



Readington Tewksbury Jr Baseball League FAQ - 2026 season

Any questions not answered below, please email RTJBLinfo@gmail.com

- ***How can we help get involved?***

This league has been run by volunteers for 70 seasons, we need everyone to consider how they can help make the league a great experience for your kids. Please email us to ask how you can help, if you won't who will?

- ***We want to play with a friend or need help with carpooling.***

On our registration form is a 'carpool with' question. Enter any requests on the form. Please do not email any requests, we cannot track those. Please note that not all carpool requests will be honored, we do our best but it is impossible to honor them all. We cannot give refunds to families after teams are formed because carpool requests were not honored.

- ***When do we start?***

All divisions except Little Sluggers will start practicing usually the 3rd week of March. Once during the week and once on Saturday. Little Sluggers will start the week of April 13th, to meet their coach and maybe start with a short practice. Our official opening day is April 18th and our Family Fun day (last day of the rec season) is June 6th. Little Sluggers and Rookie 1 divisions will end on June 13th.

- ***What does a typical weekday schedule look like?***

All divisions meet twice a week, one weekday (Monday-Thursday) and once on Saturday. Once games begin, there are some weeks in our older divisions when teams could play twice during the week and skip a Saturday. Little Sluggers division typically meet on Monday or Tuesday depending on the number of teams and coaches' conflicts. We cannot say when a team in a particular division will meet during the week until our game schedule is formed in late March. Most game schedules are made around coaches' conflicts, especially those who coach multiple teams.

- ***What time do teams meet?***

During the week, all divisions except Little Sluggers meet at 6:00 pm. Little sluggers are typically assigned to one clinic time, either 5:15 pm or 6:30 pm. Our Babe Ruth divisions may have some games that start later in the evening. On Saturdays, our younger divisions can start as early as 8:30 am, or as late as 4:00 pm, depending on field usage, team counts, and coaches' conflicts. On Saturdays, Little Sluggers should be done by early afternoon.

- ***Where do we play?***

Teams meet at a few different locations. Fields and directions are listed on the RTJBL web site. Little Sluggers typically will be at Oldwick Fields during the week and Cornhuskers on Saturdays. Our Rookie divisions will be at Railroad Fields and Oldwick. Minors and up divisions will play at Railroad Fields and possibly some out of town games in Branchburg or other townships. Babe Ruth divisions will play all away games in other towns, and home games at Railroad field.

- ***What equipment does my child need?***

Fielding gloves are necessary for every player, most families also pick up a batting helmet since they are relatively inexpensive. The league **does** have team helmets so this is not necessary. Cleats will make things much easier for running around, if they fit cleats can be the same for other sports. Kids can still be out there in sneakers at a younger age so this is also not necessary. Bats are supplied by the league, but if you do purchase one it must have the USA Bat stamp on it, all other bats such as USSSA are illegal to use in our rec program. Also a must have is a water bottle. Optional: batting gloves, bag/backpack. Please put your name on everything, we end up with so much equipment lost each year. Darrows sports is a great place in Readington to purchase anything you need. We are fortunate to have a great store right in town, we recommend stopping in if you need anything sports related. If any families have a financial hardship purchasing equipment please email readingtonbaseballpresident@gmail.com

- ***What uniforms do players receive?***

All divisions get a hat, shirt, pants and socks, except M70 and Babe Ruth do not receive pants.

- ***Shirt and pants size***

In the registration form are the shirt and pants sizes, these are pretty standard sizes. We do not have any kind of size chart. If you need a comparison google might be able to help with a comparison. Pants can be swapped out at Darrow's if they don't fit at Darrow's before they are worn.

- ***Two work bonds in my check out on my registration.***

Do not finish your registration, there is a question when you register any additional children 'is this the first child you are registering' after the first child select no for this question. Also confirm you have a work bond in your check out before paying, otherwise you will be invoiced at a later date, an inconvenience for us and you. Email us before paying if you have any questions.

- ***Sibling discount for registration***

We offer a 20 percent discount for all additional siblings. If you do not see that in your cart please email us before you check out and pay.

- ***Communions and other religious conflicts***

We know a lot of 2nd graders will have their first communion on a Saturday. Just communicate with your coach and teams will play a game with whomever can attend. If you want to have a party afterwards go right ahead, missing one game may not be what your child wants but do what is easiest for your family.

- **Closing date and late fee**
Registration closes on January 10th except for any players trying out for HS teams. Any registrations after this date will be subject to a \$50 late fee. We also cannot guarantee we can get a player in late, especially after teams are formed and uniforms ordered. Please help us by telling all your friends to sign up on time !
- ***My child is 3 years old can he play ?***
Players should turn 4 years old by March 1st. As you can imagine, the attention span at this age makes it difficult for volunteers to keep everyone interested if they are not quite ready yet.
- ***Our child is injured and is not cleared to play.***
We do not start practices until mid March and games in April. If they are unable to participate we will provide a refund. Please note this in the medical comments section of the registration and email us to give us a heads up, but do not wait to register.
- ***What should I expect on days when the weather is bad?***
Early in the season when teams are practicing, coaches will send messages to the team to move the practice to pavement or batting cages, or cancel. Once we get into the season and games begin the league typically checks fields at 4pm during the week and will communicate any field closures via email. If there is rain closer to game time a decision will be made by coaches prior to the game starting, and umpires decide once the game has begun. On Saturdays we will check the fields as soon as possible to give families enough notice. We will not cancel the entire day unless we feel the weather or fields will not recover. It is possible we may cancel an 8:30 am game but we will play a 10:30 am game. We will continue to check fields and update via email. We know some families may feel inconvenienced waiting around to see if they will be able to play but we are trying to get games in, there are days that the weather is not predictable and there are many factors that determine whether a field will be playable. We may cancel games at some locations but not others.
- ***How can I expect to receive communication from the league? From my child's coach?***
Coaches typically will communicate via email, text message, or through the sports engine app. Using the app to put in player availability and for communications makes it easy for everyone. Please download the app and turn on notifications for the app.

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