



2024 Chicagoland Sunday Baseball FAQ

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About the League

What is Sunday Baseball?

- It is a baseball league that was created to provide house players an opportunity to play 10 extra games against other towns during the baseball season
- Many of the players in the league will become all-star players in July representing their house league in tournaments

Is the Sunday league a full-time travel league?

- No
- Chicagoland Sunday Baseball is only for house leagues; full-time travel teams are not allowed in our league
- There are other leagues in Chicago that are better for your team if you want to play full-time travel

What are the advantages of Sunday baseball?

- Boys & girls love to play at other towns and to represent their house league
- Good way to get many of your July players playing together before the travel season
- Keep better players in your house league
 - Sunday baseball, League play, and July tournaments will give your better players 40-45 games at a fraction of the cost of full-time travel
- Play baseball at a higher competitive level so that your child continues to develop
- Chicagoland Sunday Baseball also runs a Fall Ball league
 - In 2023, we had over 60 teams in our fall ball league
 - The Fall Ball season runs from end of August to mid-October

How the League Works & How to Participate

How are the games scheduled?

- Chicagoland Sunday Baseball will organize all the teams into multiple age divisions
- Initial schedules are received at the scheduling meeting that will occur in late March/early April
- At the meeting, you will have the opportunity to make any edits to the game dates/times/location if your opponent is okay with the proposed changes. Once you are done making any edits to your schedule, we will post the master schedule on our website www.clsunball.com
- The meeting will last less than 1 hour and it is mandatory that every team have one representative at the meeting

What is the cost?

- \$200 team fee payable to Chicagoland Sunday Baseball for the league fee
- Additional \$400 if your team signs up for the Memorial Day Weekend Tournament
 - Excluding your uniform, the cost per player (registration fee and umpires) is under \$30
- This is needed to hold your spot so that your team is included in the scheduling
- The home teams coordinate and pay for the umpires

What do teams do for uniforms?

- Many leagues use their July travel uniforms in order to keep the costs affordable.
- Other leagues use a t-shirt with their town's name on it and their league's hats
 - You can spend around \$30 on your team's uniform if you want to keep it simple

How do the rosters work?

- We encourage each team to have 13 or 14 players on the team
- Chicagoland Sunday baseball does not monitor the rosters
 - If you are short players you can take any player from your house league to play on the team
 - Some teams carry 15 players and rotate the roster. This allows a family to miss a game or two if there are other family activities going on for the day
- Most teams order a couple extra shirts so they can substitute players

What rules does the league follow?

- Chicagoland Sunday baseball follows Pony rules
- We feel this allows 11 and 12-year olds to develop their pitching skills and base running skills
 - Most teams and umpires will work with young players to develop their pitching and base running skills

Where do I play my games?

- You will have to host 5 games at your field and the other 5 away games will be at other town's fields

Where are the teams in the league from?

- The 2023 season had over 250 teams play in the league in the Spring
 - This included over 60 girl softball teams
- Boundaries:
 - East: Northwest Indiana
 - South: Kankakee
 - West: Minooka
 - North: O'Hare Airport Area

What do teams do on Mothers Day, Fathers Day and Memorial Day weekend?

- That is up to the two teams playing
- Last Memorial Day we had 150 teams from our league play in our tournament
 - If you do not play in the tournament you will have a regular league game on Memorial Day weekend that can be rescheduled if needed

How is the league structured?

- Boys:
 - There are 8 levels
 - There are 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14-year-old levels
 - The levels are the same as the July tournaments
- Girls:
 - There are 5 levels
 - There are 8U, 9U, 10U, 12U and 14U levels

Can I play more than 10 games?

- Yes you can!
- Many teams add extra games to their season by playing double headers or scheduling extra games at the scheduling meeting
- Many towns are also keeping Wednesday nights open and play additional part-time games during the week
- The extra games you pick up will **NOT** count toward the regular season standings

What is the Memorial Day tournament?

- The tournament is a way for you to play in a competitive tournament with your team
- The tournament is played in eight towns and the winner of pool play from each town moves on to the semi-finals and championship on Monday
- In 2023 over 150 teams played in the tournament
- You must enter early for the tournament as there are not enough spots for all the teams wanting to join - it is first come first serve for the tournament
- There is an extra \$400 tournament fee that pays for the umpires, trophies, game balls and the donation to each host town

What is the next step?

- Each league needs to determine how they will select their team and how many teams will be playing from their league
- Be sure to coordinate Chicagoland Sunday Baseball with your league officials and officers
- Contact us at 708-296-4585 (after 6:00 p.m.) or e-mail us at chicagosunball@yahoo.com for more information