



New Little League Baseball Structure for 2018

In the fall of 2017 the Township of Bloomfield made a formal request to the **Eastern Region Headquarters of Little League Baseball** to merge American Little League and National Little into one combined league. With full support of the American Little League Board, National Little League Board, Board of Recreation Commissioners and ultimately Little League Baseball our request was approved!

What does this mean for your Little Leaguer? Starting in spring, 2018 there will no longer be two separate leagues within the Township of Bloomfield. Both leagues have now merged into one combined league called Bloomfield Little League. Board members from both the former American and National Little Leagues have combined to form one cohesive board to assure a smooth and efficient transition for the upcoming 2018 Season.

- **What are the new registration dates, times and locations?**

Answer: Friday, January 19th – 6:00PM – 9:00PM
Saturday, January 20th – 9:00AM – 1:00PM
Middle School Gym, 60 Huck Road



- **What are the league fees?**

Answer: \$95 per child
\$135 for 2 or more children
All registrations after 1/20:\$120 per child; \$160 for 2 or more children

- **When are tryouts for the Major League Division?**

Answer: Sunday, March 4th – Tentative schedule below:
Age 9 - 8:30-10:30am, Age 10 - 10:30-12:30pm, Age 11 1:00-2:30pm and
Age 12 - 2:30-4:00pm
Middle School Gym, 60 Huck road
All players will be drafted to a team and redrafted every season.

- **What will the date be of Opening Day Ceremonies? Where will they take place?**

Answer: Opening Day Ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2018 and they will be held at Vassar Field. The time has yet to be determined.

- **What baseball fields will my child play on this season?**

Answer: All township owned parks/fields will now be utilized to schedule practices and games. While particular parks may be utilized more often for certain age groups, your child may be scheduled to play at any park throughout the entire township.

- **Why did the Township of Bloomfield request this change in structure?**

Answer: Combining leagues assures a full schedule of practices and games across all age groups. Combining enrollment allows for more competitive baseball. Administratively a combined league runs more efficiently and effectively by having a larger pool of volunteer coaches and the ability to make better use of field time. All field permits will be issued by the Recreation Department.



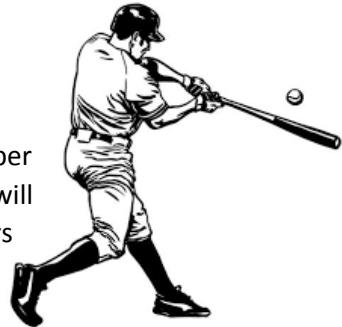
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- **Are there any new rules, policies or procedures we need to know:**

Answer: All leagues that are chartered under Little League such as ours, have to follow basic Little League Baseball rules. However individual leagues can modify rules, create policies and procedures to better serve their community. Examples might be adjusting run rules, modifying the number of coaches to allow more parent participation and so on and so forth. All changes are made to protect the integrity of the game and to insure the safety of the players, coaches and spectators.

- **Who do I contact to become a volunteer:**

Answer: Please contact any Bloomfield Little League Board Member during registration. There will be volunteer forms that will need to be filled out. For everyone's safety all volunteers are background checked prior to participation.



Information is also available on the website:

<http://www.eteamz.com/Bloomfield/>