

Welcome to the Plainview Little League

New Parent Orientation
March 18th, 2019



Agenda

- Who We Are
- Our Philosophy
- Division Structure
- Your Role
- Equipment Requirements
- Paperwork
- Q & A



Who We Are

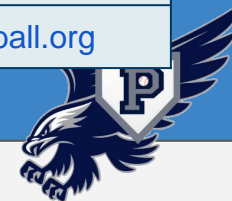
- Established in 1954
- 100% VOLUNTEER based - 25+ member Board of Directors, over 100 managers/coaches – all are parents of children in the league
- One of the largest Little League programs on LI: 800+ children ages ranging from 4-16 years old
- Sponsored by many local businesses
- One of the few leagues on LI with a Challenger program for players with special needs
- 2017 12U New York State Little League Champions!



Who We Are

Executive Board

President	Ian Bogaty	president@plainviewbaseball.org
Executive Vice President	Ari Wind	awind@plainviewbaseball.org
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Executive Board Member	Mike Kettner	mkettner@plainviewbaseball.org
Executive Board Member	John Farrell	jfarrell@plainviewbaseball.org



Our Philosophy

- Our goal is to provide the best possible Little League baseball and softball experience for the children of the POB community
- Players of all abilities are welcome
- All players have the opportunity to develop as people as well as ball players



Division Structure

Co-ed Intramural

Mini Hawks (PreK)

Lil Hawks (PreK)

Boys Intramural

T-Ball (K)

Clinic (1st)

Rookie (2nd)

Single A (3rd)

Double AA (4th)

Triple AAA (5th)

Majors (6th-7th)

Seniors (8th+)

Girls Intramural*

Clinic (K-1st)

Rookie (2nd-3rd)

Minors (4th-5th)

Majors (6th-7th)

Seniors (8th+)

**All leagues on LI have
multi-year softball divisions*



Mini Hawks & Lil Hawks

- For boys and girls in Pre-K
 - Lil Hawks: Children entering K in Fall 2019
 - Mini Hawks: Children entering K in Fall 2020
- Sundays 1:30pm-2:30pm at Stratford Rd Elementary School
- Small groups to work on basic skills
- Mini Hawks play “Blastball” - a modified version of baseball
- Lil Hawks are introduced to basics of hitting, fielding, throwing, running



Boys T-ball, Clinic and Rookies; Girls Clinic and Rookies

- Non-competitive Divisions
- No scores kept until Rookies/no standings
- Year-to-year skills progression
- Boys – Saturdays (various times) & weeknights 5:30 pm or later
- Girls – Sundays (1pm or later) & weeknights 5:30 pm or later
- Teams play on various fields around Plainview



Boys Single A – Majors; Girls Minors and Majors

- Competitive Divisions
- Scores and standings kept
- Players pitch
- Special rules eliminated at each level (ex. base stealing restrictions)
- Boys – Saturdays (various times) & weeknights 5:30 pm or later
- Girls – Sundays (1pm or later) & weeknights 5:30 pm or later
- Teams play on various fields around Plainview
- Softball plays “interleague” with nearby surrounding towns



Challenger Division

- Little League program open to all players with special needs
- Program is growing each year
- Cost subsidized by league
- Older players are needed to be 'buddies'
- Multiple home and away games this season



Division Directors

Mini Hawks	John Farrell/Stacy Kouba	MiniHawks@plainviewbaseball.org
Lil Hawks	John Farrell/Stacy Kouba	LilHawks@plainviewbaseball.org
Boys T-Ball	Michael Getz	TBall@plainviewbaseball.org
Boys Clinic	Chris Cucuzza/Andy Lanchberg	BoysClinic@plainviewbaseball.org
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Boys Majors	Pat Sica	BoysMajors@plainviewbaseball.org
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Director of Softball	Steve Riegler	Softball@plainviewbaseball.org
Challenger Director	Robert Pickus	Challenger@plainviewbaseball.org



Your Role

- Parent participation is **absolutely** essential to PLL's success, and is an opportunity to mentor kids regardless of ability
- Every role in PLL, whether on or off the field, has direct and positive impact (managers/coaches, sponsors, board members, spectators)
- Everyone is busy but you will not get this time back. Time flies... don't miss out... get involved!
- If you cannot dedicate time, help by not criticizing those that do



Paperwork

- League requires:
 - A copy of birth certificate or report from Parent Portal for all new players
 - 2 proofs of residence
- Players will not be allowed on field without documents
- Scan and e-mail pdf to registrar@plainviewbaseball.org (or mail to PO Box 94 Plainview, NY 11803)



What Equipment is Needed?

Equipment to Buy

Glove
Cleats

Optional Equipment

Bat
Helmet
Boys protective cup
Girls fielding mask
Heart Guard
Sliding Pants

Avoid anything that is significantly expensive

Please take a copy of our “Equipment Guidance” handout before you leave



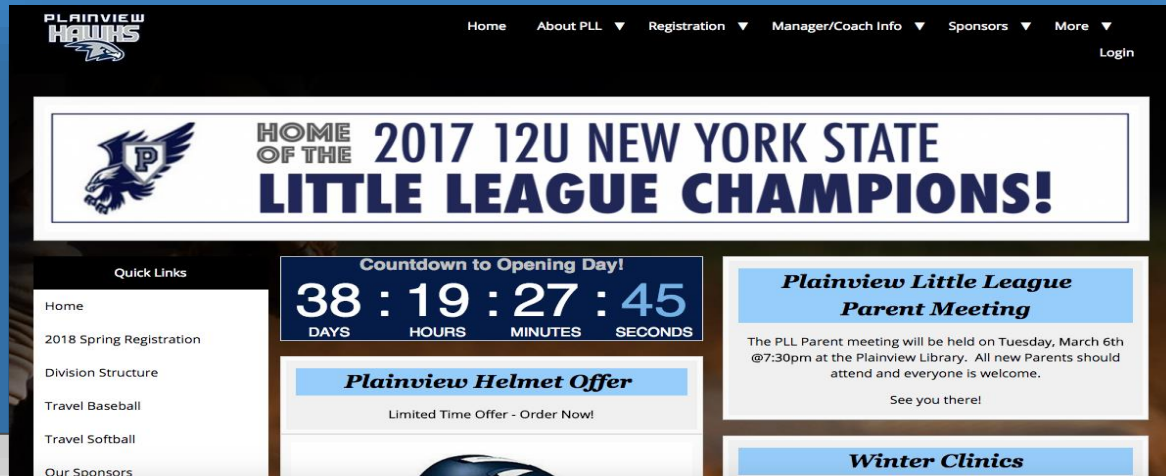
Travel Program

- Opportunity for Little League players age 7+ to play against other towns
- Must play intramural to be eligible for travel
- Players must try out for teams
- Highly competitive
- Year-round



Plainview Little League Website

- General news and information
- Team schedules
- Update your profile information



The screenshot shows the Plainview Little League website homepage. At the top left is the "PLAINVIEW HAWKS" logo. The navigation menu includes "Home", "About PLL", "Registration", "Manager/Coach Info", "Sponsors", and "More", with a "Login" link on the right. The main banner features the Hawk logo and the text "HOME OF THE 2017 12U NEW YORK STATE LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!". Below the banner, there are three main sections: "Quick Links" on the left with links to Home, 2018 Spring Registration, Division Structure, Travel Baseball, Travel Softball, and Our Sponsors; a "Countdown to Opening Day!" timer showing 38 days, 19 hours, 27 minutes, and 45 seconds; and a "Plainview Little League Parent Meeting" announcement for Tuesday, March 6th at 7:30pm at the Plainview Library. Below the meeting announcement is a "Plainview Helmet Offer" section with the text "Limited Time Offer - Order Now!". At the bottom right, there is a "Winter Clinics" section. The Hawk logo is also present in the bottom right corner of the page.



Mark Your Calendars



Opening Day

All Divisions – March 30th/31st
(weather permitting)

Photo Night

April 9th and April 11th



Thank You &
See you on
Opening Day!



Plainview Little League Equipment Guidance



Equipment	Purchase?	PLL Guidance
Uniform	Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A full PLL uniform is provided for each player – jersey, pants, hat/visor, socks.
Gloves	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexi-Glove 9 ½" – 10 ½" to start; slightly larger for girls When buying a glove (leather, not plastic or vinyl) buy one that the child finds comfortable. Small hands require small gloves.
Cleats	Yes, beyond Mini/Lil Hawks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a difference between soccer cleats and baseball cleats, but children can use soccer cleats for baseball/softball. No metal cleats are permitted.
Bats	Optional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bats are provided by the league for Lil Hawks (foam) and Boys Majors (wood) only. Teams in other divisions are not provided with bats and most players will have their own bats. All bats must be shared with teammates. To determine which bat is proper for a child, the child should hold the bat in his/her dominant hand with the hand at the bottom of the bat, i.e. at the handle. If the child can hold the bat out straight comfortably, the child can use the bat. If the bat sags, it's too big/heavy. Players in the T-ball and Clinic divisions must use tee ball bats. These bats have "Official Tee Ball" (or something similar) written on them. They are aluminum and should cost less than \$50. Older players should find a bat that is comfortable for them. The "minus factor" is important. The "minus factor" is the difference between the length and the weight of the bat. For example, a bat that is 28" long and weighs 16oz is "-12" Wood bats (Boys Majors division only) can be no more than -3 and cannot be made of bamboo. A reasonable wood bat can be purchased for around \$70. Before purchasing a composite bat, make sure it is permitted to be used in Little League play. Just because a bat has "Official Little League" written on it does not ensure that it is currently approved for use. A list of approved bats can be found at littleleague.org. There are a wide-variety (metal, composite) in different price ranges. All bats must be 2 ¼ in diameter at the barrel. No "big barrel" bats are permitted. Baseball bats cannot be used for softball
Helmets	Provided/ Optional to purchase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Batting helmets are provided by the league. League helmets are to be shared. If your child has his/her own helmet, it does not need to be shared. Softball helmets must have a face guard Helmets now come with adjustable tightening straps and can last a long time
Boys protective cup	Highly Recommended	
Girls fielding mask	Highly recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many softball players have also started wearing face masks in the field. These plastic masks protect the players faces and help them to overcome the fear of putting their face in front of ground balls.
Heart guard	Highly Recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heart guards, protective undershirts, etc are highly recommended. More and more kids are starting to wear these as a standard part of their uniform.