

CRRA BASEBALL 2026 Program Details and FAQs



Program Details

Program Duration: <u>All dates approximate</u> depending on coach acquisition, and weather and field conditions. Practices to start the 2nd or 3rd week of March, and regular season to start approx. Tues, April 21. Regular season ends Sat, May 30, and the week after that is tournament week for the Minor and Major divisions.

Early Registration: Sat, Nov 8 to Sun, Dec 21, Cost: \$55

Regular Registration: Mon, Dec 22 to Sun, Jan 18, Cost: \$65

Online registration closed after Jan 18

Late Registration: Available by request depending on need for players. Cost: \$90/player.

Contact Us to apply after Jan 18.

Maximum Family Cost: \$110 for early registration, and \$130 for regular registration.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is your league age? League age is the player's age on May 1, 2026.

What are your divisions? Rookies (age 4 to 6), Minor B (ages 6 to 8), Minor A (age 7 to 10), and Majors (age 10 to 13). Players placed into placed into division based on assessments, age and experience.

Does my player need to assess? Assessments are for players ages 7 to 13. We will announce the time and place soon. The purpose is to help us create balanced teams in the Minor's and Major's divisions.

Do Rookies assess? No, those players do not assess unless you think your 6-year-old is ready to move up into the Minor B division, then yes, bring them to the 7-year-old assessment session.

What will happen at assessments? Players will have an opportunity to hit a soft toss, run the bases, field ground balls, and catch fly balls.

When will I hear from my child's coach? Approximately the 2nd or 3rd week of March once we have obtained all the coaches.

Will you be offering T-Ball? For the fourth year, CRRA is partnering with the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods to offer T-Ball. To register for T-Ball, visit their <u>website</u>.

What is included in registration? Each player will be provided with a league jersey and a hat. Rookies and Minors will also receive black baseball pants. If you already have black baseball pants, you can choose 'Do Not Need' during registration. Players in the Majors will supply their own black baseball pants. Majors will be supplied with upgraded jerseys and hats.

How often are practices and games? Approximately two practices per week pre-season. Once games start, you will have approximately two games per week with further practices scheduled at the coach's discretion. We attempt to schedule games on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, though there may be games scheduled on other days, if needed.

When do practices start? Practice is estimated to start the third week of March, depending on the weather and field conditions, and if we have coaches for all teams.

Does the league provide equipment? Your player will need to have a glove. Baseball cleats are optional, but highly recommended (plastic only, no metal). Bats and helmets are provided, though you may bring your own, just be aware of the Babe Ruth 2018 Bat Rule, explained during online registration.

Do you hold an equipment swap? Yes, we are planning to hold a swap, time and place to be announced. Feel free to bring your unneeded equipment to donate and take home the bigger size, free!

I have two siblings who are close in age. Can they be on the same team? Sibling requests will be honored whenever possible. For best results, put the request in the Special Request comments box of <u>both</u> players during registration. We are unable to honor requests for more than two siblings to be placed on one team.

Can I request a particular coach or team? For Rookies, yes, requests will be considered. For Minors and Majors requests will be considered, but our goal is to balance teams based on assessments.

Do you have team sites online and/or an app? Yes! Hang on to the email and password you used to create an account during registration to be able to log into your team site and to get into the app. Once teams are published, you will receive an email with instructions on how to get into your team site. For new members, this email can often land in spam, so check there also. To get the TeamSideline app, see the link on the bottom of our homepage.

Will I automatically receive text notifications from the league after I register my player? Unfortunately, this doesn't happen automatically upon registration. To get text alerts you have to sign up for text alerts separately – see link on our website homepage.

I'm interested in coaching my child's team, how do I get involved? That's great! We can't run this program without your participation! Contact Us with your name, player's age, best contact number/times to reach you, and a division manager will call you back. In the meantime, check out our Coach's Corner page which describes the process of becoming a coach for CRRA. All of our coaches (and assistant coaches that are working directly with players for 16 or more hours a month) must complete a background check for both the state of California and Babe Ruth League, respectively, and complete a short education program.

Does your league require snackbar volunteering? Yes. Family and/or friend volunteers help us keep our registration fees very low. Our snackbar produces 25% of our annual budget and is a critical part of our fundraising, so to meet that goal, we require one shift of volunteer work in our snackbar per player. Teams will be assigned to cover certain days in the snackbar when they are already on the field, and we appreciate in advance the sacrificed time watching your player to make sure the league is fully funded. Coaches and assistant coaches and their families are exempt from snackbar duties, but we encourage them to help us get parents to sign up for shifts.

What other volunteer positions do you have? We have lots of interesting and rewarding work that needs doing: team parents, field day help, scorekeepers, fireworks booth workers, Board of Directors, etc. We include these questions during registration, and when you indicate interest, we'll reach back to get you involved. Many, many thanks in advance!

How can I become a CRRA sponsor? See our <u>Sponsorship</u> webpage for information and our downloadable application form. Thank you in advance!

Is there parking available at the fields? There is limited parking available at all of our fields, so we ask that families limit cars to one per family. The parking lot at Winship School especially gets very congested when we have games on all 5 fields, so the one car/family rule becomes critical. Also, parents and staff are prohibited from parking on the blacktop on the side of Winship School (the area beyond the dumpsters at the basketball courts), in the red zones, or on the grass. Please park in the parking lot, or out in the neighborhood, and walk in. For field location information, see our Locations page.

Are there other events happening on the fields we need to be aware of? Yes. All scheduled school events, like Track and Field at Winship School, must be avoided. When you see school events happening, walk around, not through, them.

It's raining on a practice/game day, what do I do? Please contact your coach for info on whether the practice/game will be cancelled due to weather. The decision is made between coaches and field supervisors.

What if my child can't make a practice/game? Please contact your coach if your child cannot attend a practice or game. We understand some kids may arrive late but try to be on time.

Are there refunds once you have registered your child? No. Once you have paid and registered the player is enrolled in the program. Uniforms, hats, and trophies are all ordered and cannot be returned.

Will you have picture day? Yes. Details to be announced soon.

How do I get quick info if I need help? Always keep in touch with your coach for updates. If you can't reach your coach, check out our website's <u>Calendar</u> and <u>Schedule</u> pages for season updates.

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