

Nampa Valley Little League – General Information

- Timing: The NVLL regular season runs the 3rd week of March (start of practices) through approximately the 1st week of June. For younger players (5 – 8 year olds), the regular season ends the 3rd week of May (no end-of-season tournament).
- Teams: T-Ball* & Rookie (coach pitch) teams are simply formed using an equal distribution of 5 & 6 year olds per T-Ball team and 7 & 8 year olds per Rookie team. Scores/league standings are not kept. At this level, we are usually able to accommodate special requests.

* At this time, NVLL does not offer a softball program for 5-6 year old girls. Young ladies in this age group are welcome in our program, however, are simply assigned to T-Ball baseball teams.

For players aged 9-14, NVLL utilizes a skills evaluation process as the basis for team formation. The 9–12 year old age group (60 foot bases) is divided into three divisions; AA, AAA and Majors. AA typically consists of 9-10 year olds. AAA (baseball only) typically consists of advanced 10-year olds and 11-year olds. Majors typically consists of advanced 11-year olds and all 12-year olds. However, pending skill level, younger players may be assigned to a higher division with parental consent. Additionally, 8-year old players may also participate in our skills evaluation process to determine readiness for player-pitch baseball. However, any 8-year old who demonstrates adequate ability will be limited to participation at the AA level.

AA and AAA teams are formed using skills evaluation numbers to achieve an equal distribution of ability amongst the teams. At this level, we may be able to accommodate special requests. Majors teams are formed through a draft process. At this level, special requests may be considered, but not at the expense of draft integrity.

Players aged 13-14 compete in our Juniors division (90 foot bases for baseball; no increase in base distance for softball). Juniors teams are also formed through a draft process. Again, special requests may be considered, but may not adversely affect the draft process.

Note - Pending number of registrants, the skills evaluation process may not be applicable to our 9 & up softball players. Likewise, the number of Majors and Juniors level softball players will dictate draft necessity.

- Schedules: Ages 5-8 baseball players: T-Ball & Rookie level kids play 12-14 game schedules. T-Ball games are typically held on Tues./Thurs. evenings. Rookie games are typically held on Mon./Wed. evenings. However, occasional games may be scheduled for other weekday evenings or Saturdays.
- Ages 9 & up baseball players: AA, AAA, Majors & Juniors level kids play 16-22 game schedules. Game schedules vary pending interleague play agreement with surrounding little league programs. If possible, NVLL schedules away games on Saturdays.
- Ages 7 & up softball players: Game schedules vary pending interleague play agreement with surrounding little league programs.

- Fields:** Fields for T-Ball/Rookie baseball and Rookie softball players are located at the Optimist Park facility.
- Baseball fields for 9-12 year old players are located at Optimist Park, Birch Elementary and Lakeview Park (Les Goodman field).
- Baseball fields for Junior level players are located at Optimist Park, Skyview High School and Lonestar Middle School.
- The softball field for 9 & up players is located at Karcher Park.
- Uniforms:** The league provides players with a hat and game jersey. In addition, each player is covered by league insurance. Parents/guardians are responsible for providing a mitt and all other apparel. Cleats are not mandatory, but highly recommended.
- Equipment:** Balls, bats, helmets and catcher's gear are provided by NVLL. Personal equipment may be used provided it meets Little League standards.
- Fees:** 5 – 8 year old baseball - \$50
9 - 12 year old baseball - \$90
13 – 14 year old baseball - \$100
- 7 - 8 year old softball - \$50
9 & up softball - \$90
- Note: For baseball, league age is determined by how old a player will be as of April 30th of the applicable year (i.e., an 8-year old who turns 9 on April 27th is considered league age 9 regardless of the fact he/she will still be 8 when the season starts).
- For softball, league age is determined by how old the player is as of December 31st of the preceding year (i.e., a player turning 13 on January 4th is still considered league age 12).