



Welcome to Sitka Little League!

We are happy to have your child be part of the Sitka Little League program for the 2025 season. Sitka Little League strives to instill discipline, teamwork, and physical well-being through hard work, love of the game, and of course fun. Our board and coaches are all volunteers who are looking to make this a successful and exciting season for all of our players.

While your coach will be able to provide you with team-specific information, we've put together a some league-specific information. First, important dates:

- April 19, 2025, 10:00a.m.: Opening Day (players should arrive at 9:30a.m.)
- May 2, 2025, 2:30p.m. – 7:30p.m. and May 3, 2025, 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.: Picture Day (more details will be coming)
- June 7, 2025: Annual Hit-a-thon Fundraiser

Other league events and post-season tournament dates will be shared as they become available.

We have a league store! If you are looking for Sitka Little League gear, check out our online store which is linked from our Sitka Little League website:

<https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=2473130>. (You can also search Sitka Little League to find us!)

Attached are some FAQs that should provide you some additional information. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Sitka Little League Board at [sitkalittleleague@gmail.com](mailto:sitkalittleleague@gmail.com).

We'll see you at the field!

Sitka Little League

# Sitka Little League

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How long is the season?

Practices for teams can start as early as March 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2025 season. However, games will not start until Opening Day, which is April 19, 2025. The regular season lasts until mid-June and post season tournaments will start after regular season concludes and finish by early August at the latest, depending on how far the teams advance.

### 2. How are teams selected?

For T-ball and AAA, the teams are randomly assigned. For Minors and up and softball, each player is drafted after completing a skills assessment. The draft is done by the coaches of each division under the supervision of the Sitka Little League Board President and Vice President.

### 3. What should my child wear to their games?

Players should wear their team hat and jersey to all games. Baseball/softball molded cleats are highly recommended, as they will provide the best traction for your player, especially considering that most fields could be muddy due to the high amounts of rain that the City of Sitka gets. No metal cleats are allowed. Grey baseball pants are recommended but not required, and a rain jacket should be on hand in case of rain. All jerseys are short-sleeved, so a long-sleeve undershirt for colder-weather games should be considered. Boys should wear an athletic supporter or compression shorts under their sweatpants or baseball pants. For baseball catchers, it is mandatory to wear a protection cup.

### 4. Does my child need their own batting helmet, glove, and bat?

Your child will need their own glove and players are encouraged to have their own helmet for sanitation reasons, though each team will have a few batting helmets available for shared use. The team will also provide bats for players to use as needed. If your Little Leaguer chooses to wear his or her own helmet, be sure it is approved by the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE). Personal bats must also have the "USA" sticker to be compliant with Little League regulations. More information on bats can be found here: <https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/bat-rules/>. Additionally, face masks for softball are highly recommended.

# Sitka Little League

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 5. Is my child required to attend every practice?

It is recommended to attend every practice. If your child is going to miss a practice, you should notify your coach. Attendance at all practices greatly impacts your child's skill level and builds more cohesive teams. Missing too many practices can affect your child's ability to participate in post-season tournaments.

### 6. Will my child get to play at every game their team has?

Yes; there are mandatory minimum play requirements for each division. As long as your child is present in the dugout, they will be granted playing time.

### 7. Can my child bring snacks/drinks to their games?

It is important to send your player with water so that they can stay hydrated. For players at Moller Field, only water is allowed on the field and in the dugout- no other drinks or food are allowed. For all other fields, food and drinks are allowed, provided they are not a distraction to the player or their peers. At all fields, teams are responsible for keeping the fields and dugouts clean of garbage, seeds, shells, etc. Players are not to leave the dugout mid-game to visit the concession stand.

### 8. Where does the money from registration fees go?

Sitka Little League has provided the attached budget for the 2025 season. Below is a summary of the general use for each line item:

- Equipment: used for replacing broken or dated equipment, or the purchase of newly needed equipment, such as helmets, catcher's gear, balls, pitching machines, etc.
- Uniforms: used for the purchase of any uniform used by Sitka Little League players.
- Umpire: while most of our umpires are volunteers, pay is used in some cases as a recruitment tool. Those umpires earn a small payment per game.
- Tournaments: Travel, housing, food, uniforms, tournament fees, vehicle rentals, assessment fees from Little League District 2, field use fees, awards, sweatshirts/warm ups, tournament balls, pins.

# Sitka Little League

## Frequently Asked Questions

- Board/Admin: website domain fees, credit card fees, P.O. Box fees, newspaper ads, ink, paper, flight for District 2 Administrator to attend Sitka Little League's opening day, any additional expenses from Little League International or Western Region.
- Safety: umpire gear, umpire uniforms, face masks, knee protectors, chest shields, helmets, L screens, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, first aid kits, ice packs.
- Facility Use/Maintenance: Field rental fees for all 5 fields used by Sitka Little League, paid to the City and Borough of Sitka, repairs, zip ties, tools, oil/heat for the batting cages.
- Concessions: used to stock the concessions stands with food and drinks. The concessions stands are an important fundraiser for Sitka Little League.
- Little League Fees/Insurance: Sitka Little League is required to charter our league through Little League International Baseball and Softball. We are also required, under that charter, to provide a large insurance policy each season. Regular and Tournament season fees are paid to Little League International Baseball and Softball. This is in addition to the tournament fees we pay to the District.
- Miscellaneous: supplies, fees, copies, pencils, other expenses that do not fit in another budget category.

### 9. How can I help support my player?

Parent support is important to the success of the baseball and softball season. There are many ways you can help:

- a. Volunteer to help your coach, umpire, or be a team parent! All of our coaches and most of our umpires are volunteers with a love of kids and baseball or softball. Please reach out to your player's coach to see about helping if you are interested. Team parents help the coach keep things organized. They ensure that a parent or other volunteer has signed up for the concession stand.
- b. Volunteer to be a scorekeeper during a game. Instructions and related policies are provided to make it easy.
- c. Volunteer to work at the concession stands. Each concession stand is stocked and has instructions that make it easy for you to volunteer your time. Please sign up via you're the Sign Up Genius link provided by your coach.
- c. Attend games and cheer for the players! In most cases, the players are learning and growing and will benefit from encouragement. Hecklers will be given umpire gear and asked to show off their skills. ( 😊 )

### 10. What is the Hit-a-thon?

# **Sitka Little League**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

The annual Hit-a-thon is a fun and exciting way for kids and families to get involved in the community while supporting their team. Before the event, players collect pledged donations in person or through our online platform. Pledges can be a predetermined amount or based on how many times your player hits the ball. During the event, kids will have a chance to hit 10 pitches. The Hit-a-thon allows kids to set goals, showcase their skills, build confidence and celebrate the joy of the sport. Funds raised at this fundraiser go to keeping Little League affordable.

11. Is my player required to participate in the fundraising events, such as the Hit-a-thon?

Participation in the fundraising events helps to keep the costs down for player registration fees. All players are highly encouraged to participate not only to help Sitka Little League raise funds, but also because it is a memorable and rewarding experience.

For more information, you can also check out the Sitka Little League website, notably the Players tab.

If you have further questions, please contact the Sitka Little League Board at [sitkalittleleague@gmail.com](mailto:sitkalittleleague@gmail.com).

## Sitka Little League 2025 Budget

			Actuals as of
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>		<b>00/00/0000</b>
Registration Fees	28,000.00		
Sponsorship Fees	9,000.00		
Concessions	7,000.00		
Fundraising	7,500.00		
Donations	1,500.00		
Tournament Income	24,000.00		
Miscellaneous	1,000.00		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$78,000</b>		
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Equipment	15,000.00		
Uniforms	8,000.00		
Umpire	1,500.00		
Tournaments	37,000.00		
Board/Admin	1,000.00		
Safety	500.00		
Facility Use/Maintenance	5,000.00		
Concessions	5,000.00		
Little League Fees/Insurance	3,600.00		
Miscellaneous	1,000.00		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$77,600.00</b>		
Net Cash	<b>\$400.00</b>		