

Gilman Park and Recreation Association – Little and Middle League Slow-Pitch Softball Information

- Little League is for kids currently in/just completed 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th grade; Middle League is for kids currently in/just completed 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade (Summer 2023 would be the grade for the 2022-2023 school year).
- Registration window closes at the end of March. Registration requests received after March 31 will be granted if there are spots available based on the number of registrations received by the deadline and team assignments have not been finalized. We do our best to not turn anyone away, but we must draw a line in the sand once the teams have been formed/team uniform shirts have been ordered.
- The leagues are organized and run by volunteers from Gilman Park & Rec Association.
- The leagues depend on volunteer coaches (typically parents, but not required to be). Without these volunteer coaches, we cannot have this league for the kids. Please see Coaches Information for additional information on various needs and roles.
- Registration costs go towards paying for umpires, year-end medals and purchasing equipment and materials for the league including, but not limited to: Balls (game & practice), Bats, Catcher's Masks, Pitcher's Masks, Misc Equipment, Scorebooks, and minor field maintenance.
- League provided bats are required to be used in all games and practice. Little league includes 26"/16 oz, 27"/17 oz, 28"/18 oz, 29"/19 oz, 30"/20 oz and 31"/21 oz bats. Middle league includes 30"/20 oz – 34"/24 oz bats.
- The only equipment that is required for each kid is their own glove.
- Games are played on Wednesday evenings, starting in the second half of May (weather dependent) through the end of July. Some teams will play final playoff games the Friday night of Gilman Days (Last full weekend of July). Rainouts will generally be rescheduled for the following Sunday or Monday evening.
- Practices are held once a week on either Sunday or Monday evening.
- Teams are assigned by the league coordinator, Andy Schommer, using the following general logic.
 - Family members identified on the registration form will be on the same team unless requested otherwise.
 - We try to keep teams together from year to year unless requested otherwise or if moving from little league to middle league.
 - We try to keep the teams as fair/even as possible by dividing teams up by age, gender and basic ability level identified on the registration form.
 - We do our best to accommodate additional requests for team assignments while still following the parameters above. Due to all of the various factors, we cannot guarantee any additional requests at the time of registration.
- Each team is sponsored by a local business. The sponsor purchases the team shirts/jersey for each kid. If you have a business that is interested in sponsoring your child's team, please let Andy Schommer know, and he will help coordinate with the team's coach if a sponsor is needed.
- Most importantly, this league is meant to be fun for all kids. The league is organized, run and coached by volunteers. This is not a developmental league to become a professional softball/baseball player.