

General Information for Minor and Major leagues

Minor league: Players 8, 9 and 10 years old.

For advanced second graders, third and fourth graders.

The minor league program (10-under) offered a lot of opportunities to players last year. Our teams played league games against Birdsboro, Fleetwood and Brandywine and will continue to do the same this year. In addition we have tryouts for a Jr. Diamond team as well a tournament team. The Jr. Diamond team plays two games each weekend beginning in late April and finishing up in late May. The tournament team begins play in early June and finishes up in early July. The competition that we face in the Jr. Diamond league and tournament play is by far the best competition around. Last year, kids that played league ball, Jr. Diamond ball and tournaments played around 35 games !!

Major league: Players 10, 11 and 12 years old.

For advanced fourth graders, fifth and sixth graders. (age eligible 7th graders. Player cannot turn 13 before May 1st 2012)

The major league program (12-under) is a great step in the progression from the minor leagues to Western Berks. Typical minor league field dimensions are 60 foot baselines and 46 foot pitching distances. Our major league teams play on fields with 75 foot baselines and 53 foot pitching distances. This is a big step considering that when these kids move up to Western berks they will be playing on fields that have 90 foot baselines and 60 foot pitching distances.

In 2011 the major league teams competed in a twelve team league against teams from Birdsboro, Fleetwood, Kutztown and Brandywine. This league was very competitive and went along way in developing fine baseball players who are now ready to move up to Western Berks. The season ended with an Oley team winning the league playoffs. In addition we will also have tryouts for a tournament team. In 2011 our tournament team competed in four tournament taking second place in the Oley tournament and first place in the Governor Mifflin tournament.

Tournament teams

The tournament teams will require not only a commitment from each player, but also a commitment from the parents. We will also have our own tournament for each age group and parent commitment is necessary to ensure we pull off the BEST tournament around.

