

	Blast Ball	T-Ball	A,	AA	AAA	Majors	Intermediate	Juniors	Seniors	Big League
Field Size	50' or 60'	50' or 60'	60'/46	60'/45	60'/46'	60'/46'	70'/50'	90'/60'	90'/60'	90'/60'
Pitching	No	No	Adult	Adult/Player	Player	Player	Player	Player	Player	Player
Primary League Age	4 yr old ONLY	5-6	7-8	8-9	9-10	11-12	12-13	13-14	15-16	17-18
Other Ages Eligible for 'Spring' Season	Depending on enrollment, BB is offered only in Spring	1st-time 7's after eval's and League approval/ Player Agent	League Age 6 after 1 season of T-Ball, and League approval Player Agent	League Age 7 After 1 season of Single A and League approval Player Agent	League Age 8 After 1 season of Double A and League approval Player Agent	League Age 10 after 1 season of Minors and League approval Player Agent	League Age 12 after 2 seasons of Majors and League approval Player Agent	League Age 13 after 1 season Intermediates and League approval Player Agent	League Age 14 after 2 seasons Juniors or * 8 th grade playing JV in the Fall Season	League Age 17/18 HS Varsity Level
Other Ages Eligible for 'Fall' Season	Not Offered	League applicable of the following season	League applicable of the following season	League applicable of the following season	League applicable of the following season	League applicable of the following season	League applicable of the following season	League applicable of the following season	League applicable of the following season	League applicable of the following season
Roster Size	10 +	10 +	10 +	10 +	10 +	12	12	12	12	12
'Spring' Team Formation	Assigned by geographic region	Assigned by geographic region	Teams reform thru Player Evaluations & Draft	Teams reform thru Player Evaluations & Draft	Teams reform thru Player Evaluations & Draft	Player Eval's & Draft. Players return to same team following season(s)	Eval's & Draft	Eval's & Draft	Eval's & Draft JV Players will not play until JV Season has ended.	Eval's & Draft season begins after HS Varsity Season has ended.
'Fall' Team Formation	Not Offered	Returning players/teams or League placement	Returning players/teams or League placement	Returning players/teams or League placement	Returning players/teams or League placement	Returning players/teams or League placement	Returning players/teams or League placement	Returning players/teams or League placement	Returning players/teams or League placement	Returning players/teams or League placement
Weekly 'Spring' Practice/Games Schedule	1 weekday practice + 1 Saturday game	1 weekday practice + 1 Saturday game +some week day games	1 weekday practice + 1 Saturday game +some week day games	1 weekday practice + 1 Saturday game +some week day games	1 weekday practice + 1 Saturday game +some week day games	1 weekday practice + 1 Saturday game +some week day games	1 weekday practice + 1 Saturday game +some week day games	1 practice and 2 games per week	2 practices and 3 games per week	2 practices and 3 games per week
Weekly 'Fall' Practice/Games Schedule	Not Offered	1 weekday practice + 1 Saturday game + some week day games	1 weekday practice + 1 Saturday game + some week day games	1 weekday practice + 1 Saturday game + some week day games	1 weekday practice + 1 Saturday game + some week day games	1 weekday practice + 1 Saturday game + some week day games	1 weekday practice + 1 or 2 Saturday games + some week day games	1 weekday practice + 1 or 2 Saturday games + some week day games	1 weekday practice + 1 or 2 Saturday games + some week day games	1 weekday practice + 1 or 2 Saturday games + some week day games
Game Length	3 Innings; 90 min's max	3 Innings; 90 min's max	6 Inning's-time limit of 2:00. No new inning after 1:30	6 Inning's-time limit of 2:30. No new inning after 2:00	6 Inning's-time limit of 2:30. No new inning after 2:15	6 Inning's-time limit of 2:30. No new inning after 2:15	7 Inning's; No new Inning after 2:30	7 Inning's; No new Inning after 2:30	7 Inning's; No new Inning after 2:30	7 Inning's; No new Inning after 2:30
Batting Order	Each player hits each Inning	Each player hits each Inning	Continuous (ea. player in attendance)	Continuous (ea. player in attendance)	Continuous (ea. player in attendance)	Continuous (ea. player in attendance)	Continuous Substitutes	Continuous Substitutes	9 or Continuous By league rule with substitutions	9 or Continuous By league rule with substitutions
Run Limits	Scores not Recorded	Scores not Recorded	5 per Inning 1x thru order; unlimited in 6 th	3 per Inning kid pitch - 5 per inning coach pitch. 1x thru order; unlimited in 6 th	5 per Inning 1x thru order; unlimited in 6 th	5 per Inning; unlimited in 6 th	5 per Inning 10 run rule after 5 Innings	5 per Inning 10 run rule after 5 Innings	unlimited 10 run rule after 5 Innings	unlimited 10 run rule after 5 Innings
Defense/ Mandatory Play	Each Player present plays defense each Inning.	Each Player present plays defense each Inning.	10 defensive positions see local rules or LL Rules	10 defensive positions see local rules or LL Rules	9 defensive positions see local rules or LL Rules	9 defensive positions see local rules or LL Rules	9 defensive positions. Min 2 innings on defense and 1 at-bat.	9 defensive positions. Min 2 innings on defense and 1 at-bat.	9 defensive positions. Min 2 innings on defense and 1 at-bat.	9 defensive positions. Min 2 innings on defense and 1 at-bat.
Steals/Lead-Offs	No	No	No	Yes/No No stealing home Steals allowed during kid pitch –none coach pitch	Yes/No One steal attempt home per Inning	Yes/No	Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes
Umpires	No	No	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	Yes (2)	Yes (2)	Yes (2)	Yes (2)
Post Season Tournaments	No	No	No	Yes Special Games	Yes Special Games	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Uniform	Hat, Jersey, socks*	Hat, Jersey, socks*	Hat, Jersey, socks*	Hat, Jersey, socks*	Hat, Jersey, socks*	Hat, Jersey, socks*	Hat and Jersey	Hat and Jersey	Hat and Jersey	Hat and Jersey
Player Provided Uniform	Baseball Pants Belt	Baseball Pants Belt	Baseball Pants Belt	Baseball Pants Belt	Baseball Pants Belt	Baseball Pants Belt	Baseball Pants Belt and socks	Baseball Pants Belt and socks	Baseball Pants Belt and socks	Baseball Pants Belt and socks
League Provided Equipment	Batting Helmets	Batting Helmets & Catcher's Gear	Batting Helmets & Catcher's Gear	Batting Helmets & Catcher's Gear	Batting Helmets & Catcher's Gear	Batting Helmets & Catcher's Gear	Batting Helmets and Catcher's Gear	Batting Helmets & Catcher's Gear	Batting Helmets & Catcher's Gear	Batting Helmets & Catcher's Gear
Player Provided Equipment	Protective 'cup', Glove and Bat	Protective 'cup', Glove and Bat	Protective 'cup', Glove, Bat & Cleats	Protective 'cup', Glove, Bat & Cleats	Protective 'cup', Glove, Bat, Cleats	Protective 'cup', Glove, Bat & Cleats	Protective 'cup', Glove, Bat & Cleats	Protective 'cup', Glove, Bat, Cleats	Protective 'cup', Glove, Bat, Cleats	Protective 'cup', Glove, Bat & Cleats

*Socks are provided for the Spring Season only as specified in the above.

Divisions of Play

Greater Fauquier Baseball—Little League

GFBLL offers recreational youth baseball to the residents of Fauquier County for boys and girls, ages 4 thru 18 two (2) times per year. The spring season runs from March thru mid-June. Post-season All-Star tournaments for select Divisions run from the end of the regular spring season into mid/late July. The fall season, which tends to be more instructional in nature, runs from late August into late October.

Please use the chart and information below to answer most questions. NOTE: **“League Age” refers to the player’s age as specified in the Little League Rule Book and is subject to change.**

Blast Ball: This is a basic introduction to baseball for players of League Age 4 only, where they learn the fundamentals through age appropriate practices and games. Blast Ball will be offered each Spring only; depending on the number of 4 to 6 year-old T-Ball enrollees. Players are taught the fundamentals by being exposed to playing positions and are taught throwing, catching, batting, defensive ready position and running the bases. Players hit the ball off of a stationary tee and play in the field with Coaches and volunteers nearby to help with instruction. This Division uses Reduced Impact Force (RIF) or “safety” balls; no scores are kept, and every offensive player bats each inning regardless of outs. Each player then takes up a defensive position when the opposing team comes up to bat. All Blast Ball players receive an achievement award (Trophy; Medal; etc.) at the conclusion of the season. Teams in this Division are organized by the GFBLL Player Agent and Commissioner; with players assigned to teams by schools/regions as close to their home as possible. For further specific rules associated with Blast Ball/T-Ball see Little League Rule Book or any local rules as may be in place.

T-Ball: This is a basic introduction to baseball for players of League Age 5 to 6; though first-time 7 year old players may be assigned to a T-Ball team with the consent of the parent and the Player Agent after going thru the Player Evaluations for the Rookie Division (typical Division for 7 year olds). Players are taught the fundamentals by being exposed to playing positions and are taught throwing, catching, batting, defensive ready position and running the bases. Players hit the ball off of a stationary tee and play in the field with Coaches and volunteers nearby to help with instruction. This Division uses Reduced Impact Force (RIF) or “safety” balls; no scores are kept, and every offensive player bats each inning regardless of outs. Each player then takes up a defensive position when the opposing team comes up to bat. All T-Ball players receive an achievement award (Trophy; Medal; etc.) at the conclusion of the season. Teams in this Division are organized by the GFBLL Player Agent and Commissioner; with players assigned to teams by schools/regions as close to their home as possible, For further specific rules associated with “T-Ball”, See Little League Rule Book and the please see GFBLL’s Local Rules under the Documents section on our website.

Single A (Coach Pitch): This Division provides a transition from T-Ball to Coach Pitch for players of League Age 7 to 8; though League Age 6 year-olds are eligible to play in Single A after completing one full season of T-Ball (previous Spring season only); and upon the consent of the Player Agent after attending Player Evaluations for this Division. Once Team Managers and Assistant Coaches are assigned, the balance of the ‘Spring’ season teams are formed thru GFBLL’s mandatory Player Evaluations and Draft process; with input by the Player Agent and Commissioner to create as level a division of teams as possible. Each game will utilize a coach pitcher, standing no closer than 35’ from the plate, who will pitch a maximum of 7 balls to each batter (strikeouts do apply). Catchers and a ‘fielding’ Pitcher will be utilized. Players are taught the fundamentals of baseball such that they are exposed to playing positions and are taught throwing, catching, batting, defensive ready position and running the bases. All Single A players receive an achievement award (Trophy; Medal; etc.) at the conclusion of the season. For further specific rules associated with Minors "Single A", See Little League Rule Book and the please see GFBLL’s Local Rules under the Documents section on our website.

Double A (Hybrid Kid/Coach Pitch): This Division provides a transition from Minors Single A Coach Pitch to Kid Pitch for players of League Age 8 to 9; though League Age 7 year-olds are eligible to play in Double A after completing one full season of Single A (previous Spring season only); and upon the consent of the Player Agent after attending Player Evaluations for this Division. Once Team Managers and Assistant Coaches are assigned, the balance of the ‘Spring’ season teams are formed thru GFBLL’s mandatory Player Evaluations and Draft process; with input by the Player Agent and Commissioner to create as level a division of teams as possible. Each game will utilize a coach or player pitcher, standing no closer than 35’ (coach) or 41’ (player) from the plate, Coaches will pitch a maximum of 7 balls to each batter (strikeouts do apply), player pitch will be normal base (3 strikes, 4 balls, hit, etc.). Catchers and a Pitcher will be utilized. Players are taught the fundamentals of baseball such that they are exposed to playing positions and are taught throwing, pitching, catching, batting, defensive ready position and running the bases. Here is where players start to learn to develop as pitchers and catchers. For further specific rules associated with Minors "Single A", See Little League Rule Book and the please see GFBLL’s Local Rules under the Documents section on our website.

Triple A: Primarily for players League Age 9 to 10; though League Age 8 year-olds are eligible to play in Minors after completing one full season of Double A (previous Spring season only); and upon the consent of the Player Agent after attending Player Evaluations for this Division. Once Team Managers and Assistant Coaches are assigned, the balance of the ‘Spring’ season teams are formed thru GFBLL’s mandatory Player Evaluations and Draft process; with input by the Player Agent and Commissioner to create as level a division of teams as possible. The skills that the players have been accumulating finally come together as they now work as a team: pitching, hitting and fielding the ball. Fundamentals and sportsmanship are stressed along with the strategies required for competitive play. All players bat in the line-up, nine

defensive positions are used, and scores and standings are kept. Players are taught advanced fundamentals of baseball such that they are exposed to pitching techniques, playing positions, defensive pre-pitch preparedness, live batting, and aggressive base running. A post-season tournament determines the overall league champion; with both teams playing in the championship game receiving trophies. Players in this Division are eligible to play for League All-Star teams that will compete in Little League District tournaments; with the opportunity to continue on to a Virginia State Little League Championship for this age group. For further specific rules associated with Minors "Triple A", See Little League Rule Book and the please see GFBLL's Local Rules under the Documents section on our website.

Majors: Primarily for players League Age 11 to 12; though League Age 10 year-olds are eligible to play in Majors after completing one full season of Minors (previous Spring season only); and upon the consent of the Player Agent after attending Player Evaluations for this Division. Once Team Managers and Assistant Coaches are assigned, the balance of the 'Spring' season teams are formed from returning Majors players already on that team, and thru GFBLL's mandatory Player Evaluations and Draft process to fill out the roster with first year Majors players. Teams are fielded with between 12 and 15 players; with no more than 8 League Age 12 year-olds per team. The Player Agent and Commissioner will continue to monitor and create as level a division of Majors teams as possible. Once teams are assembled, they are intended to remain as intact as possible thru the balance of the players' following years in Majors and subsequent upper Divisions. Players continue to refine and develop their offensive and defensive skills while competing at a higher and faster paced level that is generally oriented for more experienced players. A post-season league tournament determines the overall league champion; with both teams playing in the championship game receiving trophies. Players in this Division are eligible to play for League All-Star teams that will compete in Little League District tournaments; with the opportunity to continue on to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. (the Little League World Series seen on TV is for this Division of Little League Baseball). For further specific rules associated with "Majors", See Little League Rule Book and the please see GFBLL's Local Rules under the Documents section on our website.

Intermediate: For players League Age 11 to 13. Played on a transitional diamond of 70' base paths and 50' pitching distance; Intermediate Division offers a transition for players between the standard Little League diamond (60' base paths and 46' pitching distance) and the Junior/Senior/Big League field size (90' base paths and 60'6" pitching distance). Base Runners are now allowed to take 'Lead-Offs' on the bases, and may attempt steals at any time while the ball is in play. A post-season tournament determines the overall league champion; with both teams playing in the championship game receiving trophies. Players in this Division are eligible to play for League All-Star teams that will compete in Little League District tournaments; with the opportunity to continue on to a Little League World Series in this age group. see Little League Rule Book or any local rules as may be in place.

Juniors: For players League Age 13 to 14; Played on a regulation Big League sized field with 90' base paths and 60'6" pitching distance. The emphasis in the Juniors Division is to prepare the players for the level of play prior to transitioning to Seniors Division. Post-season tournament determines the overall league champion; with both teams playing in the championship game receiving trophies. Players in this Division are eligible to play for League All-Star teams that will compete in Little League District tournaments; with the opportunity to continue on to a Little League World Series in this age group. For further specific rules associated with the Juniors Division see Little League Rule Book or any local rules as may be in place.

Seniors: For players League Age 15 to 16; with no more than 8 out of a total of 12 to 15 players being League Age 16 per team. Played on a regulation Big League sized field with 90' base paths and 60'6" pitching distance. The emphasis in the Seniors Division is to prepare the players for the level of play required to make a High School roster. A post-season tournament determines the overall league champion. Players in this Division are eligible to play for League All-Star teams that will compete in Little League District tournaments, with the opportunity to continue on to a Little League World Series in this age group. For further specific rules refer to the Little League Rule Book or any local rules as may be in place.

Big League: For players League Age 17 to 18. Played on a regulation Big League sized field with 90' base paths and 60'6" pitching distance. The emphasis in the Division is to prepare the players for the level of play required to make a College roster. A post-season tournament determines the overall league champion. Players in this Division are eligible to play for League All-Star teams that will compete in Little League District tournaments, with the opportunity to continue on to a Little League World Series in this age group. For further specific rules refer to the Little League Rule Book or any local rules as may be in place.