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Bridgton Baseball and Softball mission is develop and deliver quality baseball and softball programs where everyone builds positive character through participation in a fun, family environment based on the following philosophy: EVERYONE PLAYS, BALANCED TEAMS, POSITIVE COACHING, and GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.

The core values guiding this philosophy are: FUN, EDUCATION, ETHICS, and ACCESSIBILITY for all. Implementation of this program is designed to promote the building of character, its elements described as: TRUSTWORTHINESS, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, FAIRNESS, CARING and CITIZENSHIP.

## **Facts & Questions**

### **Cost of Registration: Register @ [bridgtonmaine.org](http://bridgtonmaine.org)**

T-Ball—\$30 before 3/15 \$40 After 3/15

Baseball & Softball —\$45 before 3/15 \$55 After 3/15

It is extremely important to register online and on time so we can determine how many coaches are needed for the program, what size and how many uniforms to order, and be sure we have proper equipment and enough officials to run the program.

### **What League Does Bridgton Participate In During The Spring?**

Softball—Lake Region Youth Softball Andy Valley Babe Ruth

Baseball—Sebago Long Lake Cal Ripken

### **Volunteers**

All Volunteers are required to take a background check and pass a mandatory Child Abuse Training and must be approved through the Recreation Department. Adults not background checked are NOT ALLOWED IN DUGOUTS.

### **Field Clean Up Day**

***All Teams Are Required To Attend***, Fields that need to be cleaned: Harmon Field, SBES Field 1 and 2, and Ham Complex. 4/27 10A.

### **Snack Shack Help**

Please consider volunteering your time at our Snack Shack. It's a great view!

### **Scholarships**

Available for families who are having financial difficulties. Register Online type SCHOLARSHIP in promo code. Proof of Income required.



# Bridgton Baseball & Softball Levels

This document is to provide a general understanding of each of the baseball and softball levels provided by Bridgton Recreation. When registering your child please place them in their age appropriate level. Athletic and fundamental development, social maturity, ability to play with similar age peers, leadership development, and confidence building are some but not all of the reasons to not rush a child up to the next level.

## T-Ball Baseball & Softball

For our youngest ball players. Players should be at least 4 years old as of January 1st. If the player turns four after January 1st he or she should wait for the following season. Clinic based. Softer baseball and softballs are used. 2019 practice will be at 8:00A Saturday mornings starting May for 6 weeks.

## Cal Ripken Baseball Rookie League

**Recommended Age—6 to 9 years old.** Machine Pitch, Continuous Batting Order, Players learn the fundamental basics. Games are played on Saturdays at 10A starting in early May. *1 year of T-Ball recommended. Cut off- Player can not be 10 years old before May 1.*

## Cal Ripken Baseball Minor League

**Recommended Age—8 to 12 years old.** It is recommended 8 and 9 year old's continue with Rookie League. Player pitched, Players play full games learning basic fundamentals and general game strategies. Games are played Tuesday and Thursdays at 5:30P. At least **1 year** of Rookie League is **REQUIRED, 2 years Recommended.** *Cut off- Player can not be 13 years old before May 1.*

## Cal Ripken Baseball Major League

**Recommended Age—9 to 12 years old.** It is recommended 9 and 10 year old's continue with Minor League. This level is designed for players who a familiar with the sport, is alert and focused in the game. Games are played Monday, Wednesdays, and/or Fridays at 6P. At least 1 year of Minor League is **REQUIRED, 2 years Recommended.** *Cut off- Player can not be 13 years old before May 1.*

## Babe Ruth Baseball

**Age—13 to 16 years old.** This level is designed for Middle School baseball players who are looking to gain playing experience. Double Headers once a week starting Mid-May. Recommended For 7th and 8th Grade Baseball Players on School Team.

## Lake Region Youth Softball U8 Softball

**Recommended Age—6 to 9 years old.** Coach Pitch, Continuous Batting Order, Players learn the fundamental basics. Games are played on Saturdays at 10A starting in early May. *1 year of T-Ball recommended. Cut off- Player can not be 9 years old before January 1st.*

## Lake Region Youth Softball U10 Softball

**Recommended Age—8 to 10 years old.** It is recommended 8 and 9 year old's continue with U8 Level. Player pitched, Players play full games learning basic fundamentals and general game strategies. Games are played Monday and Wednesday's at 6P starting May. At least 1 year of 8U is **REQUIRED, 2 years Recommended.** *. Cut off- Player can not be 11 years old before 1/1*

## Andy Valley Babe Ruth Softball Minor League

**Recommended Age—10 to 14 years old.** It is recommended 9 and 10 year old's continue with 10U League. Player pitched, Players play full games learning basic fundamentals and general game strategies. At least **1 year** of 10U is **REQUIRED, 2 years Recommended.** Games are played Tuesday and Thursdays at 6P. *Cut off- Player can not be 15 years old before January 1st.*

## Andy Valley Babe Ruth Softball Major League

**Recommended Age—12 to 14 years old.** This level is designed for Middle School softball players who are looking to gain playing experience. Double Headers Sunday's starting May. Limited Practices, Recommended For 7th and 8th Grade Softball Players on School Team. *Cut off- Player can not be 15 years old before January 1st.*