



# What to expect....

## 9U Division

The 9U (Tadpole) Division offers a full spring program for any interested player and a summer ball program for those who are selected to play for the 8U and 9U teams. Pitching machines are used during the spring season and for the 8U summer program, while players begin to pitch during the 9U summer program. Official umpires are used for all spring and summer games.

### Spring Season Overview

#### Team Formation:

Players must attend the spring evaluations on Saturday, Feb 24. Coaches will draft the spring teams in early March and players will be assigned to teams on TeamSnap.

#### Regular field times:

Each team will be scheduled for 1-2 games and 1 practice per week. Games and practices can be scheduled on any day of the week, and players should expect to have at least one activity on the weekend and one during the week. All schedules will be posted on TeamSnap at the start of the season and can be viewed once players are assigned to teams.

#### Coaches:

Each team will have up to 3 official team coaches with the ability to add other parent coaches to assist at practices and specific aspects during games.

Evaluations  
Feb 24

Opening Day  
Apr 6

Photo Day  
TBC

Summer Tryouts  
Late May

Jesse Caron  
Tournament  
June 15-23

Season End  
June 23

## 2024 Season

### Skill Development Focus

- 1. Throwing Mechanics
- 2. Batting Mechanics
- 3. Positional play
- 4. Running Bases

### Division Manager

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### Coach Responsibility

Developing baseball skills is something we look for in all our coaches, but it is not what we value the most. We want every coach to focus on ensuring ALL players are in a safe environment where they ALL can learn to love baseball. It is expected ALL coaches will be part of ensuring EVERY player is included.

### Parent Involvement

Families are required to participate in 6 hours of volunteering throughout the season- field set up and maintenance, scorekeeping, team manager, coach or help with association events are volunteer opportunities. Above all, it is important to be a supportive parent on and off the field and ensure your child, and all players develop a love of the sport!

### Summer Season Overview

#### Team Formation:

Tryouts will take place in late May and all interested players will be required to register to participate. Players will be selected for the 8U or 9U teams based on their birth year. Final decisions on team size will be made by the team coaches in conjunction with LMBA.

#### Commitment:

Summer ball requires a higher level of commitment than spring ball and it is expected that players attend all team practices, games and tournaments. Families are asked to plan vacations avoiding the July summer ball season as much as possible as this may impact the ability to allow the player to participate.

#### Coaches:

Up to 2 coaches will be selected in advance of the tryouts for each team to ensure a coaching staff with required certifications will be available for the team. Additional parent coaches may be added once the team is selected.

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