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2027 NT Buffaloes - Information Packet

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Information for parents and guardians

The NT Buffaloes bring players from Darwin and Alice Springs together to represent the Northern Territory. For many young players, it's their first opportunity to travel with a team, play against interstate opposition and get to know teammates from another part of the Territory.

In 2026, our Senior League team won silver at the Queensland Division 2 State Titles, and our Little League team received the umpires' Sportsmanship Award at the Australian Little League Championships. In 2027, Baseball NT is aiming to select **12–14 players in each age group**.

Teams, tournaments and travel dates

	Senior League	Little League
Eligible dates of birth	1 September 2010 – 31August 2014, inclusive	1 September 2014 – 31 August 2017, inclusive
Tournament	Queensland Division 2 State Titles	Australian Little League Championships
Venue	To be confirmed	Blacktown International Sportspark - Blacktown, NSW
Tournament dates	7 - 11 April 2027	Monday 7 June – Friday 11 June 2027
Team travel dates	To be confirmed	Depart Saturday 5 June and return Saturday 12 June 2027

Player eligibility

To be eligible for selection, players must be **currently registered and financial members of Baseball NT**. Players must also complete the pre-trial registration form and agree to the athlete code of conduct, team expectations and selection policy. Families should read the full Baseball NT Junior Representative Team Selection Policy.

Little League players must have played at least eight games to be eligible. For Darwin players, games played in the **February/March 2027 Darwin Little League season** count towards this total.

Trial dates and registration

Please complete the **2027 NT Buffaloes trial registration form** prior to your respective trial date.

Trial location	Date	Venue	Trial time
Darwin	13/12/26	Tracy Village Sports Complex	9am - 12pm
Alice Springs	6/12/26	Lyel Kempster Ballpark	9am - 12pm

Players should come dressed for baseball and bring their glove, a water bottle and sun protection. If your child is injured or unable to attend their local trial, please email kai@baseballnt.com.au before the session where possible and explain the circumstances.

Selection and training

Selectors consider how players perform at trials and in local competition, their attitude, how they work with teammates and coaches, and the positions each squad needs to cover. Trials will consist of a combination of performance testing - arm speed, sprint speed etc. and skills based assesments.

Baseball NT will email all families with their child's selection outcome in the new year. Families of selected players will receive instructions on how to accept their place.

Training days and times for Darwin and Alice Springs will be decided in the new year and shared with selected players and their families.

Team staff

Each squad expects to travel with **five staff members**. The Head Coach and two Assistant Coaches prepare the players and manage the team on game day. The Executive Officer (EO) coordinates day-to-day arrangements and is the main contact for families during the trip. The Team Scorer records each game.

Travelling role	Senior League	Little League
Head Coach	TBC	Ray Brown
Assistant Coaches	TBC	TBC

Executive Officer	TBC	TBC
Team Scorer	TBC	TBC

Travel, accommodation, and Family Time

Baseball Australia arranges all travel and accommodation for Little League. Baseball NT books travel and accommodation for Senior League. Families will receive their team's itinerary, including departure and return arrangements for players from Darwin and Alice Springs.

Players are expected to **stay with the team for the full duration of the tournament** and will be under the **direct duty of care of the travelling team staff**.

Staff will do their best to set aside time for players to spend with parents and guardians. However, given the potential for schedule changes with tournament baseball - this may not always be possible.

Tournament costs and uniforms

Per player	Senior League	Little League
Estimated tournament cost	$3000	$3500

Uniforms will be available for purchase through the BNT Online Shop and are separate from all tournament invoices. Families will need to allow for uniform costs in addition to the tournament fee.

- **Required uniform items** - will be communicated alongside selection outcome.
- Items from previous years are allowed to be reused.

Tournament playing time

Little League — Every player bats in the team's batting order. Each player must also be on the field for at least **three defensive outs per game**. This means the team records three outs while the player is fielding. Any fielder can make those outs.

Senior League — There is **no mandatory minimum playing time**. The coaching staff determine the batting line-up, defensive positions and substitutions. Playing time can vary across the tournament, and a player may sit out a game.

Fundaising

Permission must be sought from the Baseball NT General Manager for any use of the following to support fundraising efforts:

- Baseball Northern Territory Logo
- NT Buffaloes Logo
- “Baseball Northern Territory” Name
- “NT Buffaloes” Name

T*he approval process is to ensure that our organisation and the logos associated with Baseball Northern Territory and the charter meets the applicable requirements and legislation outlined in the Little League International regulations and Australian Consumer Act and the Northern Territory raffles and trade lotteries community guidelines.*

Questions before registering?

If you have questions about your child’s eligibility, the Little League eight-game requirement or what either trip involves, please contact **Kai Meuronen, Participation & Pathways Manager, Baseball NT**, at **kai@baseballnt.com.au**