

What can I do?

For any team to be successful and give players a fun positive playing environment, each team will need 6-8 parents involved throughout the season. Not having enough parent involvement on the team will put additional stress on the few that do volunteer and will lead to a less organized (and less fun) season.

Managers

Managers coordinate all aspects of the team. Managers are a leader and a mentor to the players. They may not have the most knowledge of the sport itself (Managers can rely on coaches as much or as little as needed). The role of manager is vital to any team's success ('success' as it relates to players enjoyment and enrichment – success has nothing to do with winning). Managers will maintain communication with the league board and each player and their families. Managers plan practice days and times. Managers (AA and up) must attend try-outs and the division draft. Managers must attend the mandatory managers meeting. Managers must attend the leagues umpire clinic.

Coaches

Coaches are instrumental in the support of the manager and the team. Coaches are mentors and teachers for the players. They work with the manager and other coaches to run practices and games, while teaching basics of the sport. Having a strong manager and coach partnership will make for a more effective team and a more organized season. Ideally 2 coaches are officially helping with games, while more may be helping during practices. Coaches cannot attend the draft, however coaches should attend tryouts and attend the managers meeting.

Umpires

It is the advisement of little league that all umpires be volunteers from within the league. The basics of the game are all that are needed and the league and the district provide additional training throughout the season. For the 9 and up age groups having an umpire is required to play a game. The umpire is there to 1. Ensure fair play 2. Ensure safety 3. Ensure the game is played according to Little League guidelines. Umpires will never know all the rules or all the best practices, and it should never be expected of them. Having 2 umpires at each game is ideal. The league has umpire equipment for all umpires to use. Every team needs 2-3 capable people to umpire, as it is expected at all home games. For veteran umpires, the league will provide a full set of equipment for their personal use.

Other ways of getting involved

Scorekeeping – help recording game stats, pitching and sitting records, as well as helping keep track of the game progress.

Field Setup – managers and coaches are responsible for lining the fields prior to games. They can absolutely use help with this.