

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## QUESTION

How do we register? When does registration open and close?

## ANSWER

Registration is available through our website by clicking the "Sign up here" button, which will prompt you to login/create an account. Registration opened in February and closed on March 26th. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate latecomers. We need to allow printing time for jerseys, as well as create rosters, assign coaches, and schedule practices.

## QUESTION

Does AYL provide uniforms and equipment?

## ANSWER

Some, yes. AYL provides all players with a gameday shirt (Tee-ball) or jersey (Rookies, Minors, Majors) and hat (baseball) or visor (softball). Players are responsible for the rest of their uniforms. Socks should be navy blue. You will need to have a properly fitting baseball glove. Each team has access to equipment, such as bats and helmets, but you can certainly use your own equipment, so long as it meets the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken standards

## QUESTION

Will there be player/team pictures taken?

## ANSWER

Yes. Picture Day will be held on May 22nd at Jones Field. If you choose to purchase photos, you will be required to pay the photographer that day, but pictures will be sent home with players typically a couple weeks later. Even if you are not purchasing a player picture, we would ask that you show up for your team's photo. It is important for team camaraderie. For more info, visit "Picture Day Info" under "Helpful Links" tab on our website

## QUESTION

When/where does our team play?

## ANSWER

Your coach will provide a schedule once they are finalized. Home games will be played on one of the 3 fields located at "Little Fenway"/Jones Field off Letter S Road in Alton. (Your coach will tell you which field you will play on based on which program you are in.) Away game field locations and directions can be found on our website under the "Locations" tab. Game schedules can be viewed under the "Schedules" tab on our website.

## QUESTION

What do I do if I have a problem with another player or coach?

## ANSWER

While we all strive to be our best and act with grace under pressure, that is not always the case. If it is an issue that will not resolve itself and deserves attention, then it should be addressed in private with your coach, if possible. However, if it is an issue involving a coach or other AYL official, please contact the AYL Board at [altonyouthleague@gmail.com](mailto:altonyouthleague@gmail.com) and the Board will address the issue to the best of its ability and resolve it as it deems fit.

## QUESTION

Will the Snack Shack be open?

## ANSWER

The Board will strive to do its absolute best to have the Snack Shack open during all games. However, every year, we run short on volunteers to run the Shack. To sign up, visit the "Volunteer Opportunities" tab on our website and access our online sign-up tool. You can pick any game that works for you. We would like to have light refreshments available for sale as often as we can, but that requires help. Please consider volunteering!

# MORE FAQs COMING SOON

## QUESTION

When is Field Clean-up day?

## ANSWER

Cleaning up the fields is imperative to starting the season on time. So, in order to allow for practices in advance of Opening Day, AYL needs volunteers to help clean up. The more we have, the faster the work gets done! AYL will send an email with information on field day, which is tentatively scheduled for April 9th, with a rain date of April 16th.

## QUESTION

Will there be any in-season fundraising?

## ANSWER

Yes, there will be a few opportunities to donate/fundraise this year. Our business sponsor donations deadline is March 31st. However, we will be holding a Calendar Raffle during the entire month of May. We will be asking families to sell tickets during the month of April. Tickets will be \$10 each and every entry gives you 31 opportunities to win (one ticket equals one chance per day of the month to win. Even if you win, your name is added back into the raffle for the rest of the days of the month. The more tickets you purchase, the greater your chances of winning. There will also be a prize awarded for highest sales (more info to come)! You can also donate items needed for the Snack Shack through our AmazonSmile's Wish List (as proceeds of the Snack Shack help to offset the cost of registration next year)

## QUESTION

What kind of bat can we use?

## ANSWER

There are restrictions, so please visit [www.baberuthleague.org/bat-rules.aspx](http://www.baberuthleague.org/bat-rules.aspx) to view the guidelines.