

# Play Ball!!! Little League Registration Now Open

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With apologies to Alfred Lord Tennyson, in the spring, a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of baseball. And so it is for boys and girls in Kodiak, as the 2010 Little League season gears up. Sign-up is open now through April 24th for all levels, from preschoolers playing T-Ball, to teens playing highly competitive baseball and softball.

Representatives from the league were on KMXT's Jock of the Rock Saturday to talk about the upcoming season. Coach James Arnold says there are many levels of play for every level of age and skill.

-- (Baseball 1 24  
sec "We  
break it down ... at all different levels.")

Terra Cupp  
is managing the T-Ball League for the younger kids:

-- (Baseball 2 31  
sec "They  
started a new rule ... is what you're teaching them.")

To help the  
littlest players learn and enjoy the game, the T-Ball League has no outs  
and the  
kids play two innings where both teams get to bat through their order.

Cupp  
emphasized that even though Little League does overlap with soccer a  
little bit  
during the season, the schedules are such that youngsters can  
participate in  
both, and she hopes that will lift the number of players this year:

-- (Baseball 3 22  
sec "We've  
had a decrease ... like it is in machine pitch.")

Arnold  
estimates that at least 200 kids play at all levels, but that there's  
always  
room for more, and with just a dozen players per team, he says everyone  
gets to  
play. No matter how many kids turn out to play, he says the league  
really needs  
volunteers to make it all happen:

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sec "Generally  
we like at least ... There ya go!")

The  
registration deadline is on April 24th, and there will be  
try-outs  
on April 10th and the 24th. All the details you  
need are  
at the Kodiak Teen Center downtown near the post office.

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