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FIRST PITCH MEETING

BIG PICTURE



Junior Giants is a program of the Giants Community Fund, the nonprofit of the Giants.

This league is hosted by City of Medford.

WHAT IS JUNIOR GIANTS

Free: No fees or fundraising

Noncompetitive: No keeping score

For All Youth: Everyone can play together

Character Development: Words of the Week focusing on Health, Education and Bullying Prevention



CODE OF ETHICS

Cheer for both teams!

Do not use inappropriate language, jokes and refrain from repeating stereotypes or voicing prejudiced thoughts.

Do not demean coaches, players, etc.

Do not use tobacco/cannabis/alcohol at the fields.

**EMBRACE THE
JUNIOR GIANTS
PHILOSOPHY**

Don't keep score.

**Ask how you can help
rather than complain.**

**Follow the Season Road
Map and talk about the
Word of the Week at
home. Encourage your
child to participate.**

NEW!

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

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Through our partnership with MLB and Crisis Text Line, Junior Giants provides free, confidential mental health support for your child. If they ever need help, trained Crisis Counselors are available 24/7 to support them.

Mental health questions are incorporated into to our Practice Plans and some of our printed materials to help start important conversations.



MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

New this year, we are partnering with the Kevin Love Fund to provide even more Mental Health Resources.

K E V I N
LOVE FUND

Coach support: Online training.

On-Field Delivery: Mental wellness lesson for Majors teams.

Season engagement: Virtual mental health panel for adults, coaches, and older players.



LEAGUE LOGISTICS

DIVISIONS

Here are our divisions:

- **T-ball Baseball:** 5-6 yrs old
 - **Rookie Baseball:** 6-7 yrs old
 - **Minors Baseball:** 7-9 yrs old
 - **Majors Baseball:** 10-13 yrs old
 - **Softball:** 9-13 yrs old
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Field Info

Most practices and all of the games will be at Quality Fence Fields.

June 22 and 23, we do not have access to QF Fields. We will use Lithia Driveway, Jefferson School and Fagone Field these two days.

Quality Fence Fields are located behind the Dairy Queen on Barnett Road.

GIRLS SOFTBALL



Our softball division is geared towards girls, but remain for all youth.

The ball used to play softball is bigger than a baseball, but not softer.

LINE OF COMMUNICATION

COMMISSIONER(S)

Representative of our host agency



AMBASSADOR(S)

Representative of the Giants Community Fund



VOLUNTEERS

Coaches, Assistant Coaches, & Team Parents



**JUNIOR GIANTS
PARENT AND PLAYERS**



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ASK US ABOUT

COACH/VOLUNTEER

*Reach out first then go to
Ambassador or Commissioner*

- Equipment needs
- Attendance

AMBASSADOR

- Junior Giants
App
- Registering to
volunteer
- Program due
dates

COMMISSIONER

- Uniform needs
- Schedule Changes
- Heat Plan
- Larger questions

SCHEDULE

**T-Ball and Rookie teams will meet on Mon. & Wed.
Minors and Majors Baseball and Softball teams will meet on Tues. &
Thurs.**

June 4: Volunteer meeting & clinic at Santo Center

June 8-11: Team Meetings at Santo Gymnasium (1 per team)

June 15-18: Practices at Quality Fence Fields

June 22-23 Practices at various local fields

June 24: Makeup volunteer clinic at Quality Fence Fields @6:00

June 24-July 30: Practice Mon./Tues. + Game Wed./Thurs. at QF Fields

Team Dinners: July 29th and July 30st following final game

SCHEDULE

Practice and Game Times

Practices will be on:

T-Ball – Mondays 5:15-6:30

Rookies – Mondays 6:15-7:30

Minors – Tuesdays 5:15-6:30 or 6:15-7:30

Majors – Tuesdays 7:15-8:30

Softball – Tuesdays 5:15-6:30 or 6:15-7:30

First practices: June 15/16

Games will be on:

T-Ball – Wednesdays 5:30-6:30

Rookies – Wednesdays 6:45-7:45

Minors – Thursdays 5:30-6:30

Majors – Thursdays 6:45-7:45

Softball – Thursdays 6:45-7:45

First games: June 24/25

Last games: July 29/30

WORD OF THE WEEK

The following Words of the Week (WOW) will be incorporated into the season:

- Health
- Strike Out Bullying
- Education
- Confidence
- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Integrity



WHAT IS PROVIDED?

PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A UNIFORM

- Jersey
- Gray baseball or softball pants
- Giants hat or visor
- If your child doesn't have a glove or has outgrown theirs, they may request one.

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BUY ANY EQUIPMENT TO PLAY WITH JUNIOR GIANTS

Cleats or other personal gear are not required



INCENTIVES

Players will be able to earn the following Giants-themed prizes this season:

- Water bottle
- Weekly baseball cards and binder sleeve
- Junior Giants Medal



SEASON ROAD MAP



- Guides players and families through the season
- Will receive at **first team meeting!**
- Will be able to rip off their **Reading Scorecard**, so players can keep their Season Road Map.
- Individual players who complete the reading program will receive a **Giants backpack!**
- Available in English and Spanish



Season Road Map

Here are your weekly checklists to keep you on track!

Week 1: Intro to Junior Giants

- Collect your Willy Adames card
- Learn the names of your teammates, coaches and team parents

Week 2: Health

- Collect your Logan Webb card
- Give up sugary drinks like soda and juice for the week

Week 3: Strike Out Bullying

- Collect your Jung Hoo Lee card
- Turn in your Strike Out Bullying Contest entry

Week 4: Education

- Collect your Matt Chapman card
- Show your coach the progress you've made on your Reading Scorecard so far

Week 5: Confidence

- Collect your Rafael Devers card
- Lead your team in the Junior Giants Cheer

Week 6: Teamwork

- Collect your Patrick Bailey card
- Help your coach clean up after practice

Week 7: Leadership

- Collect your Tony Vellelo card
- Help lead your team in warm-ups

Week 8: Integrity

- Collect your Lou Seal card
- Collect your Junior Giants medal
- Thank your coaches and team parents for a great season!



Social Media

Take photos as you complete these activities and share them on Facebook, Instagram or X using #jrgiants for a chance to win prizes!

Text MLB to 741741 – if you need free, confidential, 24/7 mental health support.

Fill out your information below and submit it to your coach once you've reached home plate in the Round the Bases Reading program.

My Full Name: _____

My Team: _____

My Coach: _____

My Favorite Book: _____

My Total Minutes Read: _____



Reading Scorecard



Minors, Majors & Seniors Players:

If you and all your teammates submit your completed Reading Scorecard by July 11, your team will be eligible to attend the Junior Giants Festival!

*The 2026 Junior Giants Festival is subject to change based on Oracle Park field availability.

T-Ball

(1) baseball=15 minutes read
Each baseball row=135 minutes
Check off each baseball to reach your 540-minutes reading goal!

Minors, Majors & Seniors

(1) baseball=20 minutes read
Each baseball row=180 minutes
Check off each baseball to reach your 720-minutes reading goal!

Color in or check off one (1) baseball for every 20 minutes read. Then, once you've reached home plate in the Round the Bases Reading program, sign the agreement below and submit it to your coach.

All Players (All Divisions):

If you submit your completed Reading Scorecard by July 11, you will earn a **BACKPACK!**

I have completed the Round the Bases Reading program with integrity! I am proud of my hard work this summer.

Player Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

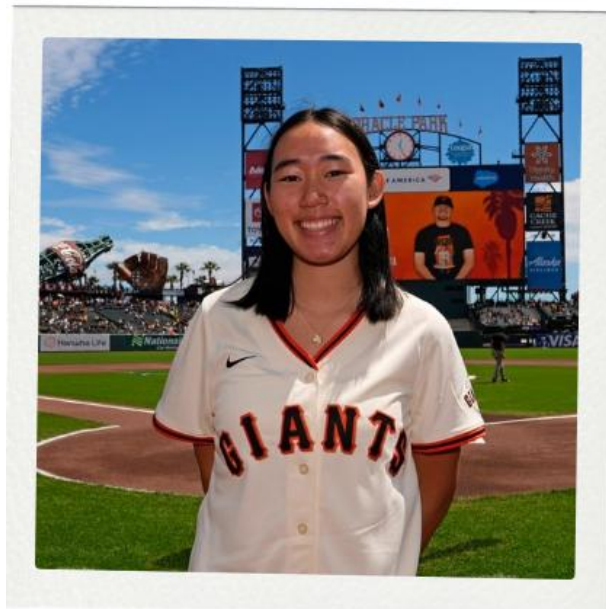
EDUCATION: SCHOLARSHIP



HARMON & SUE BURNS

SCHOLARS

- Players going into **8th grade** should apply for the **Harmon & Sue Burns Scholarship**.
- **(10) recipients** are selected each season.
- Scholars receive a **\$10,000 scholarship**, custom jersey and support/special events throughout high school.
- The scholarship is available on the Junior Giants App and is due on **July 12**.



GIANTS TICKETS

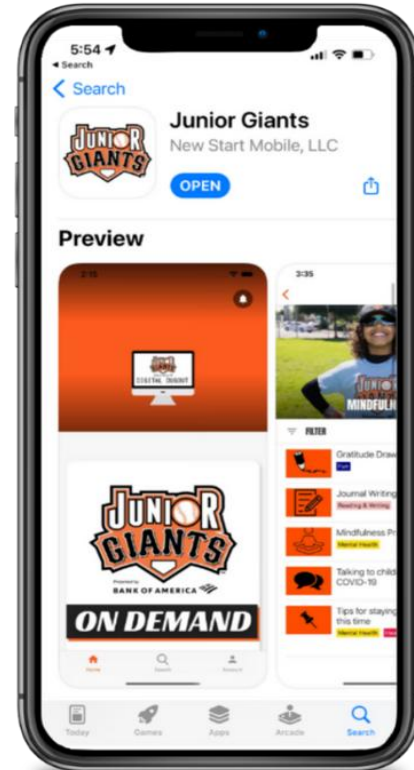
- You will have the opportunity to earn **tickets to a Giants game** through taking an end of season survey.
- Tickets are **not guaranteed** and are subject to availability.
- **More information to come!**

PLAYER INTERVIEWS

- Your player(s) **age 8 and older** may also be interviewed about their Junior Giants experience by the Ambassador at the end of the season.
- ***There are no tickets associated with player interviews.***

JUNIOR GIANTS APP

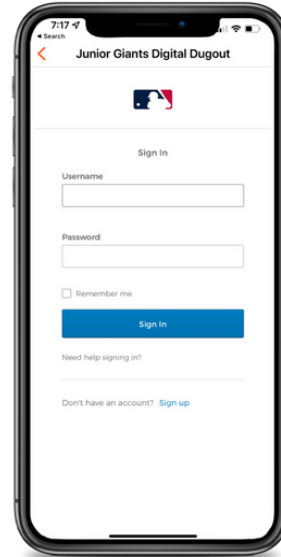
- Parents can find team information and use it to communicate with their team.
- Players can follow along with Word of the Week content like videos, find game fundamentals, and more!



JUNIOR GIANTS APP: LOGIN



- Click **SIGN IN/REGISTER**



- Log in with the same **MLB username** and password used when registering



***PARENT/GUARDIAN
EXPECTATIONS***

COMMUNICATE

- Email is used frequently. Please check your email at least **once a day**.
- Make sure you check the email you used to register!
- **Download the Junior Giants App** to communicate with your team.

BE CONSISTENT

- Come to **every practice and game** so your child can get the most out of the season.
- Do your best to **arrive on time.**
- Let your coach/team parent know in advance if you'll be **missing a day.**
- Be a **present** parent at the field.



VOLUNTEER

- We don't ask for any financial support, but we do need your time!
- We provide Practice Plans and training.
- There are roles for everyone.
- You can sign up today at sportsmedford.com!
- **Thank you to all who have already volunteered!**

VOLUNTEER

Division	Teams	Coaches	Asst coaches	Team Parents	U18 volunteers
T-Ball	8	4	4	9	
Rookie	8	2	7	14	
Minors	10	2	2	6	
Majors	4	3	1	2	2
Softball	4	0	2	2	

POLICIES

WEATHER

Weather-related decisions are generally made by 4 p.m.

There's no obligation for any child to play in hot or questionable weather – it's up to the parent/guardian.

Always assume games will be played as scheduled unless contacted by email or push notification via JRG app.

Cancellation notices also posted at sportsmedford.com.

Staff monitors air quality and weather at sites such as airnow.gov and WeatherBug to make decisions on game cancellations.

GOING FORWARD

**Team Rosters and Schedules
will be available by the end of
the day on:**

MONDAY, JUNE 1

**Team information will be
available in the Junior Giants
App**



IMPORTANT DATES

Volunteer Training

- Volunteer Meeting/Coaches Clinic:
Thur. June 4 @ 5:30 at Santo
Gym/Fagone Field

Season

- Team Meetings week of: **June 8**
- Practices start week of: **June 15**
- Games start: **June 22**
- Season ends: **July 30**



NEXT STEPS

1.Download the Junior Giants App

2.Complete Junior Giants University: Parents 101

3.Sign up to volunteer!

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

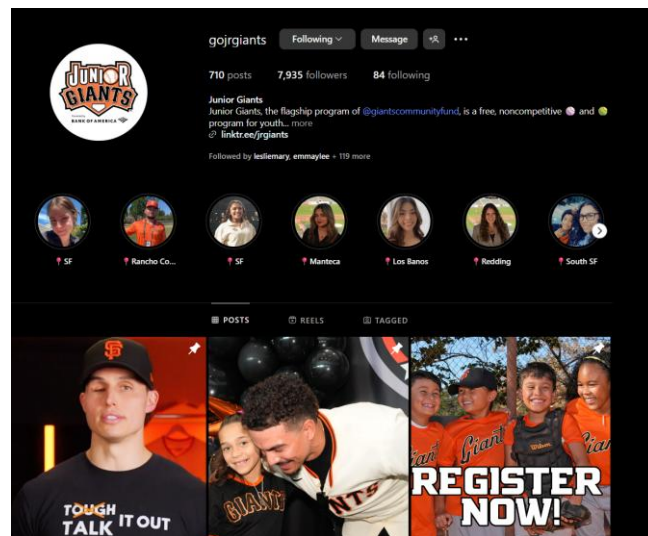
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Facebook: facebook.com/gojrgiants

Instagram: [@gojrgiants](https://instagram.com/gojrgiants)

X: [@gojrgiants](https://twitter.com/gojrgiants)

Share photos using #jrgiants for a chance to win prizes from the Giants Community Fund!



JUNIOR GIANTS CHEER

**“Who are we?
J-R-G!
Go Junior Giants!”**