

The information below is intended to give parents and players an idea of what they should expect at each CSLL division. More information (including rules at each age level) can be found at www.cslittleleague.com

Rookie-minors

Player expectations: your child will practice or play at least twice a week from early April to mid June. The days are typically Thursday and Saturday. Each session will be up to 2 hours long. At this level we play against other teams in District 7 (Victoria) so games are played at parks around Victoria. Our goal is for the kids to have fun while they improve their throwing, catching, hitting, work on pitching, and improve their knowledge of positional play. In addition to the main season we hold free optional indoor pre-season clinics beginning in January and roughly twice a month thereafter. See www.cslittleleague.com for details.

Additional opportunities: if your child is league age 7 or older, please see the attached "prospects and tournament team" info sheet.

Parent expectations: at this level you may be able to drop off your child and pick up later. However, the team usually welcome parents to jump in and help out which can be a lot of fun. Please verify if leaving your child with them is ok with your manager. Please use your judgment when deciding whether to drop off your child or to stay. If your child is independent, calm, and focused it may be fine to leave him or her. But if your child is likely to require extra attention to stay on task or keep track of his or her belongings, please consider staying at the park so the coaches can remain focused on baseball. Please be punctual both at the beginning and end of practices and games.

Volunteer commitment: Rookie-minor parents are required to do at least 1 or possibly 2 shifts in the concession/selling 50/50 tickets per child. If they are managing, coaching, or coordinating a team they are exempt from these duties. In addition, parents are expected to help at the team level by preparing and taking down the field.

The volunteer shifts contribute to essential core funding of the league. They also give you a chance to get to know other families in our community. It is usually a lot of fun.

Cost: There is a \$100 registration fee. This cost covers uniform and equipment usage plus a hat and socks for each player to keep. It also covers operational costs for the league. Some teams also choose to get medals or trophies at the end of the season. If your team chooses to do these expect to pay an additional \$10 to \$15.

Required equipment: Ball glove and jock or jill. At this level most players have their own helmets but CSLL has helmets to borrow or buy if you don't have your own.

Volunteering

Each family is expected to complete up to two (2) volunteer shifts per child registered. These shifts need to consist of at least one concession shift or you can pay a \$100 volunteer exemption fee. Your shifts are a ton of fun, a great way to meet other CSLL families, help our league function and fulfill your family's volunteer obligation, which are independent of the team volunteer duties and avoid having your volunteer deposit cashed.

Get in early and get the shifts of your choice! We always run the concession with two staff youth who run the cash and cook. The concession volunteer preps the food for the cook and works the counter to serve customers. The 50/50 person needs to be full of energy to sell as many 50/50 tickets as possible by circling the park twice during games to sell tickets, then count money and draws the winner! If you are quiet and shy, sign up for a second concession shift instead of 50/50.

Sign up here by clicking on the volunteer button on the main page at cslittleleague.com

Prospect Teams

Prospect teams are part of our player development program. Prospect teams will be formed for ages 7—10 and ages 11-12. This is an opportunity for players who want to develop their skills further.

Commitment: practices will be held weekly on Friday evenings. We understand that every child can't guarantee attendance at every practice, but our goal is to put together a committed group of players who can bond as a team. Therefore, please plan to attend regularly. The prospect team may be limited in spots if there are too many applicants. This will be determined at the start of the year.

Cost: an additional registration fee of \$75 for the player covers the additional use of facilities and equipment.

Tournament teams

CSLL enters teams in District Tournaments. These tournaments are played after the conclusion of the regular ball season and are more competitive than regular season play. Playing time is not shared equally in tournament games but there are minimum playing rules. For example, rather than encouraging all players to learn all positions the tournament manager's decisions are based on attempting to win games. Assessments for tournament teams take place in late May. Once the tournament teams have been announced the players must commit to attending all practices and games.

The 8-10 tournament takes place near the end of June. The 10-12 tournament takes place the second week of July. The winner of each district tournament goes on to play at a provincial level and then potentially Canadians and the World Series. Families of tournament players should be aware that the commitment may extend well into the summer. Tournament teams for 11-13 (Intermediate), 12-14 (Junior) and 14-16 (Senior) are generally combined teams from the District (Victoria LL) depending on the enrolment numbers and interest from each park.

City Minors tournament: this is a weekend-long playoff among the house-league teams from all the Little League parks in the Victoria area. Near the end of the spring season the CSLL Minors teams hold playoffs to determine which team will represent CSLL at the city Minors tournament. At this tournament fair play rules apply (playing time is shared equally among players). There is no additional cost for this tournament.

Cost: an additional registration fee of approx. \$100 for the player covers a portion of the players uniform cost and additional use of facilities and equipment. If the teams are successful in winning Districts there will be additional costs.

Fall Ball

CSLL creates fall ball programs for players who will be age 8-10 and 10-12 for the following season. This is meant to provide more baseball and for the younger players to get a sense of the rules and the calibre of players they will meet in the next division for the following season. This program will be announced in the summer. The team is built on a first to respond merit. The program runs September and October. Games are played on weekends with one practice per week.

Cost: an additional registration fee of \$50 for the fall ball teams covers the players uniform cost and additional use of facilities and equipment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your divisional coordinator. There is a lot of information available on the website so please refer to it regularly. Remember to allow president@cslittleleague.com into your inbox so our messages are not being put into your junk mail.