



## Summer Baseball and Softball options

Depending on availability of volunteers, CBSL offers two options for both baseball and softball to continue playing into the summer, Little League District Tournament and Recreational. This will typically be for spring season Little League players league age 8 through 12. A Sandlot (pickup) program may be held for younger players, as well as possible sessions for age 13-16 players, again dependent on volunteers.

While the number of teams varies from year to year based on the level of interest, we typically field 2-3 District Tournament (most competitive, the most skilled players, opportunity to advance to state or national tournaments) teams in each Baseball and Softball. We may also have Recreational (play similar teams from other towns) Baseball and Softball teams at different ages. The Little League Tournament season begins mid-June (2 weeks prior to the first game or June 15<sup>th</sup>, which ever is earlier) and typically plays into at least July, depending on how far the teams advance. During that time period, players will have games or practices up to 7 days a week. Attendance at practices and games are mandatory for participation in the District Tournament.

While this is a significant time commitment, it is also the best possible opportunity for young players to improve their skills while representing their league and town. Playing on a Little League Tournament team is often a young players' most memorable baseball experience. Players who commit to a District Tournament Team and later remove themselves due to vacation or other commitments may not be eligible for future Tournament teams.

We aspire to field the following District Tournament teams:

Little League Baseball 10/11/12  
Little League Baseball 9/10/11  
Little League Baseball 8/9/10

Little League Softball Jr and/or Sr  
Little League Softball 11/12  
Little League Softball 9/10

If interest and volunteer and player availability allow, Senior Little League Jr and/or Sr

\*Please note that a player's "Little League" age is the same age used for the spring season and may be different than their actual age. A copy of players birth certificate and proof of eligibility will be required for age verification if your player is selected for a District team.

Participation on the Tournament teams is determined by Coach and/or player selection and vote, and final team rosters are CBSL Board approved. The number of District Tournament teams we ultimately field will depend on the pool of nominations as well as their skill and ability. Remember, District play is highly competitive. The CBSL Board will ultimately determine the number of teams.

The District Tournament Teams compete in the Little League Connecticut District 11 Tournament for the right to continue to play in State and National Little League Championships. This is a highly competitive and a time intensive league.

#### Summer Recreational Information – Baseball & Softball

CBSL is also looking to offer Recreational teams that will travel within the district to play games. The teams generally fall into “Little League” age 8s (coach pitch), 9/10s, and 11/12s, with players typically staying in their spring division. At times, the district will adjust age breakouts which will impact how we will form teams. Further, the number of teams and age breakdowns will be based on the pool of registrants, and the league will do its best to field teams to accommodate all children, dependent on the number of volunteers available.

We anticipate the Recreational season to begin the 3rd week of June and some teams may continue through July.

Recreational teams are comprised of players not selected or too young for District Tournament Teams, those who do not wish the degree of competitiveness and time commitment of District Tournament Team play, or those who just wish to have more flexibility with their schedule.

#### Sandlot (pickup) – Baseball & Softball

When field space and volunteer availability allows, CBSL offers “Sandlot”. Sandlot is instruction sessions geared towards the younger players that haven't played in a kid pitch division and are looking for additional instruction and playing time within a coach pitch setting.