



GENEVA BASEBALL LITTLE LEAGUE HANDBOOK

1. Welcome & Introduction

Geneva Little League is dedicated to providing a safe, inclusive, and enriching baseball experience for all players. This handbook serves as a guide for families, coaches, and volunteers as we work together to uphold the principles of sportsmanship, integrity, and community that define Geneva Baseball.

2. League Structure

GBA Little League will be registered through District 13 and participate in games and tournaments with that District. The season will include games and practices with an “in house” team and at conclusion of the season, an all-star team will be created to participate in the District tournament and any follow on tournaments the teams may make.

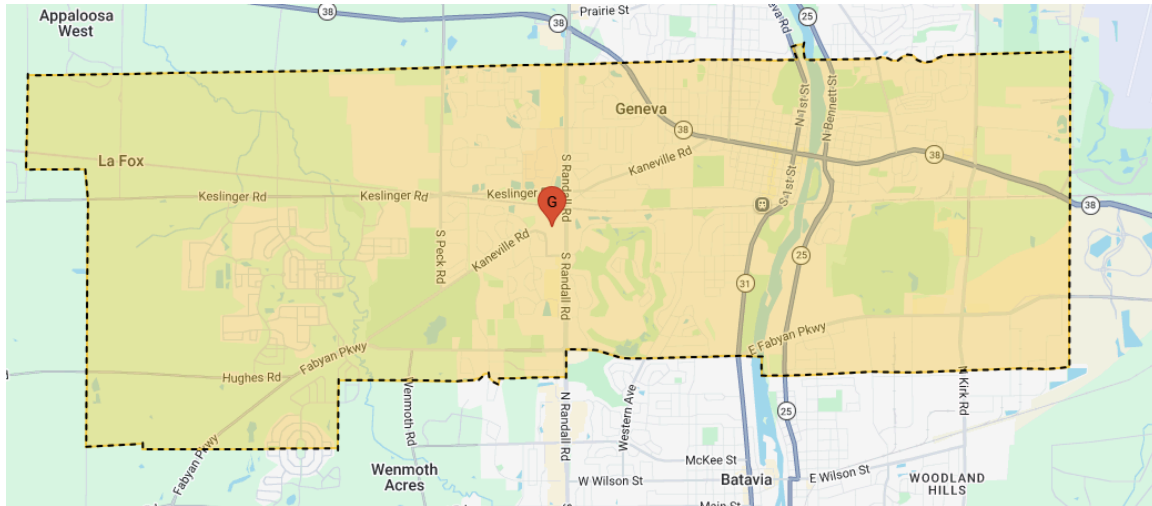
A typical season will run from April – June with the in-house team to include weekly practices and ~15 games. Games will be held both within Geneva (against other Geneva teams) and with nearby Little League affiliated townships.

Additionally, GBA Little League may host “Special Games” that are additional development opportunities for players not selected for the all-star team. These Special Games will be in coordination with other local townships.

3. Registration & Eligibility

Registration: Annually the registration for little league will open in January for the season, and close at the end of February.

Residence Eligibility: To be eligible for participation in GBA Little League, you must live within the boundary established with Little League International



Age Eligibility: GBA Little League will follow the guidelines set forth by Little League International for age eligibility by league.

- For 2026, GBA will host Tee Ball (age 4-6), Minor League (age 8-10), Major League (age 10-12), and Junior League (age 12-14)
- littleleague.org/downloads/2026-baseball-age-chart/

Travel Eligibility: All players, whether affiliated with a travel or club program or not, are eligible if they meet the age and residence requirements.

For families participating in both leagues, we ask that you make a good-faith effort to support both teams, as full rosters are essential to a positive experience across all divisions. When conflicts arise—particularly with tournaments, which remain a priority for Travel—early and proactive communication is critical, especially for players who pitch so their workload and well-being are properly managed.

4. Team Formation

Manager and Coach Selection: All prospective managers must first meet eligibility requirements, including successfully passing a mandatory background check, consistent with Little League's safety and child-protection policies. Interested candidates are then reviewed by the League President and assigned with Board approval. Once managers draft their team per the draft process, they may select assistant coaches from within the parents

of the players on their team. Assistant Coaches will also be required to pass a background check

Evaluation Day: Prior to team drafts, an evaluation day will be held for Managers to view the players going through a predefined set of drills. (NOTE: there will not be an evaluation day for Tee Ball division)

Drafting Process: At conclusion of the registration window, and after Manager selection, a draft will be conducted for each Division. The draft will be conducted by the Managers as a snake draft based on the player tiering guidelines. At conclusion of the draft, the League President will evaluate rosters to ensure competitive balance.

PLAYER TIERING

- Tier 1: Manager's children are tier 1 players and will be automatically assigned to the last draft spots of the Manager's team. If a manager's child is affiliated with a travel or club program, their quantity of tier 2 draft picks will be reduced by one.
- Tier 2: Players who are affiliated with a travel or club program will be assigned tier 2. These players will be equally dispersed among the teams and will be drafted first by the Managers.
- Tier 3: Players who are not affiliated with any travel or club program and are not the manager's children will be pooled into the tier 3 draft. These players will be drafted second by the Managers.

Late Registration: If a player registers after teams have been drafted, the League President will determine team assignment.

5. Player Safety

GBA Little League will adhere to the standards set forth by Little League International as it pertains to player safety including player safety, physical safety, and mental well-being.

<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/safe/>

6. Rules of Play

Playing Rules: The rules for GBA Little League will be governed by the Little League International rulebook. [Little League Rules, Regulations, and Policies](#)

Pitch Count Rules: the rules for GBA Little League will be governed by the Little League international rulebook. <https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/pitch-count/>

Code of Conduct: All players, parents, coaches and volunteers representing GBA through the Little League program (whether at Geneva Facilities or at other township's facilities) will be expected to adhere to GBA's Code of Conduct ([GBA Code of Conduct](#))

7. Equipment

GBA Little League will follow the standards for equipment as set out by Little League International. *NOTE: Bat standards are DIFFERENT to USSSA standards.*

- [Bat Information - Little League](#)
- [Modifying Helmets with Additional Attachments: What You Need to Know - Little League](#)

8. Facilities & Fields

GBA Little League will follow the standards for field dimensions as closely as feasible with support of the Geneva Park District. [Field Specifications - Little League](#)

Availability of fields and facilities will be managed through the GBA Scheduler and at the discretion of the Geneva Park District.

9. Tournaments & All-Stars

Each division that Geneva hosts teams in will produce one all-star team formed from eligible players within that division to represent Geneva at the district tournament and any following tournaments the team makes. (Note: Tee Ball division does not have an all-star team)

All-Star Selection Process: In the beginning of June, the all-star team's players, managers and coaches will be selected via the following process;

PLAYER SELECTION

- To be considered for voting, all players must meet current Little League International rules for All Star eligibility ([Tournament Team - Player Eligibility - Little League](#)). At a minimum, eight (8) games need to have been played with the in-house team you were drafted to.
- Players will be selected through a voting procedure to fill 12 roster spots. A ballot of all eligible players will be created by the ASC and distributed to Managers, Assistant Coaches (2 per team), and Players.
 - Managers – Top 10 Players in League
 - Assistant Coaches (2 per team) – Top 6 Players in League
 - Players – Top 4 Players (not on their team)
 - Players – Top 2 Players (on their team)
- The twelve (12) roster spots will be offered to the top 12 vote getters. Three (3) days will be provided to accept the roster spot, and if not accepted, will be offered to the next highest vote getter.
- Players may not vote for themselves in any ballot.

- Tie Breaking will be executed via the ASC through a voting process where each ASC member will submit a vote for the players that are tied. The highest vote getter(s) will be provided the roster spot offer.

MANAGER & COACH SELECTION

- The manager and coach selection will occur after the player selection has occurred.
- The ASC will collect interest in managing the all-star team from the currently active managers and assistant coaches of players that have been offered a roster spot on the all-star team. If no interest is gained, then a follow-up solicitation of interest from all parents of the players on the all-star team will be collected.
- The ASC will decide by committee on who the Manager of the all-star team is from the pool of interested candidates. The ASC reserves the right to interview candidates.
- The selected manager will choose up to two assistant coaches from the parents of selected players.

All-Star Team Fees: The all-star team costs (including unique uniform, field costs and tournament game costs) are equally dispersed among the players of the team so as to not fund or be funded by any other GBA program. A fee of \$75 per player is due upon acceptance of the roster offer.

10. Committees and Policy

Little League Governance: The Little League will be governed through the GBA Board with the following roles specific to providing oversight of the Little League program;

- Little League President
- Tee Ball President
- Minor President
- Major President
- Junior President

All Star Committee (ASC) will be formed of five (5) current board members proposed by the Little League President and approved by the Board. If a personal conflict exists for an ASC member, that member will not vote on the given Division.

11. Terms

- ASC – All Star Committee
- Board – Current GBA Board Members
- Division – The Little League divisions as laid out by Little League (ie Minor, Major, Junior, Senior)
- Manager – The single named individual in charge of team administration and on field activities

- Coach – An assistant to the Manager supporting the team