



CSLL Spring 2021 Parent Meeting



About us

- The Central Springfield Little League, selected by Little League Baseball in 2016 as a top 5 national program, provides both Spring and Fall baseball leagues for more than 400 Central Springfield area boys and girls from ages 4 to 14. In 2020, we were the National Little League ASAP (A Safety Awareness Program) award Winner and safely completed a full season for all age groups with zero COVID outbreaks.
- The successful operation of our league requires numerous volunteers, time and financial resources. In 2020, more than 150 members volunteered to administer, umpire, coach and provide the best Little League Baseball experience in the northern Virginia area. Our volunteers provide an invaluable service to the Central Springfield Little League. With their support, timeless dedication, and the continued support of the local community, our league will continue to thrive and be recognized throughout northern Virginia and Little League Baseball as a top-flight program.



Divisions

- T-Ball – Players age 4-6. T-ball is further broken down into Coach Pitch for returning 5-year-olds and 6-year-olds and Traditional T-ball for 4 and new 5-year-olds.
- A-Ball (Machine Pitch) – Players age 7-8.
- Minors – Players age 9-11.
- Majors – Players 10-12.
- Juniors – Players 13-15.

Spring Baseball Dates

- **March 6 and 7: Player Assessments.** Players eligible for play in divisions Minors and Majors will be assessed by managers for the 2021 CSLL Player Draft. The CSLL Player Agent will identify eligible players and notify their families of their reporting time. The assessments will take place outdoors, location TBD, and are broken down into age groups.
- **Week of March 18:** Practices begin.
- **March 20 and 27: Field Maintenance Days.** This is the first opportunity to earn four of the 12 required volunteer hours. These are the days we dedicate to getting the playing fields and equipment ready for Spring play. With recent renovations to Trailside Park, more time can be spent on these days on the smaller things to make our park ready for our players.
- **April 10: Opening Night.** Opening Night is on a Friday night. This is an opportunity for every player, manager, coach, umpire and sponsor to be recognized by the parents and CSLL.
- **April 24: Pitch, Hit and Run.** CSLL will host the Central Springfield area Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run competition from 6:30-10pm. This is an opportunity for boys and girls, ages 7-14, to participate against their peers in pitching, hitting and running under the lights. The overall winner and the top three winners in each category, advance to a regional competition.
- **May 1: MLB Jr. Home Run Derby.** CSLL will host the Central Springfield area Major League Jr. Home Run Derby. The MLB Junior Home Run Derby provides an opportunity for players age 14 and under to participate in an exciting home run derby. More information will be provided at a later date.
- **May 15: Sponsor Day.** This is the day CSLL says thank you to our sponsors by allowing them to set up tables and promote their sponsorships of our league.
- **June 12: Board of Directors Elections.** This is the day we set aside for the members of CSLL to nominate new members and elect the Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 season. Terms are from October 1 through September 30. Make your voice heard with good, sound decisions. The Board of Directors is the actionable voice and representative of our league throughout northern Virginia. Feel free throughout the season to contact the CSLL President with any questions/concerns regarding the operation of CSLL, or membership with the Board of Directors.
- **Post Season Tournaments:** Dates and locations of post-season tournaments are yet to be determined. The All-Star Tournament Opening Ceremonies are TBD. It is believed all tournaments will begin late-June.



Volunteer Refund

- Each family paid a \$100 refundable fee at registration, with the understanding that if each family completes 12 volunteer hours their fee will be refunded at the end of the season. These 12 hours can be completed by working 3 concessions shifts (approx. 4 hours each), or 1 field maintenance shift and 2 concessions shifts. At least 2 shifts must be concessions, as this is the area we require the most help. As always, parents may work additional shifts, as the help is always appreciated.
- If the family chooses not to work volunteer hours, the \$100 will not be refunded. The more successful and staffed the Concession Stand, the lower we are able to keep the registration fees. By allowing each manager, coach, umpire and board member to use their volunteer time as credit, instead of working a shift or two in the Concession Stand, this would prevent the Concession Stand from being adequately staffed and operating at a level required to financially assist league activities



FAQs

Are uniforms provided?

- Yes, they will be provided in time to wear them at Opening Ceremonies. Shirts, hats, pants, belts and socks are provided.

When do we find out what the team assignments will be?

- Teams are assigned in early-mid March and practices will start mid-March.

How are team assignments made?

- T-Ball and A-Ball (Machine Pitch) do not have skills assessments, except for 6-year-olds requesting to play A-Ball. Typically, these players are placed based upon their neighborhood and/or school. During the registration process, players in these divisions can request to be grouped with other player/friends, although CSLL is not obligated to honor those requests.
- Minors through Juniors — There is a skills assessment process. All kids, even those who have played at CSLL before, must attend either one of the two planned skills assessments. The only exceptions are those who will continue playing on the same Majors team that they played on during Spring 2020. At assessments, each child will be asked to perform a few basic baseball skills, like throwing, catching, hitting, and running the bases.

When are practices and games typically scheduled?

- It depends ultimately on the number of players and teams that we have. From past experience, there are typically around 3-4 events (practice or games) per week. CSLL schedules practice and game events on Mondays through Saturdays, although makeup games are generally played on Sundays. Weekday events start between 5:30 and 6:00PM. Saturday events typically are scheduled between 9AM and 7PM.



Central Springfield Little League Primary Fields

Trailside Park

- Trailside Park, 6000 Trailside Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22150. This is the primary location for games in the Majors through T-Ball Divisions. Practices are held in the Batting Cages. Fields #1, 2 and 3 are rarely used for practice. Field #4, which is T-ball field is occasionally used for practices.
- When you enter the park, please proceed to your right. The road around our park is one-way.

Franconia Park

- Franconia District Park, 6432 Bowie Drive, Springfield, Virginia, 22150. Field #1 is a 90' field maintained by Central Springfield Little League. Except in limited circumstances, this field is reserved solely for the Juniors Division. Field #2 is the 60' field located past the 90' field. The 90' field is used for practices and games, while the 60' field is used strictly for field practices for primarily the Majors division.
- The best way to arrive at the park is to come in through Bowie Drive. The entrance to the parking lot is just east of the intersection of Thomas Drive & Bowie Drive.



Central Springfield Little League Practice Fields

Forestdale ES

- Forestdale Elementary School, 6530 Elder Avenue, Springfield, Virginia 22150. Field #1 is located near the playground, closer to Franconia Road. Field #2 is located near Starbucks, closer to Frontier Drive. Entry to both sides is from Elder Avenue. These fields are used solely for field practice for the T-Ball, Coach Pitch, and A divisions.

Key Middle School

- Key Middle School is located at 6402 Franconia Road, Springfield, Virginia 22150. Practices are held on Field #2, which is located at the back end of the school on the left-hand side. An easy way to get to the field is to park on Deepford Street and walk through the gate.

Lee High Park

- Lee High Park, 6501 Deepford Street, Springfield, Virginia 22150. Practices are held on Field #2, which is the first field on your right when you enter from Deepford Street.



COVID Protocols

- The Central Springfield Little League (CSLL) COVID-19 Guidelines comprises the best practices and recommendations to reduce the risk of the Coronavirus COVID-19 to the 2021 CSLL season. These recommendations were compiled from guidance issued by Little League International, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Virginia Department of Health. As with all aspects of recreational sports, participants assume a measure of risk and injury. With everyone's cooperation we can reduce the risk of the coronavirus COVID-19 and play baseball. We thank you for your cooperation

COVID Protocols – General Safety

- Persons with any of the following conditions should not attend a practice or game until evaluated by a medical provider and given clearance to do so:
 - Active COVID-19 infection
 - Known direct contact with an individual testing positive for COVID-19
 - Fever
 - Cough
- Participation in the 2021 CSLL Season is voluntary and at the discretion of the players parents/guardians. CSLL will require a participation waiver for each player to be maintained by the CSLL Safety Officer (safetyofficer@csll.org).
- All persons over the age of 10 at Trailside Park and Franconia Park should wear a cloth face covering following Virginia Department of Health guidelines.
- Before any CSLL practice/game/activity: Parents/guardians shall take players body temperature to ensure that no fever is present prior to participating or attending each Little League activity. Anyone with a temperature over 100.4, or experiencing a cough, worsening respiratory symptoms, or any known exposure to a person with COVID-19 should not attend any Little League activity until cleared by a medical professional.
- If any player or family show signs of COVID-19 or have been directly exposed, please contact the CSLL Player Agent (playeragent@csll.org).



COVID Protocols – Game Operations

- Pre-game meetings between managers and umpires should be conducted with a social distancing of six feet and all participants should wear a cloth face covering.
- No Handshakes/Personal Contact Celebrations:
- CSLL teams should line up outside the dugout and tipping caps to the opposing team as a sign of good sportsmanship after a game.
- CSLL recommends players wear face coverings when in close contact areas such as in dugouts. Players may remove face coverings or pull them down when playing defense, batting, or baserunning.
- Managers/coaches and players should be assigned spots in the dugout or on the bleachers so that they are at least six feet apart and must be placed behind a fence.
- Players in the T-Ball, Coach Pitch, and A-ball divisions may sit/stand with their parent/guardian outside the dugout, maintaining the social distancing requirements, until called by the coach



COVID Protocols – Game Operations

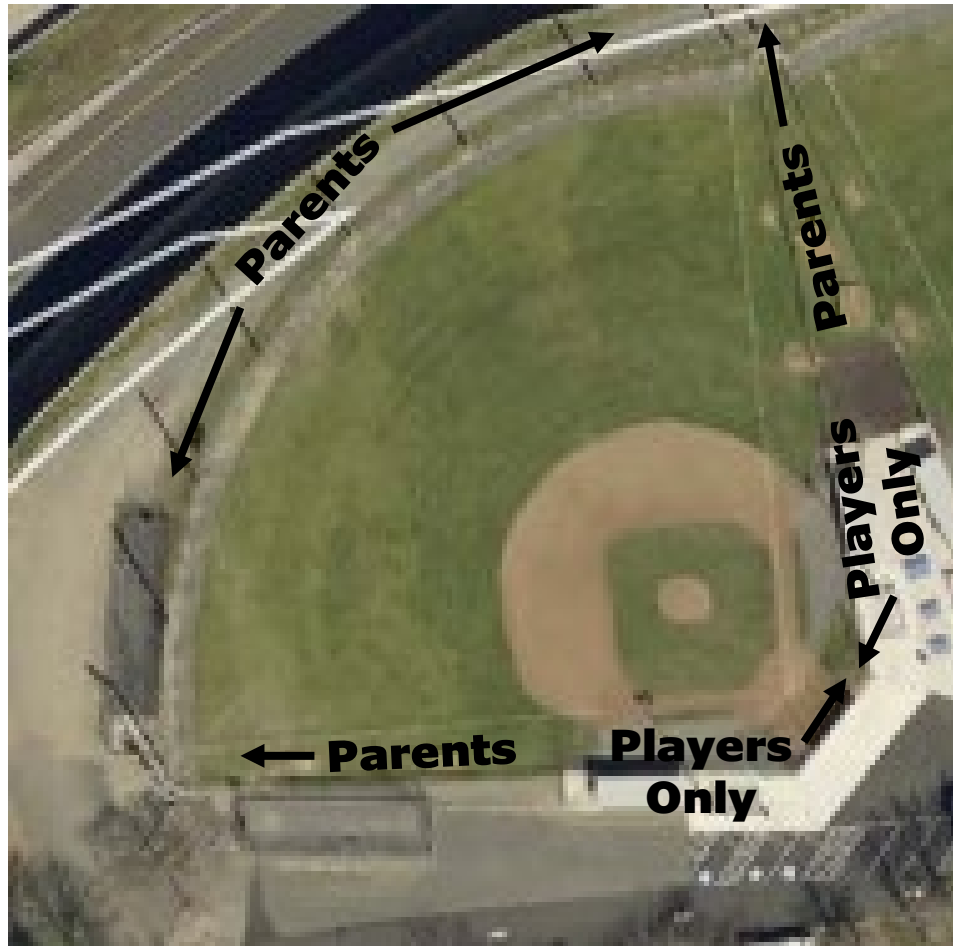
- Parents/guardians should clean their players equipment surface (helmet, bat, glove, etc) with an EPA-approved disinfectant against COVID-19 before and after every practice and game.
- Catchers' chest protectors and leg guards should be cleaned with an EPA-approved disinfectant against COVID-19 and given time to dry before use by another player.
- It is recommended that catchers' masks and mitts are not shared during games. The manager or a coach shall clean team catchers' masks and gloves between practices and games.
- Players wishing to play the catcher position are encouraged to have their own catcher's mask and mitt.
- Players should sanitize their hands with hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol before and after each practice and game and after each defensive half inning played.
- Foul ball should be retrieved by participating players or coaches. No spectators should retrieve the ball.
- Players should bring their own drinks.



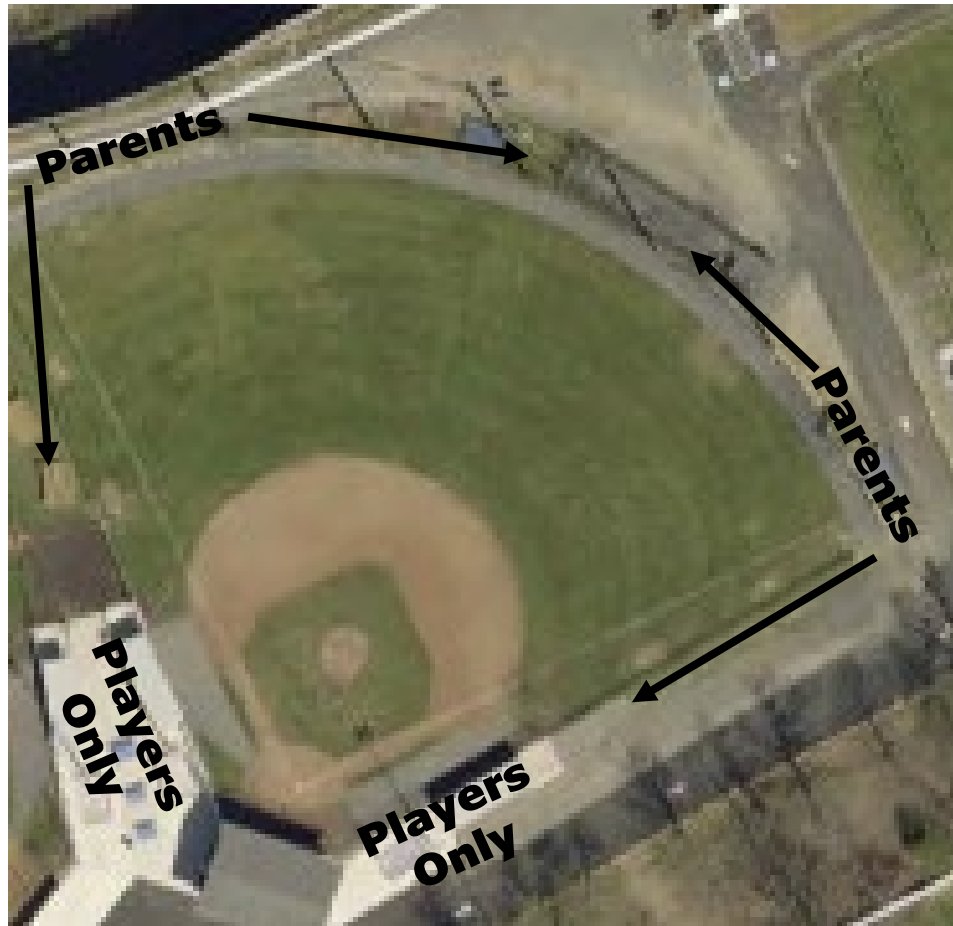
COVID Protocols – Spectators

- All spectators should follow Virginia Department of Health guidelines for gatherings.
- CSLL asks parents/guardians to stand or sit in lawn chairs along the foul lines or around the outfield and maintain social distancing from other families.
- Siblings should remain with their parent/guardian at all times.
- Spectators at Trailside Park and Franconia Park should maintain social distancing of ten (10) feet.

Field #1 Seating Map



Field #2 Seating Map



Field #3 Seating Map



Trailside Park No Parking Map





Contact Us

- For questions about players and/or registration:
 - Tara Suga – playeragent@csll.org
- For questions about payments and the availability of scholarships:
 - Rick Boddie – treasurer@csll.org
- All other questions can be sent to:
 - James Shappell – president@csll.org