**What Divisions are offered and what’s next after I have registered my player?**

**T-Ball (Ages 4-5) BASEBALL ONLY**

This division is purely instructional. Teams bat the entire roster. Batters are expected to be rotated so everyone has a chance to bat first. The first 5 games will be played off the Tee. After that, each batter will receive up to 3 overhand pitches from a coach. If there is no hit, then the player bats from a Tee. All players take the field and will be rotated to try all positions. No score is kept. There are unlimited outs, no stealing of bases, and runners only advance one base except on a ball hit into the air to the outfield, then two bases may be taken. Games last 1 hour.

**Farm (Ages 6-7) BASEBALL ONLY**

This division is purely instructional. Teams bat the entire roster. Batters are expected to be rotated so everyone has a chance to bat first. Each batter will receive up to 5 overhand pitches from a coach. If there is no hit, then the player is out. Each player will not sit out two consecutive innings. Ten players take the field each inning and players will be rotated to try all positions. An inning is over if there are 3 outs, 4 runs scored, or 9 batters have batted. There is no stealing of bases and runners only advance one base except on a ball hit into the air to the outfield, then two bases may be taken. Games last 1 hour and 15 minutes.

**Rookie (Ages 7-8) BASEBALL & SOFTBALL DIVISION PROVIDED**

This division is also primarily instructional and is the first opportunity for player pitching. Players must try-out and be drafted to a team. Teams bat the entire roster. Batters are expected to be rotated so everyone has a chance to bat first. In March, there are no walks. When there have been 4 balls thrown and there are less than 3 strikes, the Manager/Coach will go out and pitch the remaining strikes. During the time the Manager/Coach is pitching, no bases maybe stolen and the umpire continues to call balls and strikes. In April, there will be no walks once bases are loaded. In May and June, walks are allowed and there will be no Manager/Coach pitching. An inning is over if there are 3 outs, 4 runs scored, or 9 batters have batted. A player may advance only one base on an overthrow. Base stealing is allowed, however, a player at third may only advance home by a hit or a walk (no stealing home or advancing on an overthrow). Players must play at least two innings on the field and will be rotated to try all positions, if desired and can be done safely. A fourth outfielder is allowed so 10 players may be on the field. Games are 1 hour and 15 minutes no new inning and drop dead at 1 hour and 30 minutes. There may be an optional tournament held at the end of the season.

 ***\*\*ALL 7 YEAR OLDS THAT TRIED OUT FOR ROOKIE BUT DID NOT GET DRAFTED TO A ROOKIE TEAM BY A MANAGER, WILL BE MOVE DOWN TO FARM\*\****

**Minor (Ages 9-11) BASEBALL & SOFTBALL DIVISION PROVIDED**

This division is where it starts to get competitive, but development of players is still a priority. Players must try-out and be drafted to a team. Running standings will be kept and will be used for seeding of the end of season tournament. Teams bat the entire roster. Players must play at least two innings on the field. Stealing home is allowed and there is no limit on bases for overthrows. An inning is over if there are 3 outs or 5 runs scored. Games are 1 hour and 30 minutes and finish the inning. 10 and 11 year old players may be pulled up to play in the Major division (this is an honor). Players must move up to Majors if selected as their position on the Minor team is no longer available.

**Major (Ages 10-12) BASEBALL & SOFTBALL DIVISION PROVIDED**

This division is very competitive. Players must try-out and be drafted to a team. Once you are drafted to a team, you are on that team until you move on to Juniors. Games are 6 innings (mercy rule 10 runs ahead after 4 innings). Standings are kept and used for Tournament of Champions seeding and the next year’s draft. There is a 9 batter line-up with substitutions. Players are guaranteed only 1 at bat and 2 innings on the field. There will be players that will only play the minimum and no more.

**Junior (Ages 13-14) BASEBALL & SOFTBALL DIVISION PROVIDED**

This division is preparing the players to transition to high school and is very competitive. Players must try-out and be drafted to a team. Once you are drafted to a team, you are on that team until you move on to Seniors. Games are 7 innings (mercy rule 10 runs ahead after 5 innings). Time limits may be imposed for scheduling purposes. Standings are kept and used for Tournament of Champions seeding and the next year’s draft. There is a 9 batter line-up with substitutions. Players are guaranteed only 1 at bat and 2 innings on the field. There will be players that will only play the minimum and no more. Head first sliding, metal cleats, leading off, balks, and on deck batters are used in this division. 14 year old who play high school ball will rejoin their Junior team at the conclusion of the high school season.

**Senior (Ages 15-16) BASEBALL DIVISION PROVIDED**

These divisions do not play until after the high school season is over. Players must try-out and be drafted to a team. Senior minimum play time is 1 at bat and 6 defensive outs. There is no minimum play time in Big League. A designated hitter is allowed in these divisions. There is a 9 batter line-up with substitutions. Games are 7 innings (mercy rule 10 runs ahead after 5 innings). Time limits may be imposed for scheduling purposes

**WHAT’S NEXT??**

**Do Teams get to pick their own team names?**

*-Softball Managers* select their team names.

-*Baseball Mangers* will be able to select from a list of team names. These names were created based on the available jersey and cap colors. FCLL sets up division names as follows:

**Do we play games against other leagues (“interleague”)?**

Yes. Some of our divisions play against other Fontana Leagues. This includes: all softball divisions, junior baseball and senior baseball. Days and times will be communicated by your manager after teams are formed. No requests for specific days of the week or times can be granted.

**Where games played and what is the frequency?**

Our primary field is Coyote Canyon Park, located 5051 Duncan Canyon Rd. Divisions that interleague (see above) will also play at:

* Jack Bulik Park, 16581 Filbert Avenue in Fontana
* Village Park, 15601 Village Drive in Fontana
* Bill Martin Park, 7792 Juniper Ave in Fontana
* Red Hill Park, 7484 Vineyard Ave in Rancho (*Junior & Senior Div. ONLY*)
* Epicenter Sports Complex,8408 Rochester Ave in Rancho (*Junior & Senior Divs. ONLY*)
* Heritage Park, 5546 Beryl St in Rancho (*Junior & Senior Divs. ONLY*)

Days and times will be communicated by your manager after teams are formed. No requests for specific days of the week or times can be granted.

**Where do practices occur and what is the frequency?**

Our practices occur at Coyote Canyon and Hunter’s Ridge. Attempts are made to get 3 baseball events scheduled a week. These events include games and practices. Days and times will be communicated by your manager after teams are formed. No requests for specific days of the week or times can be granted.

**When will games be played?**

Games will begin on the day after Opening Night on March 13, 2020. Game days and times will be communicated by your manager after teams are formed. ***No requests for specific days of the week or times can be granted.***

**When should I hear from a coach?**Teams should be formed by mid-February 2020. If you have not heard from a manager by the last week of February, please email sbplayeragent@fontanacommunitylittleleague.org.

**What do I need for my child to play?**

The league provides a jersey and a cap for baseball and a jersey and socks for softball. Parents will need to purchase pants, socks, belt, and an undershirt (optional). Please do not buy these items until AFTER you have met with your team where the colors will be decided. Players need to have a baseball/softball glove, cleats, and an athletic supporter.

**What do I need to do to become a volunteer at FCLL? Do I need to provide my Social Security Number to volunteer?**

You will need to email our safety officer at safety@fontanacommunitylittleleague.org with your intent to volunteer. He will e-mail you a personal invite for you to complete your background check online.

Social Security Numbers are required in order to run a background check. *THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS*!

**Does my player need to Try-Out?**

It depends on their age/division. All Divisions must try-out at least 50% (1 time) of the try-outs EXCEPT the following:

* TBall & Farm Divisions; and
* Returning Major and Senior Players that were previously drafted to a FCLL team.

Returning Major and Senior players do not need to try-out; however, they do need to register before the last tryout date.

**When are Try-Outs?**

Try-out dates and times will be posted on our website. An email will be sent to all parents once this information becomes available.

All players (baseball & softball), 7 years and older must attend at least 50% (one) of the try-out sessions to be considered to be drafted to a Rookie team without a try-out, they will automatically be placed in the Baseball Farm division.

**Can I request to play with a certain player or be on a specific manager’s team?**

Only if you will be playing in TBall or Farm Division. All other Divisions will hold a draft based on try-outs.

**Can I request that siblings play together in the divisions above Farm?**

Yes, but that would be at the discretion of the manager during the draft. *Be sure to indicate this request during FCLL In-Person Registration*. **THERE IS NO GUARENTEE THAT YOUR REQUEST WILL BE HONORED.**

 **If my player is returning to a Major or Senior team, can I request that he/she not return to that team?**

Yes, but again this would be at the discretion of the Manager to work out a fair trade with another FCLL team. The request must be made to the Division Player Agent. **THERE IS NO GUARENTEE THAT YOUR PLAYER WILL PLAY FOR ANOTHER TEAM**

**Can I “BUY-OUT” the snack bar responsibility?**

No. There is NO Snack Bar Buy-Out. All teams will be responsible for working the snack bar at least once during the season.

**Do I have to participate in Fundraising?**

Yes. Each player will be responsible for selling ALL of their 50 raffle tickets.

**Are their refunds?**Yes. FCLL Policy is to refund TBALL & Farm Divisions on or before 1/6/17. Other division is on or before 1/23/17. Any request for a refund after that time will be at the Board of Director’s discretion and will be less the cost of the Jersey, Cap, and/or Socks. Late Fee payments will not be refunded.

**Can I make payment plans?**

This is evaluated on a case by case basis. Please speak to a Board Member at FCLL In-Person Registratio.