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## **CNLL Year in Review/Annual Report 2021**

Note: Board Calendar Year 2019 (10/1/2020 – 9/30/2021)

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\*Leslie Dullum transitioned into the UIC during the fall 2021 season

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## Year in review:



## **League Administration items in 2021:**

- 1) Continued efforts to transition our Board Member documentation storage repository within Microsoft Office 365 – SharePoint – which was started in the Fall of 2019.
- 2) Both the Spring and Fall 2020 Seasons were cancelled due to COVID-19. The Spring 2021 season focused on ensuring county and city safety protocols were in place to provide a safe environment existed for Chandler residents to play baseball again.

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3) Chandler American Little League played a portion of their season against CNLL within our AA and Major divisions.

### **League Overview**

Chandler National Little League is a charter member of Little League International, the largest volunteer organization in the world. Everyone from the board of directors, managers, and coaches volunteer countless hours to give our players and families the best youth baseball experience possible.

Chandler National Little League aspires to be an outstanding educational-athletic organization that provides a high-quality experience, in which every athlete:

- Has fun playing the game while learning the game
- Feels like an important part of the team regardless of performance
- Learns "life lessons" that have value beyond the playing field
- Learns the skills, tactics and strategies of the game and improves as a player.

We recognize coaches most directly make this possible, so we provide coaches with the tools to succeed as Little League Coaches. We are committed to creating a culture in which coaches, parents, fans, umpires and athletes work together to achieve our mission.

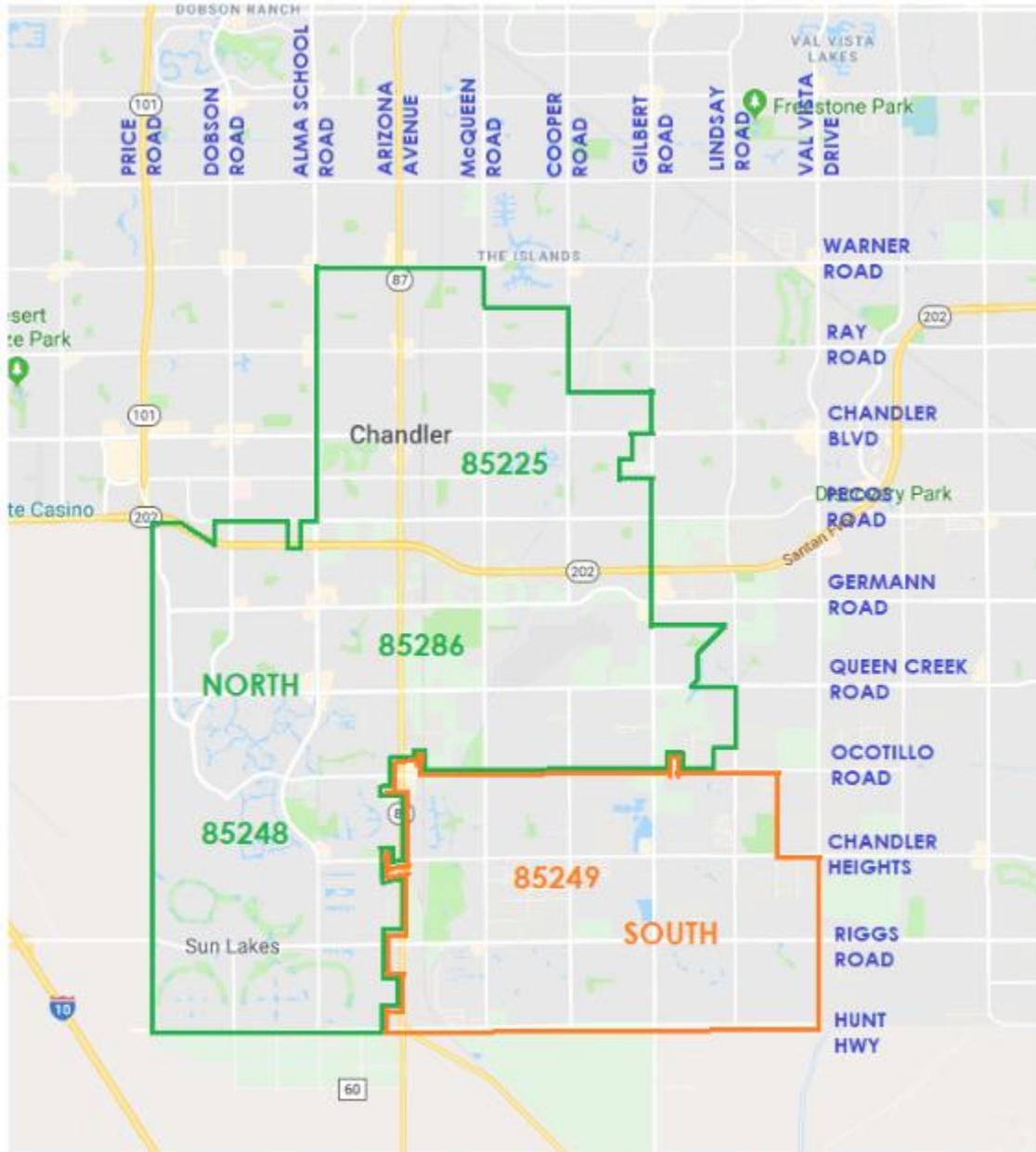
Chandler National has the following divisions for boys and girls to participate in:

- Rookie ball – Includes T-Ball for league ages of 4-6; teams are randomly assigned with coach input
- A Division – Includes coach pitch for league ages of 7 – 8; teams are randomly assigned with coach input
- AA Division - Includes kid pitching for league ages of 9 – 10 (and 8 year olds by try out only); teams are drafted by managers
- AAA Division –For league ages 9-11; teams are drafted by managers
- Majors Division – For league ages 11-12; teams are drafted by managers; most competitive division of our Little League divisions
- Juniors Division – For league ages 13 – 14; teams are drafted by managers. Teams compete against Juniors teams from all Districts in the State of Arizona.
- Seniors Division – For league ages 13 – 16, and teams are drafted by managers. Teams compete against Seniors teams from other District 13 leagues.
- Challenger Division - For boys and girls with physical and mental challenges that allows them to participate in the game of baseball. This Challenger division was started by Little League in 1989, and started at Chandler National in 2016.

During our Spring season and based on Little League rules, to participate in Chandler National, athletes must either live in certain zip codes (85225, 85286, 85248, 85249), or go to a school within one of these zip codes. Even though Chandler National is one Little League, we have two organizations within the league (Chandler National North and Chandler National South) as stipulated by our Little League boundary definition because of the size of our league. The North/South is transparent to the execution of our league except for Little League All Stars (Spring season boundary/participation defines which All Star division you are eligible for). Spring teams will be drafted with either all North or all South players, but compete against all

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teams during the Spring Season. A map of the CNLL boundaries, North vs. South Boundaries, and a reference to the CNLL schools in our boundaries is listed below. Note: our Fall Season does not require CNLL to comply with those same geographic/school boundaries.



**Players who attend a school located within the CNLL boundaries are eligible (LL form required):**  
**Elementary schools:** Basha, Bologna, Carlson, CTA Humphrey, CTA Independence, CTA Liberty, Frye, Fulton, Galveston, Haley, Hancock, Hartford, Hull, Jacobsen, Knox, Navarette, Ryan, Sanborn, San Marcos, San Tan, Shumway, Tarwater  
**Junior High schools:** Bogle, San Tan, Willis  
**High schools:** Chandler, Hamilton, Basha  
**Other:** AZ College Prep-Oakland Campus, Hill Learning Academy

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There were no Chandler National participants in the Spring and Fall 2020 seasons due to season being cancelled. The Spring 2021 season started for Divisions of AA, AAA, Majors, and Juniors following February 2021 player evaluations, and teams were drafted and assigned by the end of February 2021. Rookie and A division teams were assigned in February 2021.

League games started March 20, 2021, with less fanfare than past seasons (no opening day parade of the children, no airplane fly over, no on-site vendors) due to safety protocols.

The 2021 registration by division, is listed below. The comparison to 2019 (pre-COVID) is also included.

	2021	2021		2019	2019
CNLL Registration	Spring	Fall		Spring	Fall
Rookie	78	45		143	78
A Ball	143	78		230	140
AA Ball	132	combined with AAA in fall		157	96
AAA Ball	72	108		133	72
Majors	96	96		168	85
Juniors/Seniors CNLL (excludes other Districts)	61	0		55	52
Challenger	27	26		29	19
Total	609	353		915	542

There were a combined 79 Chandler National teams participating over the Spring and Fall of 2021 seasons. The comparison to 2019 (pre-COVID) is also included.

	2021	2021		2019	2019
Number Teams	Spring	Fall		Spring	Fall
Rookie	6	4		11	6
A Ball	11	6		19	11
AA Ball	11	combined with AAA in fall		13	8
AAA Ball	6	9		11	6
Majors	8	8		14	7
Juniors/Seniors CNLL (excludes other Districts)	4	0		4	4
Challenger	3	3		3	3
Total	49	30		75	45

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## Financial Status - Overview

- Chandler National financials for the current report are managed based on a fiscal tax year of October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021.
- During this period, total income was approximately \$138,529. The main sources of income for the league were:
  - 61% Registration fees
  - 33% through sponsorship fees
  - 3% through fund raising projects and other
- During this period (October 2020 through September 2021), total league expenses were approximately \$148,743. We had a short fall of -\$10,214. Reduced player registrations, 2020 registration voucher credits given to returning players, reduced sponsorships due to fewer teams, as well as carryover sponsorships from the Spring 2020 season were the primary reasons for the loss of revenue. In addition, there was no Jamboree held, which is our largest league fundraiser. The main expenses for the league were incurred prior to the start of the Spring season where our registration is larger than in the fall:
  - 56% Baseball equipment, uniforms, and supplies
  - 15% Utilities, Field and light, professional fees, rent
  - 29% Other Including, but not limited to Charter, Insurance, Field Equipment, Facility rental, Maintenance, Office Expense, Tournament fees, etc.
- At the end of reporting period, the following current asset balances were as follow:
  - Wells Fargo – Checking \$83,839.47
    - Uncleared Checks \$2,922.09
    - Wells Fargo – Savings \$10,332.56
  - Of note: the following known expenses are still planned for calendar year 2021, prior to the start of the Spring 2022 season planning, thus requiring liquidity in our checking account:

▫ 2022 Charter Fees	\$ 7,000
▫ 2022 Spring Uniforms	\$13,000
▫ 2022 Spring Practice Jerseys	\$ 6,000
▫ 2022 Equipment	\$ 6,000
▫ Potential Field/ Equipment repairs on field 7, 8, 9, 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• e.g., new shed for 9/10, mound repairs, batting cage</li></ul>	\$15,000
▫ Misc. (printing / administration for Spring season)	\$ 2,000
▫ Lights for Fall Ball	\$ 7,000
▫ Umps for Fall Ball	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
▫ Total	<u>\$60,000</u>

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## Activities:

### **Spring Season Opening Day 3/20/2021:**

Our opening day was simpler than in past seasons, as the first season after COVID-19 had protocols being followed. A great time was still had as we got to watch the kids back on the fields at Snedigar Park.

President Doug Brewster with Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke on opening day at Snedigar Park.



Other pictures from opening day:



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### Spring Additional Activities:

#### 1) Spring 2021 Jamboree

Not held this season for safety protocol purposes

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## 2) 2021 Home Run Derby and Champions:



For our Major division participants, we had three make the finals, with one winner who took home a Rawlings baseball glove.



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For our AAA division, we had 6 participants with one winner of a Rawlings baseball glove



## Fall Ball 2020 Champions (November 2020):

No fall ball was held during this time period.

## 2021 Spring Season Champions

Our end of season league championship games was held in May 2021. The following are the champions by division:

### **A Division - Diamondbacks**



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AA Division - Cubs

AAA Division - Dodgers



Major Division - Diamondbacks

Junior Division - Diamondbacks – Runner up



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## CNLL All Stars:

Seven teams represented CNLL in the All Star season of the District 13 tournament this summer: 10U North, 10U South, 11U North, 11U South, 12U North, 12U South, and Juniors. These teams competed against the top baseball players from the Little Leagues in District 13, which consists of Chandler National (2 team representatives in Little League divisions of North and South), Chandler American, Tempe South, Tempe-Rio Salado, Tempe-Guadalupe, and Ahwatukee.

Entering this season, CNLL had won the District 13 12U tournament 6 consecutive seasons from 2013 – 2018, with the CNLL North winning in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and the South winning in 2013 and 2018. Within those 6 seasons, CNLL was the Arizona State Champion 4 times earning a birth to the Western Regional Tournament in San Bernardino, CA. (North in 2014, 2015, 2017; South in 2013). CNLL also sent two teams to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA, in 2003 and 2007.

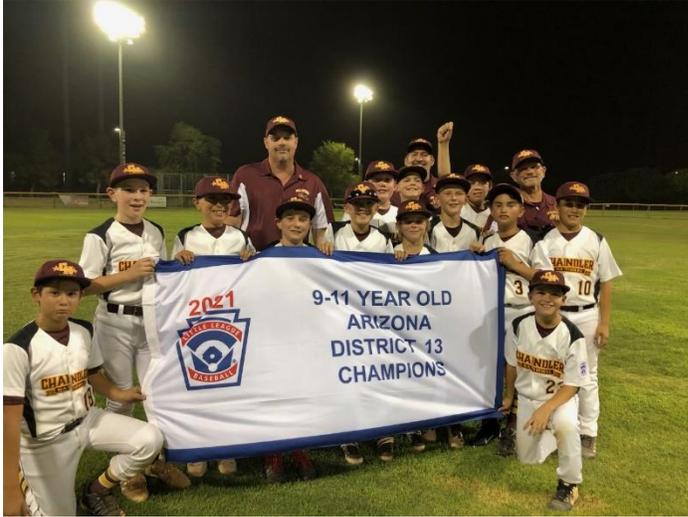
During this 2021 All Star Tournament, Chandler National had a clean sweep in the District 13 Championships for all 3 Little League divisions.

Our 10U North team defeated Ahwatukee in the District 13 Finals and ended up finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the Arizona State tournament.

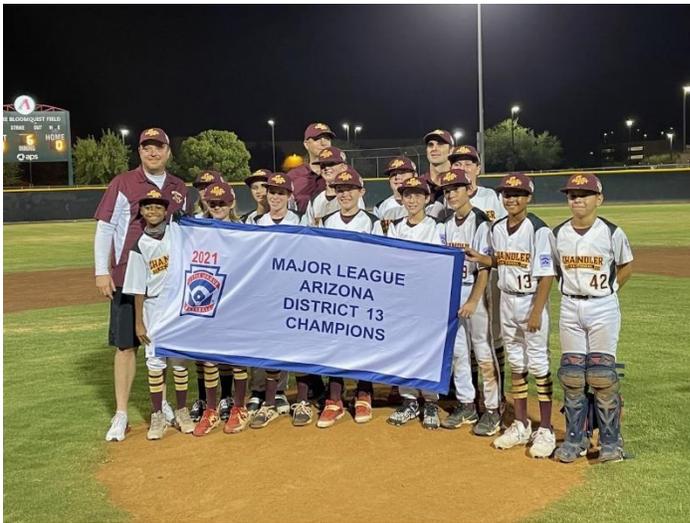


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Our 11U North team won the District 13 tournament defeating the CNLL 11U South team in the District 13 Finals, and ended up placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the Arizona State Tournament.



Our 12U North team also won the District 13 tournament defeating the CNLL 12U South team and ended up placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Arizona State Tournament.



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## Umpires:

The umpiring system at CNLL revolves around a group of individuals who are both highly experienced and very new. CNLL staffs umpires for the Divisions of AA, AAA, Majors and Juniors/Seniors. In addition, many CNLL umpires work for other organizations and have experience officiating baseball up to the college level. Newer umpires will typically be assigned to lower divisions, with the more seasoned umpires umpiring the Majors and Juniors Division, where more Little League rules come into play and more competitive baseball is involved. CNLL uses a software program for scheduling umpires to their games during the season.

Facts about our 2021 umpires:

- There are over 60 umpires in our league
- The ages of our umpires range from 13 to 66
- The experience level of our umpires ranges from 0 to 50 years
- Umpires work an average of two games per week
- Each umpire has completed a Little League-sponsored Mechanics clinic
- Each umpire must pass an annual comprehensive rules test
- New umpires are required to work pre-season games under the supervision of our Umpire-in-Chief for additional training and experience
- Umpires can progress from AA to Majors/Juniors as they gain experience

If you would like more information about our umpires or how to become an umpire, please contact us by email at [UmpireInChief@chandlernational.com](mailto:UmpireInChief@chandlernational.com) or [ldullumcnll@gmail.com](mailto:ldullumcnll@gmail.com).



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## **Challenger Division:**

In 2021, we entered our sixth season of offering the Challenger Division to our surrounding community. The Challenger Division was established by Little League in 1989, and offers the opportunity for boys and girls with physical and mental challenges to participate in the game of baseball. Teams in CNLL are formed according to player abilities, rather than age. It is CNLL's goal to provide more than the skills of baseball learned through the experience, but benefits through socialization in participating in sports, the strengthening of a player's self-esteem, the disciplines of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. Challenger Division games have been played over the last several years against other CNLL teams, or against other Challenger division teams. The CNLL BOD couldn't be prouder of the growth and look to continue to grow this program in the future.

### Season highlights:

- There were 8 teams this year in both the Spring and Fall with a combined registration of 70+ participants
- The Challenger division received a donation of \$3,200 from the Chandler Elite Club baseball team
- This year was the first season that our Challenger team participated in the District 13 All Star tournament held at Tempe Sports Complex. Our participants were able to play an exhibition game against All-star representatives from all districts represented in this year's tournament, including Chandler National North, Chandler National South, Chandler American, Tempe South, Rio Salado, and Ahwatukee (Tempe Guadalupe did not participate in All Stars this summer).
- The Challenger program continues to reach out to the local high schools for volunteer support. In 2021, Perry HS, Casteel HS, Chandler HS, and Hamilton HS all have volunteered to get their baseball programs out to support the Challenger division.

If you would like more information about this exciting program or how you can get involved for the upcoming season, please contact us by email at [challengerdivision@chandlernational.com](mailto:challengerdivision@chandlernational.com).

Photographs from the 2021 Challenger Season:

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Exhibition Game on 6/28/21 vs. District 13 Little League All Stars:



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### CNLL Participants Drafted by MLB :

The following are some recent CNLL participants who have been drafted by MLB.

Athlete	Last Year in CNLL	Year Drafted	Drafted By
Cody Bellinger	2007	2013	LA Dodgers
Patrick Murphy	2007	2013	Toronto Blue Jays
Matt Haggerty	2007	2013	LA Dodgers
Tyler Watson	2008	2013	Washington Nationals
Casey Legumina	2008	2016	Toronto Blue Jays
Austin Filiere	2008	2017	Chicago Cubs
Cole Bellinger	2009	2017	San Diego Padres
Trevor Hauver	2009	2017 2020	KC Royals New York Yankees
Sean Rackoski	2008	2018	Toronto Blue Jays
Jake Wong	2009	2018	SF Giants
Brock Selvidge	2015	2021	New York Yankees

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### **A Special Thank you to our 2021 CNLL Spring Season Sponsors:**

Thank you to the companies who sponsored our league this season. Sponsorships offset a portion of league expenses each year, allowing us to keep registrations lower, and keep CNLL as an affordable baseball experience for kids in the Chandler community.

<b>Sponsor Name</b>	
Bahama Joe's Pool Solutions	Legacy School
Barro's Pizza	Liberty Service Electric
Bashas'	Liquor Vault
Breise Construction	Lux Fore Golf
Collabra Tech Solutions	MacQueen & Gottlieb Law Group
Cantor Forensic Accounting	McDonnell Painting, LLC
Carson Archetecture and Design	Mobile IV Nurses
Cox Sandoval	Nando's
Darlene Simmons	Thomas Rubin & Kelly PC
Desert Car Care Center of Chandler	Pacific Office Automation
Diaz	Paradigm Health Solutions
Darwin Wall Team	Relevate
E & J Appliance Service Co	Retronix Semiconductor
Elite Delivery Services Inc	State Farm - Rick West
East Valley Turf	Scorpion Repel
Farmer's Insurance	Smash Burger
Floridino's	Sweets 4ur Sweets
First Watch	The Draft Sports Grill
Geesling Financial Group	Greek's Grill
Ignite Physical Therapy	Top Law
Realty Executives - Jason Howe	Tour Striker Golf Academy
Realty One Group	Triax Industries, LLC
K Frank Designs	Wealth Trust Advisors
Lane Realty Group	Willmeng
Langdon Tactical	Young Orthodontics

### **Year-end Summary/Conclusion**

This was a rewarding year in that we were able to facilitate children being able to play baseball again this spring. Little League was an activity that was impacted by

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the larger concerns from the global pandemic. Thank you for your patience as we all tried to manage the safety of our families and our local community.

The CNLL Board of Directors is 100% volunteer based. Our league is a non for profit and there were decisions made over the past two seasons trying to keep the financial health of this organization for the future of Little League baseball in Chandler, Arizona. There is no greater feeling than watching kids play baseball again in the City of Chandler.

Next year, we will continue to count on the great families, community sponsors, and almost 1,000 League-wide volunteers that make this league run. We believe the league is well positioned for baseball in the 2022 season and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Strazz, Secretary

Approved by,

Your 2021 CNLL Board of Directors

10/20/21