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## **2016 General Information Guide**

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This document is to acquaint you with details of Naperville Little League for the 2016 season.

If you have any specific questions send them to us at [email@NLLB.org](mailto:email@NLLB.org).

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## 1. Overview of the 2016 Program

11 and 12 year olds: We are strengthening this program and dropping the 50/70 league we had last season. For this upcoming season, there are two options for this age, the Major Division (players tryout and are drafted to teams), and the AAA division.

9 and 10 years old: there are also two levels of play, the Supreme level for players that tryout and are drafted to play, and the AA level, for the balance of the 9 and 10's.

7 and 8 year olds: participate in our Development "A" league.

For the Majors and the Supreme leagues, initial tryouts were held in August, and the teams were filled to about 80% capacity. The balance of the rosters will be filled with youngsters from the winter tryout (see section on tryouts). Whether your youngster tried out in August or not, they are encouraged to tryout again. Twelve's that try out and meet minimum skill sets will be drafted to the Major teams. After the drafted league rosters are filled, players will be assigned to an AAA or AA team.

For youngsters that play in the non-drafted leagues, there is an effort made to assign youngsters by neighborhood/school, or with friends, but there are no guarantees. It can get complicated and sometimes the numbers don't work out, so there are no guarantees.

In addition to the above programs, during the spring season, there will be tryouts for teams to play approximate 8 game travel schedule usually on Sundays. This is commonly referred to as the Sunday League.

There is post season All-Star play for 9, 10, 11, and 12's, and a Summer Tournament for those that aren't drafted or chose not to play on the All-Stars.

There is a Fall Ball league for youngsters, additional information in Section 14 below.

We recommend that any youngsters that are 13 prior to May 1, that wish to continue playing baseball, contact the Naperville Baseball Association at [nbabaseball.com](http://nbabaseball.com).

A listing of the Board of Directors including the League Directors and their contact information is on the NLLB.org site, click "About Us".

## 2. Information Day & Open House

If you have any questions about Naperville Little League, visit our office on one of the following two dates.

- Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- Saturday, January 23 from 10:00 – 1:00 pm

We will have staff available to answer any questions you have about the program.

Our office is located at 530 West 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, immediately south of Naperville North High School.

For a map to our office go to: <http://goo.gl/maps/gRMbY>

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## 3. Opening Day Dates

Estimated opening day for the 2016 season is as follows:

- 7 - 8 yr old 'A' Division                      Saturday April 23, 2016
- 9 – 10 yr old **Supreme** Division              Saturday April 9, 2016
- 9 – 10 yr old AA Division                      Saturday April 23, 2016
- 11 – 12 yr old **Majors** Division                Saturday April 9, 2016
- 11- 12 yr old '**AAA**' Division                 Saturday April 23, 2016

## 4. Residency Requirements

Naperville Little League players must live within School Districts 203 or 204 boundaries or attend school within 203 or 204 Boundaries. School attendance shall be established and supported by a document such as a student's report card, indicating enrollment for the current academic school year.

School district boundaries can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.naperville203.org/cms/lib07/IL01904881/Centricity/Shared/maps/MapAttendanceAreas.pdf>

[http://ipsdweb.ipsd.org/Documents/Boundaries/Boundary\\_Map\\_Packet\\_Current.pdf](http://ipsdweb.ipsd.org/Documents/Boundaries/Boundary_Map_Packet_Current.pdf)

## 5. Registration Dates & Payment

Any player wishing to try out for the 9 & 10 yr old Supreme Division or 11 & 12 yr old Major Division should register by January 29, 2016.

All other players must register before March 15, 2016 to ensure team placement for your player.

Any registrations after March 15 will be accepted on a space availability basis, and pay an additional late registration fee of \$50.

Registration and payment must be completed online; go to [www.NLLB.org](http://www.NLLB.org)

Visa, MasterCard, Amex, Discover, and PayPal are accepted.

## 6. Registration Fees

- 7 & 8 yr old "A" Development Division    \$140
- 9 – 10 yr old "AA" Division                 \$185
- 9 – 10 yr old **Supreme** Division             \$290
- 11- 12 yr old "AAA" Division               \$185
- 11 – 12 yr old **Majors** Division             \$290



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Players trying out for a drafted team pay \$185 fee at registration. If after tryouts your player is drafted to a Supreme or Majors team, the additional \$105 will be paid on line, or collected by the Team's Manager prior to the beginning of the season.

For players drafted to the Supreme and Majors teams, since the player was drafted and a spot reserved for them, there will be no refunds after they are drafted. For the non-drafted Divisions, refunds prior to Apr 18, 2016 will be made less a \$50 processing fee; no refunds will be processed after Apr 18, 2016.

Little League offers a \$10 discount for each additional family member.

## 7. Age Determination

Naperville Little League is open to boys and girls ages 7 to 12 depending on their birthdate.

Players will be playing or competing in tryouts in the following Divisions based on their age and/or ability.

| League    | Age | Rule  |
|-----------|-----|---|
| A         | 7   | 7 years old by September 1, 2016<br>(Must be in at least first grade) |
|           | 8   | 8 years old by April 30, 2016   |
| AA        | 9   | 9 years old by Sept 1, 2016   |
|           | 10  | 10 years old by April 30, 2016  |
| AAA       | 11  | 11 years old by September 1, 2016                                     |
|           | 12  | 12 years old by April 30, 2016  |
| Supreme * | 9   | 9 years old by September 1, 2016                                      |
|           | 10  | 10 years old by April 30, 2016  |
| Majors*   | 11  | 11 years old by September 1, 2016                                     |
|           | 12  | 12 years old by April 30, 2016  |

\* Drafted divisions

Or stated differently,

| Division       | Age     | Date range  |
|----------------|---------|---|
| A              | 7 & 8   | 5/1/07 to 9/1/09<br>(Must be at least in first grade) |
| Supreme and AA | 9 & 10  | 5/1/05 to 9/1/07                                      |
| AAA & Majors   | 11 & 12 | 5/1/03 to 9/1/05                                      |



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Note: there is an overlap in the brackets, and that is to allow grouping by school mates. A youngster must be in at least 1<sup>st</sup> grade to play in the A division, and that division generally consists of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. The Supreme and AA divisions are generally are 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders, the AAA and Majors of 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

## **8. Proof of Age & Residency**

Players new to Naperville Little League must provide proof of age and proof of residency.

Proof of age is a copy of the player's birth certificate.

Proof of residency consists of two documents showing the address of the legal residence of the parent(s) or court-appointed guardian(s) for the player(s). These can include a driver's license, an electric or other utility bill, or a financial record like a credit card or loan statement.

After registering you must deliver a copy of the player's birth certificate and proof of residency to the Little League office via one of these methods:

1. Mail to: P.O. Box 4917 Naperville IL 60567
2. Fax to: 630-420-9021
3. Scan and e-mail to: [email@NLLB.org](mailto:email@NLLB.org).
4. Drop off at the Little League office at 530 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue (one block west of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and Mill St.).

No new player to Naperville Little League will be considered registered for the program unless a birth certificate and proof of residency has been provided. If these documents are not provided before two weeks prior to opening day, your registration fee will be refunded less a \$50 service fee except as provided in section 6.

## **9. Which League am I In?**

Naperville Little League has four separate leagues, arranged by elementary school borders which feed into District 203 and 204 High Schools. The elementary school boundary in which your player resides determines which league you are in.

### **National League: Naperville North High School**

Elementary School borders: Beebee, Ellsworth, Highlands, Meadow Glens (NNHS), Mill St., Naper, Prairie, and Steeple Run

### **American League: Waubonsie, Metea and sections of Neuqua Valley High School**

Elementary School borders: Brookdale, Brooks, Cowlshaw, Fry, Georgetown, Gombert, Longwood, May Watts, McCarty, Owen, Peterson, Steck, Welch, White Eagle and Young

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## **Continental League: Naperville Central High School**

Elementary School borders: Elmwood, Kingsley, Maplebrook, Meadow Glens (NCHS), Ranchview, Riverwoods and Scott

## **Republic League: Neuqua Valley High School**

Elementary School borders: Bulta, Clow, Graham, Kendal, Patterson, and Springbrook

## **Other areas served:**

Naperville residents located in Wheaton CUSD 200 are in the National League and Naperville residents located in Plainfield CUSD 202 are in the Republic League.

The following private schools are located in Naperville Little League's boundaries:

Ss Peter & Paul School  
201 E Franklin Ave  
Naperville, IL 60540

St Raphael  
1215 Modaff Rd  
Naperville, IL

All Saints Catholic Academy  
1155 Aurora Ave  
Naperville, IL 60540

Bethany Lutheran School  
1550 Modaff Road  
Naperville, IL 60565

## **10. Divisions or Levels of Play**

Naperville Little League has five divisions or levels of play.

**11 – 12 yr old Major Division** - Players must attend the tryouts and be drafted to participate. There are approximately 12 Supreme players per team. Players in this league are expected to participate in most if not all practices and games. This league plays some night games at 8:00 pm on lighted fields during the week and on Saturdays.

After the regular season, teams will compete in League and City Championship tournaments. All-Star teams will form with a chance to win State titles, and 12 year olds can advance all the way to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA.

**9 – 10 yr old Division** is for 9 and 10 year old players who want to play games at a higher skill level. Players will be able to steal bases and advance at their own risk.



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Teams will compete in a City Championship Tournament. All-Star teams will form with a chance to win a State title and play in year-end All-Star Tournaments. Some games will be played at 8:00 pm on lighted fields during the week and on Saturdays.

**AA, and AAA Divisions** are for players who do not desire to play or were not drafted to a Supreme or Majors. Twelve year olds are allowed to pitch in the AAA Division. Both of these Divisions will compete to participate in a City Tournament at the end of the season.

**7 & 8 yr old 'A' Division** will introduce our youngest youngsters to Naperville Little League Baseball. Teams formed exclusively of 1st graders will play the entire season using a pitching machine. Other teams with 1st and 2nd graders will play the first half of the season using a pitching machine, and the balance of the games with kid pitch. The season will run from about mid April through later in June. All regular season play will be finished by the end of June (dependent on weather). All-Star teams may be formed to play in year-end tournaments, which will run into July. Each player will receive a jersey, hat, and socks. All teams play at local Naperville Park District ball fields.

Little League will allow 'A' Division players to play together as a group using one of these two options:

1. Nominate 6+ players to stay together as a group and nominate a Manager for the team. These 6+ players will be combined other players to form a team.
2. Nominate 12-13 players to form a complete team and nominate a Manager for the team. If you do this Little League will name your team after your designated elementary school's mascot if desired. The players have to reside within the same league boundaries (Republic, National, etc), or attend schools within that area.

Little League will strive to make the first option work, but if the numbers don't work out adjustments will need to be made.

To access of one of these options contact Little League for the proper procedure to follow.

The A, AA, and AAA Division teams will usually have 12 -14 players on a team depending on enrollment. In general we try to keep youngsters from the same school and grade together in these leagues but there is no guarantee this will always be possible. . Every effort is to form teams by April 8.



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## **11. Tryouts**

Players wishing to be considered for the Supreme or Major Divisions must register by January 29, 2016, and then attend the tryouts as listed below. Players will be evaluated for their pitching, hitting, fielding, throwing and running skills. If your player was on a 2015 Major or Supreme team there is no need to tryout but they still must register before Jan 29, 2016.

Winter tryouts will be conducted at Bulls Sox Academy; 6200 River Bend Drive, Lisle, IL 60532 (630) 324-8221 .  
For a map to Bulls Sox Academy click: [MAP of BULLS/SOX](#).

The tryouts are scheduled as follows (to see what League tryouts you should attend see section # 9), above.

### **Majors Division, January 30, 2016**

National and Republic Leagues 4 PM to 6 PM  
American and Continental Leagues 6 PM to 8 PM

### **Supreme Division, February 6, 2016**

National and Republic Leagues 4 PM to 6 PM  
American and Continental Leagues 6 PM to 8 PM

## **12. Managers, Coaches, and Other Volunteers**

Little League is a volunteer organization. Your child will enjoy a great experience this spring and summer because volunteers contributed their time. Won't you help too? This is a community service you can participate in and be proud of.

In order for Little League to be successful we need team Managers and Coaches. The Manager runs the team and is assisted by coaches. The Manager is the primary contact with Little League and parents. Teaching kids baseball skills is a shared responsibility for the Manager, Coaches, and parents.

Little League offers coaching clinics during the winter / early spring to help you become a better coach and teach proper baseball skills. You must register to attend the clinics. For more information see "Coaches' Clinics" below.

In addition to Managers and Coaches, Little League has many volunteer opportunities you can participate in and are vital to the program. Examples are umpire coordinators, clerical, data entry, IT, adult umpires, web design, handyman, field maintenance, marketing/promotion, help with social media, equipment distribution / return, and many other tasks.

Little League's number one goal is the safety of children in the program. All Managers, Coaches, and other adult volunteers are required to sign off on a "Naperville Little League Code of Conduct" and fill out a "Little League Volunteer Application" form and deliver them to our office. The volunteer form requires a social security number and a photocopy of a government issued identification as background checks are conducted on all volunteers. The forms will be made available at [www.nllb.org](http://www.nllb.org). This is required annually even if you filled out the form in the past.

To register as a Manager, Coach, or other volunteer, go to <http://nllb.org/coaches--volunteers.html>.

The list of approved volunteers is available at NLLB.org..... click "[Register to Be a Coach or Volunteer](#)".

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## **13. Coaches' Clinics**

During the 2015 season there were several clinics coordinated by the Bulls White Sox Academy, for our volunteer coaches and managers. Information on these clinics for 2016 will be released as soon as they are finalized.

## **14. More Baseball**

After the City Championship is completed a **Summer Tournament** will be offered (additional fee) to all players wishing to play additional baseball. Teams are formed by age groups and umpires are used for all games. This tournament runs through the end of July concluding with a championship game.

After the kids go back to school, Naperville Little League offers **Fall Ball** (additional fee) to all players younger than 13 years old as of 4/30/15. This program is formed by age groups, games are played at Naperville Park District premier lighted fields, include new jerseys & hats, and utilize umpires for all games. There are no standings kept in this league.

## **15. Scholarship Opportunities**

It is Naperville Little League's policy that no child should ever be turned away or limited to participation because of a parent or legal guardian's inability to pay a fee. As such NLLB offers need based scholarships. We may also ask that in lieu of a fee, a parent may be asked to contribute volunteer time.

For more information contact us [email@NLLB.org](mailto:email@NLLB.org).



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## **16. Sponsors**

Sponsors are an important element to the success of Little League. Besides providing financial support to the program, sponsorship shows your business's support of our community and youth sports.

What benefits do I receive as a sponsor?

Besides the gratification of knowing you are supported a healthy, character building program for young children, your company's name will be printed on the jerseys of one or more team's uniforms, your company's logo with a link to your website will be displayed prominently on Little League's website (approximately 150,000 "hits" per year), and your business will receive a commemorative plaque with team picture at the end of the season.

Naperville Little League is a non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible.

You should register as a sponsor no later than March 1, 2016 in order to provide Little League sufficient time to print your company's name on the team's jerseys.

For more details and to sign up as a sponsor go to [www.NLLB.org](http://www.NLLB.org).

## **17. Umpires**

Naperville Little League provides umpires for games at all levels of play. Younger and new umpires are used for the 7 & 8 and AA divisions, and more experienced umpires are used for the AAA, Supreme, Majors and Premier 50/70.

Little League compensates our youth umpires on a per game basis.

Our program has adult umpires who volunteer their time as well. Although umpires older than 21 will not be paid for their services, Little League will provide any adult who commits to umpire 10 games with a complete set of umpire gear to keep.

Little League offers umpire clinics through the Park District in the spring that all umpires are expected to attend.

If you have a child who is at least 12 years old as of April 30, 2016 and wishes to umpire, monitor our website [www.NLLB.org](http://www.NLLB.org) starting in February for more information.



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## 18. What's Next?

Here is your checklist for joining Naperville Little League

- Register and pay online at [www.NLLB.org](http://www.NLLB.org). The deadlines are:
  - Returning Supreme and Major players, and any youngsters trying out for these teams, attend tryouts (for dates, see #11 "Tryouts")
  - All others - March 15, 2016 to increase chances of preferred team placement, thereafter the registration fees increase by \$50.
- While you are registering your player, volunteer to Manage, Coach, or help out in another capacity.
  - Register to Manage or Coach at <http://nllb.org/coaches--volunteers.html>
- While registering, let us know if your business would be willing to sponsor a team.
  - Go to <http://nllb.org/sponsors.html>
- If your player is new to Naperville Little League, deliver, scan or email your player's proof of residency and copy of birth certificate to our office.
- Download, fill out, and deliver your Manager, Coach, and volunteer form to our office.
  - Deadline: four weeks prior to opening day.
- Attend our Open House / Information day (530 W. 5th Ave., Naperville)
  - Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 pm
  - Saturday, January 23 from 10:00 –1:00 pm
- If applicable, attend the Supreme or Majors tryouts (for dates see #11 "Tryouts").

Enjoy opening day, and the balance of the season!

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