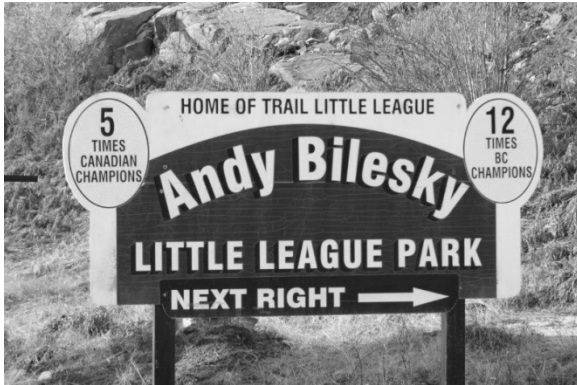


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Umpire Clinic

This year's umpire clinic is set for Tuesday April 4th and Wednesday April 5th, from 6pm to 9pm at the Montrose Community Hall – 490 9th Avenue, Montrose. Registration is online through the BCBUA website, here:

<https://members.bcbua.ca/?pg=clinics>

Cost is \$25 for ages 13 and under, \$50 for ages 14 and above (age as of December 31, 2017). Clinic registration costs will be reimbursed by Trail Little League once an umpire has done three league games. Umpires are paid \$15 (and a burger from Bob's Kitchen) per game. Kids born in 2006 are eligible to umpire the bases at the Minor Division level. Kids born in 2005 or earlier are eligible to umpire behind the plate. All kids are invited to attend the umpire clinic and learn the rules of baseball.

Message from the President

Opening Day is scheduled for **Saturday April 29nd**. All age groups will play that day. The regular season will wrap up by June 25th.

We look forward to seeing you all at the park this year.

- Lea

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UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF:

No umpiring experience required. The umpire-in-chief is primarily responsible for coordinating opportunities for an umpire clinic with other local baseball associations, and scheduling umpires for the Minor and Major division games in Trail. For more information, please contact **Jim Maniago**.

Rookie Fence

Thank you to our volunteers for building the moveable fence for the Rookie division last year, and to Tycor Climate Control for donating materials. The fence makes the Rookie games even more exciting!



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Batting Cage

We completed the first batting cage last year. A big thanks to all our volunteers who helped make this possible, either through direct contribution to the cage construction or through time spent in the concession (helping us raise money to put towards construction). And thanks to the companies who donated their time, equipment, or materials:

- Hil-Tech Contracting
- United Rentals
- West-K Concrete
- Midway Express Trucking
- Maglio Building Centre

... and the communities that supported our CBT funding application:

- City of Trail
- Village of Warfield
- RDKB Area B

Our goal remains to construct a second batting cage, and then cover the two batting cage lanes (like a giant carport). Expect we'll be looking for more help to continue moving this plan forward. If you're interested to help out, please contact **Kevin Chartres**.

Team Sponsors

Thank you to all of our current team sponsors. They are:

- Bella Tire (Mariners)
- Trail Eagles (Rangers)
- FortisBC (Blue Jays)
- Trail Kiwanis Club (Giants)
- Kootenay Technical Surveys (Cardinals)
- Canadian Legion, Trail Branch #11 (Dodgers)
- RE/MAX AllPro Realty (Red Sox)

And new sponsors for 2017:

- Boxing Day Classic hockey tourney is sponsoring new team jerseys (Brewers) for the Rookie Division.



- Tim Horton's is sponsoring the entire Blastball Division



We still have uniforms without sponsorship (Pirates, Athletics, Mets, Orioles). If your organization is interested, a \$600 donation will put your name on the back of the jerseys (and on our website).

For more info, contact **Wes Dann**.

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Wake the Fields

Our first planned 'work party' of the year is scheduled for **Saturday April 8th, at 10am**. Come enjoy a coffee at the park, and help us wake the fields up from their winter slumber. The concession will also need a spring cleaning, and the grill will need to be tested (sausage 'n eggens on menu for the day?).

Registration

There are two options to register for Little League this year:

1. Online through our website.
2. In person at the park during evaluations (registration form will be available at the park).

The **early bird rates** for registrations **received by March 31st** are:

- 11-12 year olds = \$100
- 9-10 year olds = \$100
- 7-8 year olds = \$85
- 5-6 year olds = \$45

Prices for returning players **increase by \$20** after **March 31st**. Kids who didn't play Little League last year will be eligible for the early bird rates regardless of when they register. But registration closes on **April 13th**.

Regardless of how you register, payment can be made online or handed in at the park during evaluations. Online payments will be tied to your TeamSnap account, so you can print out receipts for those payments at any time. Payment is due by **April 13th**.

Come Try Baseball

Trail Minor Baseball is kicking off the season by hosting a free fun day at the park. **Sunday April 9th, 12pm to 2pm**. All 5-12 year olds are invited – new and returning players. All players who attend will be entered into a raffle draw for a free 2017 Registration. Tell your friends.

Divisions

There will be four divisions of play in Little League again this season:

- Major Division (10 - 12 year olds)
- Minor Division (8 – 11 year olds)
- Rookie Division (6 – 9 year olds)
- Blast Ball (5 – 6 year olds)

For more information on the division structure, season format, and potential field times - have a look on the website under the 'Divisions' tab.

Evaluations

All 7-12 year olds are required to attend an evaluation session. Sessions will be up to 2 hours long, and are scheduled at Andy Bilesky Park as follows:

- 7-8 Year Olds: Monday April 10, 5:00pm
- 9-10 Year Olds: April 11 & 12, 5:00pm
- 11-12 Year Olds: April 13, 5:00pm

Players are asked to attend all evaluations for their age group. For the 9 – 12 year olds, additional evaluations may be scheduled the week of April 18 – 21st.

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PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Trail Minor Baseball is planning to host the 11/12 Provincial Championship tournament next July. The provincial tournament is a great tourist draw to our region, and fundraiser for our league. Organization of that tournament will need to start this fall. If you are interested in coordinating (or teaming with someone to coordinate) that effort, please contact **Lea Maniago**.

Concession (Bob's Kitchen)

What's better than a burger and fries at the ballpark? As in past years, parents of Major, Minor and Rookie division players will be required to take their turn volunteering in the concession. It not only adds to the experience of baseball, but it helps benefit all kids. A \$75 Kitchen Duty deposit will be collected during the week of Evaluations (Blastballers excluded).

More information on Kitchen Duties is available on our website, under the 'General Info / Kitchen Duties' tab.

The concession committee is also looking for volunteers with Food Safe Level 1 who may be willing to help open/close. For more information, contact **Laura Price**.

Season Start-Up Timeline

Umpire Clinic	April 4 & 5
Wake the Fields	April 8
Come Try Ball day	April 9
7-8 Evaluations	April 10
9-10 Evaluations	April 11 & 12
11-12 Evaluations	April 13
Registration Closes	April 13
Fee payments due	April 13
Additional 9 – 12 Evals	April 18 - 21
Coaches Meeting	April 22
Opening Day	April 29

Pre-Season Coaches Meeting

If you are interested in coaching (or helping coach) this year, please attend our pre-season coaches meeting. The meeting will include an overview of what to expect, field maintenance, division format and rules, and discussion of goals for the year. For more information, please contact **Joel Graf**.

Tentative meeting date:

Saturday, April 22nd, time TBD.

Andy Bilesky Park

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Age Rules

Age rules remain the same as last year. For most players, the age determination date is how old your child is on August 31st. For players born in 2004 and 2005, the age determination date is how old your child is on April 30th (these older kids continue to play based on Little League's former age rules).

The age chart for this coming ball season is shown to the right. The red outline shows a player born in July 2007 as an example.

2017 Little League Age Chart FOR BASEBALL DIVISION ONLY

Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	4
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	5
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	6
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009	7
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	8
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	9
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TMB Executive

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