



## Majors C

### COORDINATOR

If you have any questions about this division, please send an email to the League Administrator, [admin@jerichobaseball.com](mailto:admin@jerichobaseball.com).

### ABOUT THIS DIVISION

Most of the players in this division are baseball aged 9 – 10 (born on or between September 1, 2012 and August 31, 2014). In some cases, the Division Coordinator or Player Agent may recommend placing a baseball age 9 player in the Minors division who registered for Majors. This is done with the intention to place each child in a situation where they can have fun and develop their skills. **If your child is a baseball age 8 and would like to try-out for Majors C**, please contact the Registrar to decide to attend the Majors assessments. Your child will be assessed and moved to Majors C only if their assessment scores are high enough and if space permits.

Since this is the first level with player pitch, this is the transition level between Minors and upper-level Majors. Players graduate from a combination of player pitch, without walks (i.e. tee brought out after a walk), to entirely player pitched games. Coaches continue to improve players' foundational skills, athletic literacy, sportsmanship, teamwork and strategic baseball knowledge (Baseball IQ).

All players registered in this division are required to attend pre-season assessments done with the intention to place each child in a situation where they can have fun and develop.

Team rosters will normally consist of 11 - 12 players. Teams are selected by a draft process. Friend requests are not accepted at this level for this reason.

### PLAYER COMMITMENT

1 practice (1 hr and 30 min) and 1-2 games game (2 and half hour) per week. Practice days/times are set by team coaches and division co-ordinators during the week. Games are scheduled throughout the week and weekend. Players are usually expected to arrive 45 minutes to 1 hour before the game for warmup activities.

Majors C teams may have opportunities for one tournament, and interlocking games during the season in addition regular games versus other Jericho Baseball Majors C teams.

Players who are recommended by their coach may have the opportunity to be "called up" to play Majors B games if the Majors B game is not on the same day as the player's own team game.

## **PARENT COMMITMENT**

Each team relies on parent volunteer coaches and team manager. Additional parents will be placed on a rotational schedule to help with duties such as field prep (practices and games), score-keeping, pitch-counting, score-board, announcing and concession duty.

## **PRACTICE / GAME STRUCTURE**

Practice plans focused on fun and continued skill development with an emphasis on hitting, pitching, catching, fielding and game situations, including introducing base-stealing. Coaches to ensure all players given an opportunity to pitch and catch since goal is player development, opposed to game results.

***Given that this is first year of player pitch and transition year, substantial rule modifications around pitching, base stealing, rotating positions and game format are done to ensure a positive experience. See Jericho Baseball local rules (<https://www.jerichobaseball.com/coaches>). Umpires are provided by the league.***

Scores are kept, standings maintained and there is a single-elimination playoff at the end of the season to determine a Division champion.

## **MAJORS C FIELD LOCATIONS AND EQUIPMENT**

All games will be played at Carnarvon East, with practices occasionally at Jericho field.

Each team will be given an equipment bag with catcher gear, practice / game balls, bats, and wiffle balls that must be returned at end of season. Additional Majors C game gear such as bases, racks and field are located in green storage bins next to Carnarvon East.

## **REQUIRED EQUIPMENT**

- Batting helmet
- Baseball glove
- Grey baseball pants
- Athletic jock/jill
- Cleated shoes

Bats are optional, but common at this level for each child to have individual bat.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

<https://www.littleleague.org/university/coaches/>