

Woodville Little League Commonly Asked Questions

1. When does baseball registration begin and end?

Baseball registration for Spring 2023 will begin December 1, 2022 and end around January 15, 2023. Our Seniors division and softball divisions may remain open longer to accommodate for middle school, high school, and Tallahassee Fast Pitch team tryouts.

2. When does the season start?

Evaluations will be the week of January 16th Draft and Coaches Meeting will be the week of January 23rd Practices will begin the week of January 30th Opening Day will be February 25th Games will begin the week of February 27th

3. I live in Wakulla, can I play in Woodville?

Yes, Wakulla County is considered in bounds for our League.

4. What if I don't live in Woodville, can my child still play?

We Encourage all children to play baseball and to play in the community in which they live or go to school. In some instances, this is not feasible for transportation or other reasons, and in these instances please reach out to us. Send an email to <u>WoodvilleLittleLeague@yahoo.com</u> and explain your reasons for wanting to play out of your school or home boundary. The request will need to be made prior to the end of the registration window. We will then put in the request for out of bounds play. Once we have approval, we will respond letting you know to continue to register.

5. Where can I find out what league I am eligible to play with?

You can go <u>here</u> and put in your home or school address. The system will determine what local Little League you are eligible to play with. If the system can't find a local

league, please email us at <u>WoodvilleLittleLeague@yahoo.com</u> and we can find the league.

6. Are you offering Softball in the Spring of 2023?

YES! Softball turned out to be a huge success for our girls and we are excited to announce that we will be having softball again. Other Little League parks are also offering softball this season as well. If you are not in our boundary, we encourage you to reach out to your local park for availability. If your local park is not offering softball this season, we would love for your child to play softball with our park.

7. My local Little League doesn't offer the division for my child, can I play with your park?

We are working with other Little League parks in Leon County to ensure that every child who wants to play baseball in Leon County can play in their community. That being said, we are working hard to make sure there is an age division for every child within our boundary. If your child does not have a division to play in at your local little league park, please reach out to us at <u>WoodvilleLittleLeague@yahoo.com</u> so that we can put in an out of boundary request. The request will need to be made prior to the end of the registration window.

8. Where are games held?

All Weeball and Teeball games are held at the J. Lewis Hall Recreation park in Woodville. Once your child reaches the Machine Pitch, Minors, Majors, Juniors and Seniors divisions, the games are played at all Leon County Parks including: Chaires Capitola, Canopy Oaks, Fort Braden, Fred George (juniors and seniors).

9. When are games played?

Generally, games are held on weeknights and start at 6:30pm for all divisions. There are some games held at Canopy Oaks and Chaires on Friday nights that begin at 6pm and 8pm. Depending on the size of the league, we may have to adjust our weeball and teeball to Saturday morning games. This may not be known until we try and create our schedule for the Spring Season.

10. Can your park play other leagues outside of Little League?

Yes, we just need a copy of the team / Leagues insurance policy and to submit a special games form to our District Administrator for approval. Once approved, special games can be played. During these games, rules of play may be adjusted to accommodate for the opponent's organization.

- 11. What uniform will my player need?
 - The registration fee covers a dri-fit jersey and hat for each player. Hat style will depend on availability and division of play.
 - Jerseys for Spring have both the player number and last name. In an effort to keep registration costs low for fall, jerseys for fall have only the player number on the back. When completing the registration for your player, use the player's legal last name, as that will need to be the name on the back of the players uniform.
 - Uniforms are ordered from B&B should you want to order a duplicate jersey or parent jersey. Please be mindful that B&B is a small business and parent jerseys should be collected by the team parent and an entire team's order placed at one time.
 - Pants, socks and belts are provided by the parents. Color for these are chosen by the team manager. B&B Sporting goods is a great place to purchase these items as they have all items in stock.
- 12. Do you have All Stars?

Yes, we participate in the Little League All Stars post-season tournaments. For the Spring 2023 season, we will be following our League bylaws for selection of players and coaches for All Stars. For access to our bylaws, please click <u>here</u>. All Stars are announced in Mid-May. Practices begin immediately following team selection and will continue until games begin. All Stars uniforms are dri-fit uniforms that are a bit nicer than our regular season uniforms and include an embroidered hat – Both are provided to the players at no additional cost.

13. What does my child need to play baseball?

Glove, bat and helmet. The league provides each team with a team bag containing everything needed for a team to play ball – team bat, 4 helmets, catcher's gear and catcher's glove. Most players bring their own helmet, glove and bat to each game and practice in their own bag. Should a player need a glove, please let the coach know or email us at woodvillelittleleague@yahoo.com.

14. Where can I find the league's constitution, bylaws and other operating procedures?

All information can be found on our website at <u>www.woodvillebaseball.com</u> under the League Information tab.

15. When are practices?

Practices are held at the discretion of the coach of the team in which you are drafted. Practices during the week will generally start at 6pm. If weekend practices are held, those times will vary based on each coach's schedule. There are typically 2 to 3 practices a week and the number of practices a week will be adjusted once the games begin.

16. What if my kid can't make evaluations?

We encourage every player to attend the draft. For this reason we have the draft on various days. If your child cannot make the draft, please let us know prior to January 16th. If players do not attend evaluations per little league rules, there is a possibility that he / she may not be placed on a team.

17. I am interested in coaching but have never coached, can I still coach?

Yes! Anyone who is interested in coaching is encouraged to coach. We are always in need of coaches, so anyone who has an interest in coaching is encouraged to register.

18. When do games begin and end?

Games for Spring 2023 are scheduled to begin the week after opening day on February 25th. Games will continue through the middle of May.

- 19. Do you give out Trophies?
 - During our spring seasons, trophies are covered by registration fees. The league coordinates ordering the trophies and handing them out to team managers at the end of the season. * Players will need to be registered with the first and last name that is to go on the trophy, as the reports for to order trophies are generated from the registration system.
 - As fall is more of an instructional, shorter season, trophies are not included in the registration cost. If a parent wants to coordinate payment and ordering for their team trophies for fall, you are welcome to do so.
- 20. Do you offer team photos?

During our spring seasons, the league will coordinate a photographer to come out for photos. We use Tim Yoho Photography for our league photography. He takes orders and payments for these photos directly and we are not involved in that process.

21. Can I sponsor my child's team?

For Spring 2023, we are trying something new with our sponsorships. We are going with Major League team names for each of our teams and sponsor names will not be on the jerseys. Sponsors will get a banner at our park as well as have their logo put on a traveling banner that will be hung at each team's game. The sponsorship cost for this will be \$350. There is an additional sponsorship category where the logo will be displayed on our website and that cost is \$55.

22. What is the cost?

Weeball - \$50 Teeball - \$50 Minors - Machine Pitch - \$60 Minors – Player Pitch - \$80 Majors - \$80 Juniors - \$80 Seniors - \$90

23. What if I can't afford to pay?

T-Mobile has a program call the T-Mobile Call Up Grant that covers the cost of registration. You simply apply for the grant and T- Mobile will send you a card that can be used to pay your registration fees. Simply register your child choosing to pay by check or cash at the end. Once you receive your card for payment from T- Mobile, you will log in and pay the fees. We do not have records or information on who receives this grant, iit is confidential.

24. Do I have to pay when I register?

No, you do not have to pay at time of registration. You can submit your child's registration and then pay at a later date. As we must order uniforms by February 1st, we ask that all fees are paid by January 30th.

25. Can I register early and pay later?

Yes, you can register early and pay at a later date. Registering early helps us to plan and anticipate the number of players the season will have. As we must order uniforms by February 1st, we ask that all fees are paid by January 30th

26. What does my registration fee cover?

Your registration fee covers the following on an estimated per player basis: Uniform (Jersey & Hat) - \$36 Little League International Fees - \$7 District 20 Little League Fee - \$5 Little League Patch - \$2.25 Game Balls - \$5 Trophy - \$6 Umpire Fees - \$32.50 (minors Player Pitch, Majors, Seniors) Equipment - Varies

All numbers above are estimates based on teams of 12 players and 6 home games played. There are other expenses not included above, but above are the fees that directly affect the game itself. Important things to note, leather game balls are \$8 and umpires are \$65 per umpire per game and seniors requires two umpires per game during spring.

27. The registration fee is less than the registration costs above, how does that additional amount get covered?

In an effort to keep registration costs low for everyone, we use concession profits to offset the additional funds needed to operate the league. For this reason, it is important for concessions to be open during every night of the season. These profits directly affect the cost of registration for future seasons.

28. Who runs Woodville Little League?

Woodville Little League is a non-profit 501c3 organization run solely by volunteers. While most decisions are made by the League's board, it takes a lot of time from a lot of volunteers to run the league. From registration, to coaches, to concessions and all the behind the scenes work it takes, it is all done by volunteers. If you are interested in being involved, please email us at <u>woodvillelittleleague@yahoo.com</u> for information on how you can be involved.

29. When is the Game Schedule published?

The game schedule will be published toward the middle to end of February. Since we coordinate games amongst three other Little League parks and over 50 teams, it takes some time to finalize that schedule.

30. I have questions not listed here, who can I contact?

If you still have questions not listed here, please email <u>woodvillelittleleague@yahoo.com</u>

31. I have a concern about a concern during a game, what can I do?

During games, the umpire is the person who all game concerns should be directed to. If you were unable to resolve your concern during the game with an umpire, then you can email your concern to woodvillelittleleague@yahoo.com giving the scenarios of the situation. We will do the research necessary and get back in touch with you.