

# **Union Little League**

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# May 2022 Newsletter

# **Key Dates**

- May 23-26: Semi-final and final Championship Games
  - Tuesday May 24:
  - Majors: Semi-final Phillies vs. Red Sox @ 5:15 PM (Major's Field)
  - Majors: Semi-final Astros vs. Rockies @ 5:15 PM (Minor's Field)
  - Wednesday May 25:
  - Farm: Finals (Pirates or Orioles) vs. Rangers @ 5:15 PM
  - Minors: Finals (Cardinals or Rockies) vs. Rangers @ 5:15 PM
  - Thursday May 26:
  - Majors Championship Game @ 5:15 PM
- June 1 Farm All-Star Game (date updated)
- June 2 Minors 8's / Farm 8's All-Star Game
- June 4-8 Start of District 12 Tournament of Champions
- June 15-30: Majors 12's All Star Tournament (Hosted by ULL)
- June 15-25: 11's All Star Tournament (Hosted by Branham Hills LL)
- June 11-28: 10's All Star Tournament (Hosted by Quito-Saratoga LL)
- June 11-27: 9's All Star Tournament (Hosted by San Jose American and Willow Glen LL)
- August 25 @ 8 PM: Union Little League Annual General Meeting

#### League Message

The regular season is behind us and we are closing in on the Championship games for Farm, Minors, and Majors. We encourage everyone to come out and support the teams this week. We have played a lot of baseball this season (227 games to be exact) and people are already asking when there will be an opportunity to play more. This is exactly the goal of the league, which is to have so much fun the kids can't wait to come back for more. We are truly grateful for all of the parents and volunteers who worked so hard to make this season happen.

On May 21, we recognized our 32 graduating Majors 12's with a ceremony hosted by John Schenone. The players were recognized for their accomplishments in the league as they progressed through the divisions and finally graduated from our Majors Division. In years past, this meant no more baseball opportunities with ULL, but we shared a different message this past Saturday. There are over 32 players interested in playing in our Juniors Division next spring. This type of engagement needs to carry into registered players and we are hopeful we will be able to field 3 teams next year for Juniors.



Union Little League also offers a Fall Ball program for Majors, Minors, and Farm. Registration will open this summer for a relaxed league this fall. The commitment is much less allowing the ability to fit baseball in along with other fall activities. One game per weekend with one practice per week is typical. Players have the opportunity to stay in the same division or play up a division in this more relaxed environment.

# **Union Little League Juniors Division**

Union Little League has a Juniors Division available for players who are 13 and 14 years old. This is a competitive league in preparation for High School baseball. Our field for Juniors is located at Union Middle School including a snack shack, score board, and signs. We would like all families to know we offer this opportunity for players who have graduated from Majors. Registration will be in the fall and the season runs at the same time as our normal league season. If you have not already, please use the <u>Juniors Interest Form</u> to inform the league of your interest or ask additional questions.

Because of the fantastic interest received, a Juniors Division is looking very promising. If you are interested in helping recondition the field at Union Middle School or other aspects of setting up Juniors, please contact Mark Hoehne (<a href="mailto:secretary@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com">secretary@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com</a>) or any board member.

#### **Snack Shack**

The snack shack is open...but we still need volunteers to help run it. You can sign up <a href="here">here</a>, sign up at the snack shack, or reach out to Sagit or Rob as well. The snack shack will be open as long as we have volunteers to help run the counter and unfortunately closed on days when we don't have the volunteer support. Contact Sagit at <a href="mailto:concessions@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com">concessions@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com</a> or Rob at <a href="mailto:volunteers@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com">volunteers@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com</a>.

<u>Kind Reminder</u>: Snack shack tickets are valid for the Spring 2022 season and cannot be used for division tournaments being hosted at ULL this summer.

## **Facilities and Improvements**

We have continued to make improvements around the facility. Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer their time and hard work to completing these projects. Since this is a community field, don't be shy about pulling some weeds or bringing over some garden tools to clean things up and make them look better and safer for the kids. Please contact Tony P.

(<u>facilities@Unionlittleleaguebaseball.com</u>) or Rob B. (<u>volunteers@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com</u>) to find out how you can get involved!

### **Volunteering:**

We are looking for volunteers to help on weekends with a variety of field maintenance projects. Contact Rob B (<u>volunteers@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com</u>) or Brent T. (<u>safety@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com</u>) to find out how you can get involved.

Do you have an idea about how we can improve the Union Little League experience? Are you inclined to contribute your own special skills and concepts to help build the league? Contact Rob Bernard, Volunteer Coordinator at <a href="mailto:volunteers@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com">volunteers@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com</a>, and let's talk about it!

Thank you for your participation, and for making an important contribution to our community!!

#### **Next Year's Board**

Do you have an interest to volunteer for the league, ideas on how to make things better, want to help make a difference and make Union Little League the best it can be, then please fill out the <u>Board Position Interest Form</u> or contact <u>secretary@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com</u> or another board member if you want to learn more. We can create a board position that fits your area of interest or you can help on a committee. There are many opportunities and we look forward to hearing from you.

### **Scheduling**

The ULL calendar has been updated on the <u>website</u> for all games for all divisions. In addition, the <u>game and practice schedule</u> is posted on the website.

Game Changer is the ULL official score keeping app. You can also subscribe to your team or division group through Game Changer classic. Majors and Minors have live score streaming in Game Changer.

Majors: <a href="http://www.gamechanger.io/g/ullmajors">http://www.gamechanger.io/g/ullmajors</a>
Minors: <a href="http://www.gamechanger.io/g/ullfarm">http://www.gamechanger.io/g/ullfarm</a>
Farm: <a href="http://www.gamechanger.io/g/ullfarm">http://www.gamechanger.io/g/ullfarm</a>

Standings and records for all teams are on the <u>ULL Website</u>.

### **League Communication**

Subscribe to the league calendar on the ULL website to have automatic reminders for key events. You can also subscribe to text alerts from the league by Texting ULLBASEBALL to 84483 to receive alerts from Union Little League. Additional information on how to set up the Rained Out test alerts can be found on the <u>ULL Website</u>. Follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u> to stay informed of happenings in the league and to help share and support our league. The <u>ULL Calendar</u> is updated regularly with important events. Please subscribe to always have the latest information. The <u>ULL website</u> news section also has important notices.

#### **Feedback and Comments**

Have a compliment, idea or some suggestions for the league? Submit your feedback <a href="here">here</a> - we would love to hear from you!

Thank you!

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