

Frequently Asked Questions

Online registration for the 2018 Spring Little League baseball season will be open from November 1, 2017 to December 13, 2017 at delmarnational.org. After that time, registrants could be placed on a wait list to ensure space availability. We hope this document will answer many of the questions you have about Del Mar National Little League. If you have any additional questions, please email the Registrar at registrar@delmarnational.org.

Who is eligible to play baseball in the Del Mar National Little League?

Age Requirements: Del Mar National Little League provides Youth Baseball for boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 14 years. For the 2018 Spring season, children with birthdays between May 1, 2004 and August 31, 2013 are eligible to participate.

Boundary Requirements: To be eligible to play in the Del Mar National Little League, you must either:

- Live within the DMNLL boundary,
- Attend school within the DMNLL boundary or have a sibling who attends school within the DMNLL boundary, or
- Have played for DMNLL last year

How Do I Register a Player For the 2018 Spring Season?

To register for the 2018 Spring Baseball season, please go to delmarnational.org and click the "Register Online" link on the left hand side of the page. Then, complete the online registration and submit payment.

What Are The Registration Fees For the 2018 Season?

\$99.00 for each child registered for T-Ball.

\$250.00 for each child registered for Coach Pitch, Rookie, AA, AAA, or Majors

\$295.00 for each child registered for Juniors.

We try and ensure that every child is placed in the most appropriate division. Please be aware that certain age restrictions apply in the various divisions and that older children are assigned to teams/divisions based on a draft.

4- and 5-year-olds are only eligible to play in the T-ball Division.

6-year-olds can play in the T-ball or the Coach Pitch Division.

7-year-olds can play in the Coach Pitch or the Rookie Division.

8-year-olds can play in the Rookie Division or AA. To participate in AA players must attend evaluations and get drafted.

9-, 10-, 11-, and 12-year-olds must attend evaluations and will be placed on teams based on the drafts conducted for the AA, AAA and Majors Divisions.

13-and 14-year olds are only eligible to play in the Juniors Division.

When Will Evaluations Be Held?

Evaluations will be held January 6, 2018 at Sage Canyon. The specific times for evaluations will be announced as we get closer to January 6. All Players Little League 9 or older (and 8 years old seeking to be eligible to play AA) will need to attend an age-appropriate evaluation.

What Happens At Evaluations?

This is Little League – everyone plays! That said, evaluations help the league decide on the number of teams within each of the divisions and allows the managers to see all the players that could be on their team. All players participating in AA through Majors **must** attend. Players will be evaluated on the following skills: fielding fly balls, fielding ground balls, throwing (from outfield and infield positions), batting, and running. Regardless of how a player does at evaluations, all players will be placed on a team in accordance with the age and division guidelines described in the 2018 DMNLL Explanation of Divisions.

Who Needs to Attend Evaluations?

All 9-, 10-, 11-, and 12-year-olds are **required** to attend evaluations.

In addition, any 8-year-old who wants to be considered for the AA division must attend evaluations.

There are no evaluations for 4-,5-, 6-, or 7-year-olds.

What Should I Do If I Am Interested In Being A Manager for the 2018 Season?

If you are interested in managing a team for the 2018 season, please note this on your registration and also contact the division coordinator for the division you are interested in managing. The contact information for all division coordinators can be found on the Del Mar National website (delmarnational.org) under the “Board” tab.

What Important Dates Should I Be Aware Of For The 2018 Spring Little League Season?

Online Registration – November 1 – December 13, 2017

Player Evaluations – January 6 at Sage Canyon

Practices Begin – Practices will begin in early to mid-February depending on the division

What Divisions are Offered by Del Mar National Little League?

We provide several levels of play in order to meet the needs of the community that we serve. Below is a list of divisions that we are offering for the 2018 season. PLEASE READ THE DESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY and contact the Player Agent at playeragent@delmarnational.org if you are considering requesting that your child play DOWN in a lower division due to safety or ability concerns.

Juniors Division – All 13- and 14-year-olds

This division is for ALL 13- and 14-year-olds. Relatively competitive baseball played on a field with a distance of 60’ for the mound and 90’ for the bases. Coaches draft teams in order to create parity.

Majors Division – All 12-year-olds (unless parent request a waivered down to AAA), the majority of our 11-year-olds and a very few of the highest level 10-year-olds.

This division has a high level of play. The pitching is generally quite fast and the speed of the game is rapid. There are play-time requirements that include all players playing a minimum of 3 innings in a defensive position, but no requirement for any player to play an infield position. Players will need to commit to 3 days per week to baseball, which includes a minimum of 2 games and practice. Selection of players to teams will be done by a draft. Requests for specific team or to be able to play on the same team with specific other players will not be considered.

AAA Division – Any 12-year-olds who have waivered down. All 11-year-olds who were not drafted onto Majors teams (unless waivered down to AA), 10-year-olds and very few of the highest level 9-year-olds.

This division is for players who are prepared for a moderately high level of play. The pitching will be relatively strong, but generally unrefined. There are play-time requirements that include no player sitting out a 2nd inning until all players have sat out once. In addition, there is a requirement that every player play at least 2 innings in an infield position during each game. Many players will have a chance to pitch during the season, but 12 year olds in this division are not allowed to pitch. Player must be willing to commit 3 days per week to baseball, which includes a minimum of 2 games and a practice. Selection of players onto teams will be done by a draft players and no requests are granted

AA Division – Any 11-year-olds who have waivered down. All 10-year-olds who were not drafted onto AAA teams (unless waivered down to AA), 9-year-olds, and very few of the highest level 8-year-olds.

This division is for players who are prepared for a moderate level of play. The pitching will be less developed and generally quite a bit slower than the divisions above. There are playtime requirements that include no player sitting out a 2nd inning until all players have sat out once. In addition, there is a requirement that every player play at least 3 innings in an infield position during each game. Players that are Little League 8 who want to be considered in the draft for this division will need to participate in the 9 year old evaluations. Player must be willing to commit 3 days per week to baseball, which typically include 2 games and one practice a week. The Managers of the division will draft players onto their teams and no requests are granted.

Rookie – 8-year-olds that did not attend evaluations or were not drafted on AA teams, and all 7-year-olds who want to play in this division.

This division will focus on player development and expand on the skills developed in Coach Pitch. Standing and game scores will not be kept by the league. This division is an instructional league for little league players ages 7 and 8 where kid pitching is introduced for the first time. The objectives are to teach players to play as a team and bat and field effectively. Managers are encouraged to develop each player's fundamentals in both practice and game environments throughout the season. The season will be split into 2 phases. In the first phase, coaches will pitch from the mound during games and players will work on their pitching during practices. This phase will last approximately one month or until such time as the Division Coordinator, in discussions with the Managers, determines that the players are prepared to proceed to the next phase. In the second phase, kids will begin pitching. In this Division, kids will be called out on strikes during both the coach pitch and kid pitch phases. Players who sign up on time for this division will generally be placed on teams with some players from their school or neighborhood. This division will generally include one practice and one game per week.

Coach Pitch – All remaining 7 year olds and all 6 year olds who want to be in this division. No 5 year olds will be allowed to play in this division.

This is our standard Coach Pitch Division. It is a bit higher level of play than T-Ball. Players play all positions during the season and players are rotated so no player plays more than one inning at any one position during a game. Coaches pitch the ball from a safe distance from the batter's box. There are no strikeouts or walks and each batter must hit a fair ball during his/her at bat. If a player does not hit the ball after 6 pitches, players will hit from the tee. This division will include one practice and one game per week. Six-year-old players that are in first grade or have already played T-ball are encouraged to participate in this division. Players who sign up on time for this division will generally be placed on teams with some players from their school or neighborhood.

T-Ball – All 4 and 5 year olds (NO EXCEPTIONS) and all remaining 6 year olds who do not choose to play in the Coach Pitch division.

This is our standard T-Ball Division. It is an introductory level of play. Players play all positions during the season and all players are in the field each inning. Managers will rotate players so that each player plays a different position each inning. Each team will bat through their entire lineup each inning. This division holds practice prior to game times, which are only on Saturday's. Players who sign up on time for this division will generally be placed on teams with some players from their school or neighborhood.