



Laurel Little League 2026 Newsletter & Updates

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Welcome to another season of Little League Baseball and Softball!

Our program begins as early as age 4 (their age as of Aug 31, 2026-Baseball & Jan 1, 2026-Softball).

BASEBALL CLASSIFICATION

*League age as of August 31, 2026

T-ball (age 4-5) and **Coach Pitch** (5-7): Co-ed teams season starts in May; home games played at Nutting Park or South School

Machine Pitch (6-8) and **Minors** (8-11) Season starts in late April; home games are played at Nutting Park or South School

Majors: (9-10), (11-12), **Juniors** (13-14), **Seniors** (15-16) Opening day is in mid April (TBD) To be on a majors team, you must complete an evaluation and be drafted to a team. Home games for Majors 9-10 & 11-12 play at Thomson Park, Juniors (13-14) & Seniors (15-16) play on Dodger Field at Thomson Park

SOFTBALL CLASSIFICATION

*League age as of January 1, 2026

Minors: (age 6-9) Machine Pitch

9/10 Majors: Player Pitch, players 8 years old may try out

11/12 Majors: Player Pitch, players 10 years old may try out

Seniors: (ages 13-16) These leagues are organized by the district and may be combined. There is a link on our website to register for Juniors and Seniors.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PLAYER EVALUATIONS

ALL Laurel players League Age 9+ wishing to be considered for a Majors teams **MUST** attend 1 player evaluation!

Coaches will evaluate whether players will be placed on Major or Minor League teams. League age 8 players are welcome to attend if they wish to attempt to be placed on a Majors team. Evaluations are held at:



DBAT-Rimrock Mall
300 S 24th Street West Unit #A01
Billings, MT 59102

Baseball Evaluations:

9/10 Majors: Tues., Mar. 3, 6-8 pm & Sat., March 7, 11-1 pm

11/12 Majors: Mon., Mar. 2, 6-8 pm & Sat., March 7, 1-3 pm

Juniors: Weds., Mar. 4, 6-8 pm & Sat., March 7, 3-5 pm

Seniors: More information to come depending on numbers

Softball Evaluations:

9/10 & 11/12 Majors Thurs, March 5, 6-8pm; Sat, March 7, 9-11am

2026 REGISTRATION

****ONLINE ONLY****

Registration is **solely online**. You may pay with your credit/debit card online or mail in a check after completing your registration.

www.laurelmtbaseball.com

T- Ball thru Machine Pitch BB

- Register January 1 – March 22, 2026
- A \$40 **early bird discount** will be applied for registrations before March 15

Minors KP, Majors and Jrs/Srs BB, All SB Divisions –

- Register January 1 – February 22, 2026
- A \$40 **early bird discount** will be applied for registrations before February 15

2026 REGISTRATION FEES

Our fees help pay the costs of the Little League program: equipment, fields and maintenance, and administrative costs for insurance, rentals and national dues.

Laurel-based team registration fees for 2025:

- **T-ball/Coach Pitch** \$130.00 *Early Bird*=\$90
- **Machine Pitch** \$180.00 *Early Bird*=\$140
- **SB/Minors & Up** \$190.00 *Early Bird*=\$150

DISCOUNTS, REBATES, & SCHOLARSHIPS

While our rates are more reasonable than many in our area, there are ways to save on registration costs. Manager (head coach) approved by LLL can receive a rebate of up to 50% of registration fee for the level of play coached (to be dispersed at the end of the season). **Family discount after the first registration is \$20 off for each additional registered player.**

ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK

Please bring the following to one of the Document Drop-offs or to your child's baseball/softball evaluation:

- **Medical Release Form** (download & print during online registration)

***DROP OFF AT LAUREL MS, 725 Washington Ave. -February 5th and 24th 6:00-8:00 P.M.**

2026 LAUREL LITTLE LEAGUE OFFICERS

- President: Jake Haan 672-0928
- VP Baseball: Chad Eastlick 860-6567
- Secretary: Blaise Lodermeier 647-1609
- Treasurer: Alex Milne 939-2598
- BB Player Agent: Jake Wiggs 855-5498
- Majors BB Coord: Phil Cramer 281-2808
- Baseball Equipment: Tim Martin 860-3800
- Minors BB Coord: Jeff Slingsby 619-705-0289
- T-Ball/Coach Pitch: VACANT
- Umpire in Chief: Jon Knaub 672-8709
- Safety Officer: Josh Sawyer 591-3959
- Photo Coordinator Jessica Sawyer 591-3209
- Sponsorships/Facebook: Bethany Haan 697-9569
- At Large: Matt Naasz 491-7025
- VP Softball: Holly Anderson 698-7517
- Softball Player Agent: VACANT
- Softball Coord: Brandon Copley 855-3339
- Softball Equip. Coord.: Scott Nelson 860-3501

Laurel Little League Regional Board

- Bridger: Dustin & Jessica Thomas 861-4332
- Joliet: Stacie Lodermeier 425-0370

LAUREL LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings take place on the First Sunday of every month at 6:00pm at Fowl Play in Laurel. Additional meetings are held as needed. The Board must approve all expenditures, coaches, volunteers, policies, and schedules. Anyone is welcome to attend and participate at these meetings.

HOW IS THE MONEY SPENT?

Annual program costs are about \$78,000 a year. Registration fees alone do not cover our costs, and that is why team sponsorships are so valuable to offset the amount a family has to pay. The breakdown of expenses includes:

- 25% uniforms
- 25% equipment (baseball, softball and field)
- 10% Little League International fees
- 30% field maintenance (baseball maintains 5 fields and assists with the Legion field; softball maintains 4 fields)
- 10% misc. (electric, garbage, tryouts, toilets, administrative supplies).

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Sponsors are a vital part of keeping the cost of playing in Little League affordable.

If you would like to sponsor or for more information, please contact us at: laurelmtbaseball@gmail.com

We offer the following Sponsorship Levels:

Grand Slam \$1,000.00

- Team Sponsor: Name on Jersey and Team Plaque
- Outfield Signs: at Thomson and at Woods
- VIP Sign at Thomson OR Woods
- Facebook Advertising (Individual)

Home Run \$750.00

- Team Sponsor: Name on Jersey and Team Plaque
- Outfield Signs: at Thomson AND at Woods
- Facebook Advertising (Group)

Triple \$400.00

- Team Sponsor: Name on Jersey and Team Plaque

Double \$200.00

- Outfield Signs: at Thomson AND at Woods

Single \$100.00

- Player Scholarship

Equipment \$50.00

- Equipment Scholarship

VOLUNTEERS

Without parent and community volunteers, we would not be able to make Little League available to the youth of our community.

Volunteer opportunities include:

Coaches, managers, scorekeepers, umpire, field maintenance, and team parents

Background checks are completed on all volunteers. This requires your Date of Birth and Social Security Number (your SSN is securely destroyed upon completion of your background check).

Please sign-up to volunteer during online registration or contact a board member directly.