

Oak Creek Little League – 2012 Season Information

Registration Fee: The player registration fee for the 2012 season will be \$130.00. On line registration will open on November 1, 2011. Register on line by January 13, 2012 to get the reduced price. The registration fee will be \$155.00 effective Saturday, January 14, 2012.

Volunteer Deposit: The Family Volunteer Deposit will be \$100.00 (this will be a post dated check). In order to get the deposit back, each OCLL family will be required to work *one 5 hour shift in the OCLL Concession Stand, during the OCLL 2012 Season (*one shift is based on having at least 350 families that agree to volunteer).

Interleague Discount: If the amount of players in a level do not allow for “In House” scheduling, those teams will be scheduled to play other area Little League teams (“Interleague”). Interleague scheduling requires players & families to travel to other cities and play multiple games away from the OCLL Complex. Players in the levels that play an interleague schedule will get an additional \$30.00 discount. We will have that discount built into the levels that typically play an interleague schedule.

Team Creation Process: For the 2012 season, there will be a player draft for all levels. The players will be ranked & grouped by skill level based on data received from the 2011 season & from the 2012 Skills Evaluation on February 19, 2012. The goal is to have the skill level of all teams balanced while also allowing the managers to pick the players for their teams.

New Major Baseball 50/70: OCLL has submitted a request to Little League International to participate in the 50/70 Pilot Program for the 2012 season. Field 3 & Field 4 are being converted to allow a 50 foot pitcher’s mound and 70 foot base paths. The fields will be dual use and still allow 46/60 games for the other divisions.

WIAA Rules: The WIAA does not allow high school players to practice or play games on any other team once tryouts have started. Tryouts for the Oak Creek High School baseball team are scheduled for May 11-14 with teams being posted on May 15. All players that tryout for & are selected to their high school team will not be able to play OCLL games from May 11 until the end of the high school team’s season. Players that are not selected for their high school team are able to continue their OCLL season. A partial refund will be issued to you if your player(s) makes their high school team and cannot play the majority of their OCLL team’s games. The volunteer requirement must still be met in order to get the volunteer deposit back. The OCLL players that are selected to their high school team will still be eligible for OCLL All Stars in July.

New Senior Baseball: Because of WIAA rule changes in 2006, OCLL has not had Senior Baseball since the 2005 season. Senior Baseball is returning to OCLL for the 2012 season. Senior Baseball will be for players League Age 14 through League Age 17. The Senior Baseball Division will begin play on Sunday, 4/22/12 and will be scheduled 6 to 8 games before the OCHS tryouts. Teams will be re-created on 5/16/12 (after the OCHS rosters are finalized). Senior Baseball teams will be scheduled for another 6 to 8 games after 5/16/12. Senior Baseball back in OCLL will now allow for an uninterrupted Junior Baseball season for our 13 & 14 year old players.

Scheduling: Depending on the amount of teams we have, there could possibly be a need to schedule 3 games per field on Friday and possibly on Thursday. The tentative times for those games would be 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM, 6:45 PM to 8:15 PM, & 8:30 PM to 10:00 PM. If this is required, no team would be scheduled for more than one late Thursday game and it would not apply to the pitching machine levels. The 3rd time slot may also be used for make up games (rain outs).

Regular Season Games: Opening Day & Pictures for the Minor Divisions, Major Divisions, & Junior Divisions is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2012. Opening Day & Pictures for the Pitching Machine Divisions will be on Saturday, May 19, 2012. We anticipate a 14 to 16 game schedule for all teams (not counting end of season games). In addition to week night games, Pitching Machine Divisions will be scheduled to play games on Saturday, 6/9/12 & Saturday, 6/30/12. Weather permitting; the season will end by Friday, 6/29/12 for all Divisions except Pitching Machine. Pitching Machine Divisions’ season will end by Friday, 7/13/12.

End of Season Games: For the baseball level’s regular season, the division & non division game format will remain the same. There will be a single elimination tournament at the end of the season and the division brackets will be constructed based on the end of season standings. **New** “In House” Softball levels will have division & non division games along with an end of season tournament for all levels. Volunteers permitting, there will be announcers for the end of season playoff games. Trophies will be awarded on the field to the teams that win their championship game.

All Stars: For the Minor, Major, Junior, & Senior levels, OCLL will be sending teams to the District 6 tournaments in July. The process for determining the players will be based on voting done by the managers & families/players. The rosters will be posted on June 15, 2011. There is an additional cost for players that are selected to play in a District 6 Tournament.

Fundraising: OCLL plans on selling “Cookie Dough” as a fundraiser for 2012. OCLL & the OCJK Program will also be participating in the Oak Creek Stadium Committee’s Football Frenzy fundraiser in 2012. Fundraising allows OCLL to make complex improvements without having to increase player fees each season. **New** Two scoring towers & 4 scoreboards will be improvements for the 2012 season. Along with the 50/70 conversion for Field 3 & Field 4, all of the fields are being repaired during the off season.