

NORTH DIVISION
CAMBRIDGE LITTLE BASEBALL LEAGUE
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MISSION: To teach boys and girls teamwork, develop self-confidence, practice discipline and hard work, and have fun while learning and enjoying the game of baseball.

PROGRAM: The North Division is one of four Divisions that comprise the Cambridge Little Baseball League. The North Division consists of a four team Major League (ages 10-12), a five team Minor League (ages 7 -12), and a Farm League Program (ages 5-10), which provides basic instruction to younger players or those who have limited baseball skills. The North Division is over 68 years young and is one of the oldest youth baseball programs in Massachusetts. Games are played at Comeau and Samp Fields located next to the Russell Field Complex on Rindge Avenue in North Cambridge.

Regular Season

Major and Minor League teams play a 15 game schedule over 8 weeks beginning in late April. Prior to the start of the season, a team usually holds at least two outside practices a week and at least one practice a week after the season begins. In addition, teams practice indoors at local school gyms. We also offer player clinics prior to the season. A Major and Minor game consists of six innings. Each Major League player must play a minimum of three innings per game. The Minor League uses a batting order, which includes all players with a two-inning minimum in the field for all players. The Registration fee is \$75 for the first player and \$40 each for additional players. After the end of Major and Minor regular season, there is a playoff tournament which ends prior to June 30th.

The first place teams from our Major and Minor League play in a single elimination tournament known as the "Mayor's Cup Tournament" which involves the regular season champions from the other three Divisions. The Mayor's Cup Tournament is held during the weekend in Mid-June.

Early in the regular season we hold a "picture day" to take individual and team pictures. Typically, "picture day" is held in mid-May at the Comeau Field or an inside location in case of rain.

Farm League

The Farm League plays T-ball. It meets every Saturday morning from 9-11 AM at Comeau Field starting in late April and running for 8 or 9 weeks (skipping Memorial Day weekend). Registration is done at the field. The fee for Farm League is \$35; scholarships are available. Players receive a T-shirt and hat and end of year party with trophies.

Summer League Season

In 2015 an intra-league program was created. We play 2 games during the week involving players from the North and West Divisions of the Cambridge Little Baseball League. Games are played at either Comeau or Tobin Fields.

The North Division participates in the Bay State Baseball League which is a summer baseball program involving over 30 cities and towns in eastern Massachusetts. The summer league program begins in early July and ends in mid-August and our teams play between 8-16 games depending upon the number of rounds we participate in and the success of the teams. Two games are played during the week plus one or two games during the weekend. Games are played at our home field or at an opponent's home field. Since there is travel involved, parents are expected to provide transportation for away games. The summer league teams which participate involve our 11 and 12 year old Major League players (A and B teams) and our 9 and 10 year old Major and Minor League players (C/D team).

City All-Star Series

During the second or first weekend in September, the North Division along with the other three Divisions participates in a single elimination Major and Minor League All-Star Tournament.

Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony

In the fall, the North Division hosts a Banquet/Awards Day for our players, parents, family members, coaches, and sponsors at Comeau Field. At our Awards Ceremony, we present numerous awards for exemplary sportsmanship, individual and team accomplishments, and volunteer and sponsor commitment. In addition, after the awards ceremony we ask players to partake in a charity softball game to support ALS research in memory of one of our parents who passed away from this disease.

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT: Over 40 coaches volunteer 100-150 hours per season on the field. Many of our coaches have 10, 15, or 25+ years of experience. The Board of Directors which includes parents, coaches, and sponsors sets league policy, oversees the budget, and plans special events. We also conduct an annual coaching clinic at the beginning of the season to continue to improve our coaches teaching skills.

SPONSOR COMMITMENT: Over 30 local businesses, churches, and civic organizations sponsor our Division. Some sponsors have been with us for more than 35 years. The City of Cambridge is also a major sponsor of our program.

PARTICIPATION: If you would like to volunteer in any capacity or sponsor a team, please contact our President Peter McCann (617-852-5606) pgmcc56@gmail.com or Jess Lounsbury at 617-943-7087.