

Glastonbury Little League Softball

Frequently Asked Questions

About Glastonbury Little League

How is the GLL mission “*Where Everybody Plays*” applied in how we play our games?

GLL is focused on cultivating an inclusive environment where players of all ages and abilities are given an opportunity to play. As such, we have set rules that balance playing time - including that no player may play more than one inning more than another player. Additionally, we implement practices such as rotating the batting order for each game, and ensuring every player plays the infield in each game. We do not want our coaches or teams to lose sight of the importance of developing all players and providing opportunities for everyone to learn, grow, and contribute to their team.

Does GLL offer financial assistance to help cover registration or equipment cost? Who do we contact if more information is needed?

Yes. GLL has a financial assistance program for those families that qualify and can supply equipment where required. Please contact the GLL President Bill Longo at bill.longo@glastonburylittleleague.org to discuss financial assistance

My child goes to school in Glastonbury but we reside in another town. Is my child still eligible to play Glastonbury Little League?

Yes. Residency for purposes of playing GLL is determined by either your resident address or the school you attend (i.e a Glastonbury school). As such, children residing in other towns but attending Glastonbury Public Schools are eligible to play GLL. Outside of those two criteria, a waiver would be needed.

I have a daughter. Can she play baseball or does she have to play softball?

Yes. Female athletes have the option to play in either the baseball or softball divisions of their age groups.

Do you need any support from parents?

Absolutely! We are a volunteer organization and we need the help and support of many to keep the league running smoothly. Our number one need is volunteer coaches at all division levels, but we also are looking for volunteers to help at events such as Photo Day, sign-in at try outs and Sunday Sandlot, running the scoreboard, distributing uniforms, and so much more. If you are interested in coaching, register online using the softball coach registration link. For volunteering to help at our GLL events, please contact Bill Longo at bill.longo@glastonburylittleleague.org

When does the Glastonbury Little League season begin and end?

Teams begin practicing the last week of March (weather permitting) with games typically beginning the third week of April. The season continues through the second weekend of June to coincide with the end of the school year. For Majors teams, the regular season games end the first weekend in June and are followed by a week-long playoff tournament.

How many GLL events can I expect per week?

While it can vary by level, beginning in March teams usually have one to two practices per week. Once game play begins in April, each team will play two games per week, one weeknight and one weekend day. At the Majors and Juniors levels, in order to consolidate the season to account for playoffs, there are usually two weeks in the season where the team will play three games in a week (two during the week). Once games begin, additional practices and batting cage sessions are available at the discretion of the coach.

How do I know which division to register for?

Registrations are based on player age according to Little League determination. The age determination date for a Little League **softball** player is the actual age of a player on December 31 of the previous year. [Softball Age Chart](#)

The GLL Softball Divisions are as follows:

Division	LL Softball Ages
Softball Tees	5-7
Minors	8-10*
Majors	10-12
Juniors	13-14

Note: *Little League Softball 10yo players may tryout for majors softball

What equipment do I need?

Softball players at the minors, majors and juniors level need a glove, cleats, bat, helmet with facemask and a fielder's protective facemask. Softball tees need a glove and cleats at a minimum, bats are available at the fields. No helmet is required

Do you have a Challenger Softball team?

Glastonbury Little League has a Challenger Division that accommodates all Little League players. The Challenger Division is GLL's adaptive baseball program for players with physical and intellectual challenges. Flexibility and adaptability are key in this division. All players play every inning with guidance from coaches as well as Buddies, who are peers that assist Challenger athletes in skills such as hitting, base running and defense as needed. If you have questions about the Challenger program, please email krisann.race@glastonburylittleleague.org.

What programs do you offer in the Fall?

During the fall, GLL Softball has a Minors division for girls ages 8-10 years old, and a Majors Division for girls 10-12 years old, both with an age cut off date of December 31st of the current calendar year.

Are there any opportunities to play softball in the summer?

For softball, Glastonbury Little League participates in the Little League all star tournament with a 12U all star team and a 10U all star team. Teams are selected by the league via an all star tryout held in the mid to late May timeframe. GLL also has summer 10U and 12U travel starts for those players who do not get selected to an All star team or do not want to make the commitment to the all star schedule. Summer Travel Stars starts

in early July. A player must participate in a minimum of 8 games during the spring season to be eligible for All Stars

What is the commitment for the summer All Star teams?

District 7 All Stars is often a 6 day a week or more commitment that starts after the conclusion of GLL league play. Ideally District All-star teams get a couple weeks of practices in at the start of the summer which leads to District 7 pool play in June. A full-time commitment is required, and extended vacations during the All-Star season are difficult given the very condensed seasons where district games occur between end of June and first week of July. Exceptions may be made for one-off life events (weddings or graduations for example). While the end time varies, on average most teams are over by mid July unless they are going further in the tournament.

Who can I contact with questions about the Glastonbury Little League Softball Program?

Dave Sansoucy and Marc Boucher are the Co-Commissioners for the Glastonbury Little League Softball program, contact info:

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