



Catonsville Youth League Baseball

7/8 Age Group Frequently Asked Questions

Spring 2012

What is the age cutoff for the 7/8 League?

In order to be eligible for the CYLB 7/8 League, a child must be either seven or eight years old on 04/30/2012. If they are under seven years old on 04/30/2012, they would be eligible for 5/6 League. If they are older than eight years old on 04/30/2012 they should be registered for another CYLB division (i.e. – the 9/10 League).

Is the 7/8 League Coed?

Yes.

When does the season start?

The 7/8 season begins with indoor clinic sessions held every Saturday morning in March. The seven year olds will meet at the Bloomsbury Rec Center (106 Bloomsbury Ave., Catonsville) at 11:00 AM and the eight year olds will meet at the same location at 12:00 PM. The clinic sessions will last one hour. Players should wear sneakers (no cleats) and comfortable athletic clothes (i.e. – sweatpants, t-shirt, etc.). Players must bring a baseball glove. No other equipment should be brought to the clinic sessions. **Frequently check the Calendar on our website – www.cylb.org**

When are teams assigned?

Teams will be assigned in late March. There will be approximately 10 – 12 teams in the 7/8 League (10 to 12 players on each team). You will be contacted in the late March timeframe by your child's coach.

When do practices begin?

Practices will start the first week of April. The exact schedule will be determined by the individual coaches, but practices will be held on some combination of Saturday afternoons and Wednesday - Friday evenings. Practices will take place at the Catonsville Elementary School fields (615 Frederick Road, Catonsville) or the Bloomsbury Rec Center fields (106 Bloomsbury Ave., Catonsville)

When do games begin?

Games will start mid to late April. The game schedule will be available by mid April and will be distributed by your coach. Games will be played at Catonsville Elementary or at The Bloomsbury Rec Center fields and will take place on

Saturday afternoons and Wednesday - Friday evenings. Typically, each team will play on Saturday afternoon and then one weeknight game (starting at 6:00 PM). The season will end around mid June (weather permitting).

How will I find out about rainouts?

Your Team's Coach will contact you if any practices and or games are rained out and corresponding makeup date.

Will my son/daughter have a uniform?

Yes. The CYLB provides each player with T-Shirt, baseball hat, white baseball pants, and colored socks (that match the T-Shirt color). Baseball pants will be picked up during the clinic sessions scheduled in March. The remainder of the uniform will be provided by your coach. Make sure you write your child's name on their hat immediately. The CYLB is not responsible for any lost uniforms and cannot guarantee a replacement. So your child can stay in uniform all season long, please try to keep track of it.

What additional equipment will my child need?

Each player must furnish his or her own baseball glove and it must be brought to every clinic, practice, and game. Make sure his/her name is clearly written on the glove. It is highly recommended (but not required) that each player also have a pair of baseball cleats. Steel spikes/cleats are not allowed in the 7/8 League. Players are allowed to bring their own bats to practices/games (not to the clinic) and usage will be at the coach's discretion.

How long are practices?

Practices are scheduled and conducted at the individual coach's discretion. However, they typically last 60 – 90 minutes.

How long are games?

As long as it takes the teams to complete five innings. Typically a 7/8 game will take 90 minutes to complete.

What are the rules for the 7/8 League games?

The games are coach pitch; however, a batter only receives six pitches. If they cannot put the ball in play after the sixth pitch, they "strike out." Each ½ inning will end after the defense gets three outs or the offense scores five runs (whichever comes first). Base runners can advance more than one base at a time, except for an overthrow at 1st base. While not all players are guaranteed a bat each inning, everyone does play in the field.

What should I do if I am interested in coaching or assisting a 7/8 team?

Please make sure your interest is clearly marked on your registration form. Also you should contact the CYLB 7/8 Coordinator, via e-mail at age78@cylb.org

What is involved in coaching/managing a 7/8 Team?

You will need to assist with the Clinics scheduled in March. Once teams are formed, you will contact your players/parents to introduce yourself. Once you have scheduled your practices, you will need to communicate to your team and conduct the practices. Once games begin, you will be responsible for conducting the games. The CYLB will hold an introductory coaching clinic prior to the start of the season.