bat is optional as typically there are more bats in a dugout than kids.
- 7. Where are Practices and games?
 - a. Practices are typically at Thompsons Peak Park, Greyhawk, Aztec, Curt Schilling, Sonoran hills and other fields around the valley.
 - b. Games for this age level are typically played at Sonoran Hills, Aztec West, Thompson Peak, Curt Schiling and Reach 11 Fields
- 8. When does practice and games start?
 - a. Practices will start the week of August 29th
 - i. Practice times and places will be chosen by the coach and what we have available to us from the city. We cannot guarantee days and times due to city allocations.
 - b. Games will start September 17th and will end November 19th
 - ii. All games are typically played Saturday's unless there are rainouts or cancellations for any reason
 - c. Playoffs will be single elimination to be played November 30 through December 4th
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Minors

Age: Birthdays between 5/1/2005 and 4/30/2007

Designed for 9 and 10 year-olds. The Minors division helps players to continue to build and refine their fundamental skills and gain a better understanding of the game. Modified stealing and baseball tactics are introduced.

Registration is open until August 18th, 2016. Tryouts will be August 20, 2016. Any player that is not assigned to a team by midnight August 19th will need to enter tryouts and be drafted. If you register after August 18th then you will be put on the waitlist and assigned to a team in order of needs. Waitlisted players we cannot guarantee playing with friends or coach requested.

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Registration for this division can be found @ <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=2:146617>

1. My player is too old to play in Minors can they play in this division?
 - a. We do not allow playing down. In the next level teams are split out into multiple divisions that encourages more even playing field for all teams.
2. My player is not old enough to play in this division, can they play up?
 - a. We recommend staying with your age level and do not recommend players to play up beyond 1 year but if you choose to play him in this division you may fill out a "Play-up Waiver" and submit it to the commissioner of the division for approval.
 - b. How do I register them? – Register your player for the highest division he can play in by age, then download the "Play-up Waiver" fill it out, have the coach for the team you want to be on sign it then submit it to the commissioner. All play-up waivers must be complete by the end of registration.
3. What is provided with registration?
 - a. Your registration includes hat, jersey shirt, and a basic picture package. Trophies are given to 1st and 2nd place teams of the end of season tournament.
4. I got assigned a team but want to switch, can I switch?
 - a. Once registration is closed you can enter the draft via the tryouts but you cannot switch teams once registration is closed.
5. How will my player be placed on a team?
 - a. If the team you are requesting is full or you choose to enter the draft players will be requested to attend tryouts on August 20th, 2016 (time TBD). If you cannot make the draft but did sign up on time you will be placed on a team. We highly encourage your player to attend the tryouts so teams can get an idea of the abilities.
 - b. If you are waitlisted you will be put in order and fill team spots as openings happen. We cannot guarantee a team or spot depending on how full the teams are.
6. What additional equipment will I need to buy?
 - a. Each season Dick's sporting goods in Fashion Square Mall does a 1 day sale for our league. This is a great time to buy any equipment needed.
 - b. The rest of your uniform colors will be determined by your coach before the season. Typically you will be purchasing baseball pants, belt and socks to complete uniform

- c. Your player will also need cleats, glove, helmet and bat. Bat is optional as typically there are more bats in a dugout than kids.
- 7. When does practice and games start?
 - a. Practices will start the week of August 29th
 - iii. Practice times and places will be chosen by the coach and what we have available to us from the city. We cannot guarantee days and times due to city allocations.
 - b. Games will start September 17th and will end November 19th
 - iv. All games are typically played on Fridays with possibilities of Thursday and Saturday games depending on field availability
 - c. Playoffs will be single elimination to be played November 30 through December 4th
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Majors 10U

Age: Birthdays between 5/1/2005 and 4/30/2007

Designed for competitive 9 and 10 year-olds. The Majors 10U division is for the players looking for full Majors rules at an earlier age. Considered a more competitive division mostly teams who have been together for a while. No fair play rule and no restrictions on base running that minors division has.

Registration is open until August 18th, 2016. Tryouts will be August 20, 2016. Any player that is not assigned to a team by midnight August 19th will need to enter tryouts and be drafted. If you register after August 18th then you will be put on the waitlist and assigned to a team in order of needs. Waitlisted players we cannot guarantee playing with friends or coach requested.

Rules can be found at <http://scottsdalecalriipken.com/Page.asp?n=61624&org=scottsdalecalriipken.com>

Registration for this division can be found @ <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=2:146618>

1. My player is too old to play in Majors 10U can they play in this division?
 - a. We do not allow playing down. In the next level teams are split out into multiple divisions that encourages more even playing field for all teams.
2. My player is not old enough to play in this division, can they play up?
 - a. We recommend staying with your age level and do not recommend players to play up beyond 1 year but if you choose to play him in this division you may fill out a "Play-up Waiver" and submit it to the commissioner of the division for approval.
 - b. How do I register them? – Register your player for the highest division he can play in by age, then download the "Play-up Waiver" fill it out, have the coach for the team you want to be on sign it then submit it to the commissioner. All play-up waivers must be complete by the end of registration.
3. Why is this a competitive division?
 - a. Many players 10 and under were looking for a place they could play USSSA level rules with and against their friends. We wanted to provide that opportunity. It also gives kids who want to play the rules but are not part of a club or USSSA team the chance to play full rules baseball at a younger age.
4. I got assigned a team but want to switch, can I switch?
 - b. Once registration is closed you can enter the draft via the tryouts but you cannot switch teams once registration is closed.
5. Can I register my club team in this division?
 - c. Yes as long as all the players do not turn 11 before April 30th, 2016
6. I want my player to tryout for this division but do not have a team yet can they sign up?
 - d. Yes, **your player must attend tryouts**. A spot in this division is not guaranteed but if you player does not make it on a team in this division then they will automatically be eligible for minors and be drafted in that division. Please note if they make a team uniforms are not provided for this division and therefore there will be additional costs.
7. How do I register my team?
 - e. You have your team of 12 players register individually or you can register as a team. If you want to register the team as a whole please contact the commissioner at bjohnson@scottsdalecalriipken.com

8. What comes with registration?
 - f. Registration in this division does not include uniforms or equipment except for game balls.
 - g. Why is that? Typically teams in this division many teams already have their own jersey's, catchers equipment buckets and all the other equipment necessary.
 - h. The costs of this division covers fields for 1 practice a week and 1 game per week along with 2 umpires at each game, insurance (yes it can be the insurance you use for USSSA tournaments) and other administrative costs to running the baseball league
9. When does practice and games start?
 - b. Practices will start the week of August 29th
 - v. Practice times and places will be chosen by the coach and what we have available to us from the city. We cannot guarantee days and times due to city allocations.
 - c. Games will start September 17th and will end November 19th
 - vi. All games are typically played on Fridays with possibilities of Thursday and Saturday games depending on field availability
 - d. Playoffs will be single elimination to be played November 30 through December 4
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Majors 12u

Age: Birthdays between 5/1/2003 and 4/30/2005

Designed for 11 and-12 year-olds, is played on 70-foot base paths and 50 foot pitching mound. This is played by the Official Baseball Rules, but implements some special rules as necessary for the development and welfare of this age group.

Registration is open until August 18th, 2016. Tryouts will be August 20, 2016. Any player that is not assigned to a team by midnight August 19th will need to enter tryouts and be drafted. If you register after August 18th then you will be put on the waitlist and assigned to a team in order of needs. Waitlisted players we cannot guarantee playing with friends or coach requested.

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Registration for this division can be found @ <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=2:146619>

1. My player is too old to play in Majors 12U can they play in this division?
 - a. We do not allow playing down. In the next level teams are split out into multiple divisions that encourages more even playing field for all teams.
2. My player is not old enough to play in this division, can they play up?
 - a. We recommend staying with your age level and do not recommend players to play up beyond 1 year but if you choose to play him in this division you may fill out a "Play-up Waiver" and submit it to the commissioner of the division for approval.
 - b. How do I register them? – Register your player for the highest division he can play in by age, then download the "Play-up Waiver" fill it out, have the coach for the team you want to be on sign it then submit it to the commissioner. All play-up waivers must be complete by the end of registration.
3. What is provided with registration?
 - a. Your registration includes hat, jersey shirt, and a basic picture package. Trophies are given to 1st and 2nd place teams of the end of season tournament.
4. How will my player be placed on a team?
 - a. If the team you are requesting is full or you choose to enter the draft players will be requested to attend tryouts on August 20th, 2016 (time TBD). If you cannot make the draft but did sign up on time you will be placed on a team. We highly encourage your player to attend the tryouts so teams can get an idea of the abilities.
 - b. If you are waitlisted you will be put in order and fill team spots as openings happen. We cannot guarantee a team or spot depending on how full the teams are.
5. I got assigned a team but want to switch, can I switch?
 - a. Once registration is closed you can enter the draft via the tryouts but you cannot switch teams once registration is closed.
6. What additional equipment will I need to buy?
 - a. Each season Dick's sporting goods in Fashion Square Mall does a 1 day sale for our league. This is a great time to buy any equipment needed.
 - b. The rest of your uniform colors will be determined by your coach before the season. Typically you will be purchasing baseball pants, belt and socks to complete uniform

- c. Your player will also need cleats, glove, helmet and bat. Bat is optional as typically there are more bats in a dugout than kids.
- 7. When does practice and games start?
 - a. Practices will start the week of August 29th
 - vii. Practice times and places will be chosen by the coach and what we have available to us from the city. We cannot guarantee days and times due to city allocations.
 - b. Games will start September 17th and will end November 19th
 - viii. There are two games a week in this division. One during the week and one on Saturdays. Typically the weekday games are on Wednesdays but that is subject to change due to field availability from the city.
 - c. Playoffs will be single elimination to be played November 30 through December 4th
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