

Nottingham Little League PO Box 2521 Hamilton, New Jersey 08690 www.nllni.org

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us at nottinghamlittleleague@gmail.com

Hello Nottingham Families,

As the weather turns colder, those of us in the Nottingham Little League (NLL) family get to look forward to Spring! Yes, it is time to register for the upcoming 2025 spring season!

Residency Eligibility Changes for Spring 2025:

New this year, Little League has updated player eligibility. Starting in Spring 2025, eligibility for <u>NEW</u> players at NLL is determined as follows:

- If the player will be Little League Age 4 7 (age as of August 31, 2025), they are eligible for NLL **regardless** of home or school address.
- If the player will be Little League Age 8 13 (age as of August 31, 2025), they are eligible for Nottingham LL if they live within Nottingham's defined Little League boundary or attends one the following schools: Alexander, Langtree, or Sayen Elementary Schools, Reynolds or Crockett Middle Schools, or St. Gregory the Great.
- Any player who was registered at NLL in Spring 2024 is automatically eligible to return to NLL for Spring 2025 regardless of age and home or school address.
- Any player Little League Age 8 13 who has a sibling registered at NLL that is a Little League Age 4-7 is eligible regardless of age and home or school address.

Further information can be found on the registration page on our website: www.nllnj.org. If any questions at all, just reach out to us at nottinghamlittleleague@gmail.com.

General Registration Information:

Registration is open to all boys and girls between the ages of 4 and **13*** (age as of August 31, 2025). *Open for 13 year olds!!

In Spring 2025, NLL will again offer a Little League Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division. Any child that will be 13 years old or younger as of August 31, 2025 will be eligible to play in this division. The 50/70 division offers a transition for players between the standard Little League field size (46-foot pitching distance and 60-foot base paths) and a full size field (60-foot, 6-inch pitching distance and 90-foot base paths). Rules in this division also bring the game closer to full size field rules such as leading off bases. New players welcome! It is *NOT* required to have played at NLL previously to register for this division. Games are played at NLL as well as other local leagues in our district.

<u>Note</u>: NLL is initially limiting 50/70 division registration to baseball 13 year olds. NLL will determine, and communicate, by Feb whether to open up to 11 or 12 year old players on an NLL Majors team to <u>also</u> play for an NLL 50/70 team.

How to Register:

NLL is encouraging everyone to complete their registration *online*. Registering online is available from our website (www.nllnj.org) and is quick and easy (you can even register for Winter Clinics!! See below). For those who are not able to register online, we will offer the below in-person registrations (held at the NLL batting cage, located in Sayen Park off of Maple Shade Avenue in Hamilton Square). We request that all first-time NLL players provide proof of age (copy of birth certificate) and proof of residency (tax or utility bill) or school records when registering online or bring and present the same when registering in person.

We have scheduled the following in-person registrations:

- Sunday December 1st from 10am to 12pm
- Sunday January 12th from 10am to 12pm

^{*}Be sure to check our website and Facebook and Instagram pages for any updates

Winter Clinics

NLL will again be offering their traditional winter baseball clinics (batting, pitching, catching and fielding). Registration for clinics will be available *online* again this year. These clinics fill up quickly so anyone interested in having their children attend any are encouraged to register for them right away as they are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Clinics cost \$60 each, and in terms of value, they are well worth the investment.

Registration Fees

<u>Fee</u>: The 2025 registration fees will remain the same as last year: \$175 for first child / \$145 for second child / \$415 maximum per family. For tee ball, the fee is \$100 per player. There will be a Late fee of \$25 starting Jan 13th, 2025.

<u>Fundraising</u>: To keep registration costs as low as possible, NLL will have a Super 50/50 fundraiser again this year. For the Super 50/50 fundraiser, \$80 will be collected for each player at registration that will go towards 8 tickets. These tickets will be handed out early in the season where they can either be resold to families and friends (netting your costs to \$0) or you can submit them yourself for a chance to win. The drawing will again be the Saturday of our championship games. Additional tickets will also be available for purchase throughout the season from the concession stand.

Managing/Coaching/Volunteering

Nottingham Little League continues to set the standard to which other area Little Leagues strive to achieve. This success is the direct result of our coaches and their dedication to teaching our children and providing a positive "baseball" experience. Nottingham is a 100% volunteer operated league. Last season Nottingham was blessed with more than 150 parent and community volunteers. Please remember that the best way to make a difference in your child's life is to set a stellar example, and what better way to do that than through volunteerism. The time you spend with your son or daughter on the baseball field may be the best time of your life; but you'll never know unless you give it a try.

NLL relies solely on volunteers to keep our grounds clean and groomed, the fields in the best condition possible, and the kitchen staffed. To do this, parental field/kitchen duties are a necessity and will be assigned to each family.

Anyone interested in managing for the upcoming season should submit a letter by e-mail to ajblinc@aol.com that expresses those qualities that you feel the E-Board should consider when evaluating your application. The deadline for applications will be Sunday, January 12th, 2025.

Spring 2025 Calendar of Events

Listed below is a calendar of events between now and opening day to assist you in planning your schedules over the upcoming months.

Event	Date / Time
In Person Registration #1	Sunday December 1st, 2024 (10am to 12pm)
In Person Registration #2	Sunday January 12th, 2025 (10am to 12pm)
Manager Letters Due	Sunday January 12th, 2025
Winter Clinics Begin	Monday January 6th, 2025
Major / Minor / Intl Tryouts	Friday & Saturday February 7th & 8th, 2025
Safety and Coaches Clinics	Week of February 24 th
T-Ball and Int'l Parent Meeting	Sunday March 2 nd , 2025 (4pm)
Minor/ Major / 50-70 League Parent Meeting	Sunday March 2 nd , 2025 (5:30pm)
Clean-up Weekends (weather permitting)	March 15 th -16 th & March 22 nd (if necessary) (starting at 9am)
Opening Day Ceremonies	Saturday April 5th, 2025 (11am)
Opening Day Games	Monday March 31st, 2025
Championship Games	Saturday June 7th, 2025

We look forward to seeing you at the fields.

Sincerely,

Adam Bendas, President