

2019 Baseball FAQs

If you have any concerns or questions, please email baseball@newprovidencepal.org.



- 1. My child is “young” for their grade, will they play down with a team from the grade below?**

PAL Baseball is shifting its team makeup in an attempt to accommodate children playing within their grade. In the past, a team was comprised based on baseball age requirements.

If your child is in the 4th grade or below, your child is playing on their grade appropriate team. If your child is currently in 5th grade or above, there will likely be no changes to where your child plays. There will be some instances (eg. to create an additional team) where it is necessary for children not to play with their grade, this will be discussed with the parents first before implementing.
- 2. Will PAL be offering a Spring teams?** Yes the PAL will offer a Spring team. This team formation will be based on a tryout.
- 3. Will my child have to tryout?** All 3rd graders and above will participate in the tryout held in February. Upon completion of the tryout, the “A” teams will be formed. We will then work to create additional “B” teams from the registered players. If you did not attend tryouts, your child will not play on an “A” team in the Spring or Summer. All 2nd grade players will be evaluated at a separate session.
- 4. Will my child be required to play on a REC and PAL team in the Spring?** PAL wants to create a competitive baseball program in New Providence that is built upon a strong partnership between PAL and REC. If your child is a 3rd-grade player or above, and is selected to be part of the “A” team, we strongly encourage they play in both the REC (weekday league) and PAL (weekend league). If there are enough players registered at a grade level for a “B” team weekend league, PAL will form a team for them. We encourage any player who did not make an “A” team to sign up with the NP Recreation program. After the 2nd grade evaluation, the “A” team will be created, however, they are required to play REC, but may play in a weekend league.
- 5. Then what happens in the Summer?** Rosters for the “A” team will roll over to the summer team but Summer “B” rosters are flexible for players with other commitments in the Spring. Both A and B teams will begin mid-June an run through end of July.
- 6. What is the deal with the Middle School team?** PAL will form a Middle School team comprised of both 7th and 8th graders to play in the Spring in a local Middle School League with non-parent head coaches. All other 7th and 8th grade players, not selected for the Middle School Team, are encouraged to participate with the NP REC teams that play in the Chatham Baseball league.

Tryout attendance is required as the Summer 7th and 8th grade teams will be created at the same time the middle school teams are created. Please remember that the New Providence High School Coach is scheduled to coordinate the coach of the 8th grade team.

- 7. Is there now a High School Summer team?** PAL will help facilitate the creation of a Summer team that will have paid coaches. These teams will not play in the Spring as they are potentially committed to NPHS. Registration for these teams will happen at a later date.
- 8. How many kids will be on an “A” team roster?** Ideally, 12 kids per team.
- 9. What is the cost?** If your child plays in both the Spring and Summer cost is \$475, billed in 2 installments (February & May). If your child plays only in the Summer, cost of \$300. Since REC is not part of the PAL, fees are NOT included in this cost.

