Parent and Player FAQ

**Mission Statement**: The Churchland Softball Little League, its board members and parents are committed to providing a fun and rewarding experience that builds our girls’ confidence, sportsmanship and athletic ability in an environment that is both team bonding and individually rewarding based on effort and success. It is our hope to have a self sustaining organization that has a strong presence in the community and will benefit generations to come.

Q. How much does it cost to register my daughter?

a. Please see the spring registration information document for details according to age and registration dates.

Q. Do I need to bring any personal information with me to register my daughter?

1. Yes; you will need your driver’s license and 2 other proofs of address showing that you live in the 23703 zip code, or a letter from the school administrator stating that they are attending a Churchland school as of October of the previous year.
2. (Voters registration card, utility bill, bank statement- all dated between Feb 1, 2015 and Feb 1, 2016) These proofs will be copied and kept on file.

Q. Are there any other upfront costs I should be aware of at this time?

a. No. The cost of registration will be the only cost, unless you decide to purchase merchandise.

Q. Are there any costs during the season that I should know about?

a. Yes; you can expect to bring snacks and drinks to at least one game, typically juice boxes and cookies for approximately 12-15 girls. Team moms will coordinate the snack schedules. Juniors, Seniors and Big League typically do not do snacks.

b. The league will hold closing ceremonies/team parties at Churchland Park on the last day of scheduled games. Each team has the option to orders trophies, which typically runs about $12 to $15 per player. This will be decided on and handled by the manager and parents of individual teams, not by the league.

Q. What about team pictures?

a. Pictures are usually taken the first week of the season. Purchasing pictures is optional; there are several packages to choose from with prices starting around $15. All girls are required to show up for team pictures.

Q. What equipment & type of uniform does CSLL supply?

a. CSLL provides helmets, bats, and catcher’s gear. The uniform consists of (1) one team tee shirt and (1) one pair of socks. As every parent knows, most girls tend to want their own personal “stuff”; if this is your first year of softball, we suggest you use the leagues’ equipment until your daughter decides that she really wants to continue. Then, it is probably a good idea to buy a helmet first, making sure it’s comfortable and in accordance with CSLL safety rules requiring the helmet to have full face protection. In accordance with Little League rule, helmets cannot be modified at all, including custom painting, stickers or tape.

Q. What equipment does my daughter need to have?

a. She will need to have her own glove and black softball pants. Here’s a good link for additional information about gloves [www.sandalady.com.](http://www.sandalady.com/)

Q. So what’s my final out of pocket expense?

a. Depending on the division your daughter plays in, the cost to play will be around $135 ($90 for tee ball); your daughter’s smile for hitting the game winning ball is priceless! Please keep in mind that the CSLL is a nonprofit organization and money from registration and opt-out fees only cover *some* of the cost of uniforms, umpires and maintenance of our gear and fields. These fees are kept to a minimum and are some of the lowest in the area.

Q. What is the age range in each division?

a. Tee Ball – 4 to 6

b. Minors (Machine/kid pitch) 7 to 10\*

c. Majors – 9 to 12\*

d. Seniors – 13 to 16

e. Big league – 14 to 18

\*It is possible that some 9 year olds will play in the major division and some 10 year olds in the minor, depending on experience

*Q.* What does “league age” mean?

a. “League age” is the age the player was on December 31st *preceding* the current season. Q. How are girls selected for the teams?

a. Tee ball and minors are randomly selected. We have tryouts and draft for majors and seniors in an attempt to balance the talent across the teams. Sisters in the same division will be kept on the same team and we try to accommodate **reasonable** requests in **writing** from parents, but we cannot guarantee that your daughter’s best friend will be on the same team.

Q. How does CSLL communicate general information, schedules and cancellations etc. to the parents?

a. For general league information, you can visit our website [www.Churchlandsoftball.com.](http://www.Churchlandsoftball.com/) We prefer to use texting & Facebook for quick mass communication. Next is email which helps distribute schedules and other helpful files. Finally, we make the good old fashioned phone call if we need to speak to you personally.

Q. What do I need to know about the spring season game schedule?

a. Registration will end mid-February. Try outs typically take place approximately a week after the end of registration. You should hear from your players team manager within three days after the draft is completed.

Q. What do I need to know about the spring season practices?

a. The team manager will contact you with a practice schedule. There will be at least one night time practice during the week, sometimes two or more. Practices will be determined by the team managers. Weekend practices may be scheduled if there are no games. Practices will typically be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays as these are the only weeknights that the fields at Churchland Park are reserved for CSLL.

Q. What about volunteering?

a. The more volunteers the better! We are always looking for new coaches, preferably with some experience, to help grow our league. Our existing coaches can always use a hand in the dugout or prepping the fields. You will however need to fill out an official volunteer form and have a background check that will be kept on record; this form will be available at registration and upon request during the season. No adult is allowed on the field for game or practice unless this form and background check is on file; this rule is mandated by Little League.

Q. Do you have an All Star program?

a. Yes; we make every effort to continue our season with an All Star team. The All Star Season begins immediately following regular season and runs through the first weekend in July at the district level. There is no additional cost to you for the District 6 All Star tournament, however each player on every All Star team must participate in the mandatory fundraisers. CSLL pays the tournament fees and provides All Star jerseys and socks for the girls. If one of our All Star teams wins the District 6 tournament, CSLL will pay the cost associated with the state tournament fees and parents would be required to participate in fundraising to help pay for travel and lodging costs for the players. Parents are responsible for their own travel and lodging costs.

b. If your daughter is selected for and agrees to the conditions for playing on the All Star team, you will need to provide her **original/official** birth certificate and (3) three proofs of residency that are dated between of the prior year and February 1st of the current year for the District board to verify eligibility. Any combination of the following common examples are acceptable: driver’s license, voter registration, vehicle registration, vehicle or homeowner Insurance records and (1) utility bill, (1) Internet bill. Take note that the following utility bills constitute only (1) one proof of residency (gas, electric, water/sewer, phone, mobile phone, heating & waste disposal). Bills must reflect customary or normal regular usage. These items must be kept on file with the All Star manager during all games and practices and will be returned to you at the conclusion of the All Star season.