



Central Amherst Little League



NEWSLETTER

March 2010

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Welcome to another season of Central Amherst Little League baseball! Believe it or not, registration is upon us.

REGISTRATION – Our new and improved website and is ready to accept online registration.

1) To register your child, simply log on to: <http://www.centralamherst.com> and follow the easy steps. The last day for online registration is **Thursday, March 18th.**

Eligibility: Open to all boys *and* girls ages 5 through 16 as of April 30, 2010, who are Amherst residents. (Please note that The Town of Amherst, our charter, and our league insurance do not allow us to make any exceptions to these eligibility requirements.)



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Are you interested in ...

Coaching: If you are planning on being an Assistant or Head Coach this year, please indicate so on-line, in person or contact the Commissioner at your age level (as listed in the Board of Directors roster on the last page in this newsletter). Note: Little League Baseball Inc. has made it mandatory for all Leagues to perform a background check on all League volunteers. Please be aware that if you request a coaching position you must pass the background check by filling out a Little League Baseball, Inc. Volunteer form with a copy of your Driver's License.

Umpiring: Our League needs reliable teens who are interested in working as umpires. Our umpires are paid from \$10 to \$16 per game. Umpire candidates must be at least 12 years old. Central Amherst Little League provides a training program that includes both classroom and field instruction. If your child is interested in being an umpire, please contact our Umpire-in-Chief, [John Stroud](#).

Volunteering: In order for the League to continue to provide a safe and fun baseball experience for your child we need to continually look for new people to help run the League. We especially need adult volunteers in the following areas:

- Refreshment Stand Managers
- Refreshment Stand Openers & Closers
- Coaches

If you can volunteer to help us in any of these areas, there will be a section on-line to let us know your level of interest, or you can contact the appropriate person (as listed in the Board of Directors roster).

Costs:

- T-ball..... \$ 90.00 per player
- A-Ball thru Majors: \$105.00 per player
- Juniors & Seniors:..... \$140.00 per player
- Maximum total \$250.00 per family

Comments Regarding Registration Fees:

Please note that Central Amherst Little League will NEVER turn away anyone due to financial hardship. Suitable arrangements can always be worked out. Please contact League President [David Aston](#) at 523-2995 with any questions.



Revenue for the operation of our league comes from registration fees, snack stand proceeds, raffle ticket proceeds, and the sale of outfield ad signs (sponsorships).

In an effort to make the process of our raffle ticket sales easier, we are including this in our registration process. Tickets will be sent out in April after registration closes so you can get family and friends to help support our baseball season. The cash prize drawing will be held at the League picnic in June. Ticket stubs can be returned to your team manager or the snack stand any time prior to the picnic.

Overall, expenses are substantial for jerseys, hats, equipment, maintenance, repairs, and improvements to our facilities. We try our best to keep our registration fees as low as possible. Our League is a non-profit organization and our Board of Directors and Coaches are unpaid volunteers.

Our League is known for having fields that are well maintained and safe. We have experienced coaches who do a great job teaching more than just the basic skills.

Please spread the word about Central Amherst Little League to your friends and neighbors.

CHALLENGER BASEBALL

The **Challenger Division** is designed to give children and adults ages 5 and up a chance to play baseball regardless of limitations.

Challenger Division provides an opportunity for children and adults with disabilities to play baseball. Players are assisted by volunteer buddies.

In addition to learning the fundamentals of baseball, players benefit from the therapeutic and socialization value of participating in an athletic program, pulling together as a team, and being cheered by fans.

Challenger plays on Sunday mornings. The children play at 10:00 a.m. The adults play at 11:30 a.m. For information or to register, please contact [Jacqui Berger](#) at 839-1224.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Buddies are needed to assist with Challenger Division Baseball. Buddies are teamed up with a player and help them play baseball to the best of their ability. Knowledge of baseball is not necessary. May be used to fulfill community service projects for many schools. For additional information, contact [Jacqui Berger](#) at 839-1224.



JR., SR., & BIG LEAGUE

Central Amherst Little League operates Junior and Senior Divisions for 13 to 16 year olds. Our Junior (13-14 year old), Senior (15-16 year old), and Big League (17-18 year old) levels play an interlocking schedule with the Connie Mack and Mel Ott Little Leagues. The season runs from late May through late July. Most games are played at the Audubon Recreation Center (behind what was formerly known as the Amherst Pepsi Center) off of Maple Road. The fields are well maintained and professional umpires are used.

EQUIPMENT

All players regardless of level will be supplied with baseball caps and jerseys. White baseball pants are mandatory for games at all levels (except T-ball). The League *does not* provide baseball pants. You can purchase baseball pants at most sporting goods stores, such as Dick's. The league does however have a program to offer baseball pants (that can be ordered) only at the time coaches set up the jersey names. The use of a protective cup is recommended for players at all levels. They are mandatory for boys who play catcher.

ADVERTISING

Our league is soliciting sponsors to advertise their business on our outfield "Home Run" fences. These outfield fences are visible from Wehrle Drive and the New York State Thruway. There are over 700 families represented in our league (including the Challenger Division). All money raised goes to defray league operating expenses and to maintain the facilities. For more information please contact [David Aston](#) at 523-2995



2010 SEASON SCHEDULE

Registration Closes

March 18th

Draft

March 20thHRCC

Umpire Classes

TBDHRCC

Coaches Meeting

March 31st, Wednesday 7:00 pmHRCC

Equipment Pickup

March 27th

9:00-12:00Equipment Shed

Park Preparation Day

April 17th, rain date April 18th

8:00-12:00 CALL

Games Start

May 1st for Majors, AAA, AASR, AAJR

May 8th for A-ball

May 15th for T-ball

Picture Day

May 15th, Rain Date May 22rd

Playoffs Start

Mid June

League Picnic and All-Star Games

June 12th

Player Evaluations due

June 19th

Equipment Return

July 11th, Saturday

Championships

Semi Finals July 5th and 6th,

Finals July 10th

RECOMMENDED PLAYING LEVELS AND PLAYER PLACEMENT:

To promote safety and fair play, Central Amherst Little League *makes every effort to place its players in a level appropriate to the player's age and skill level.* The following guidelines are used in the determination of the correct placement level for each player.

T-Ball	Kindergarten	5 year olds
A	1st Grade	6 year olds
AA Junior (AAJ)	2nd Grade	7 year olds
AA Senior (AA)	3rd Grade	8 year olds
AAA	4th-5th	9-10 year olds (some 11 year olds)
Majors	6th-7th	11-12 year olds
Juniors	8th-9th	13-14 year olds
Seniors	10th-11th	15-16 year olds
Big League		17-18 year olds

Baseball ages given above are based on the player's age as of April 30, 2010. We request that you respect the above placement criteria. In our experience, it is almost *never* a good idea to place an underage player in an older level. The safety and confidence level of the younger player is jeopardized. In addition, baseball at this age is mostly a social activity. A player should be in a level where he will be playing with his or her classmates.

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