

Suburban Little League

Parent Handbook

www.suburbanlittleleague.org

League Phone Number 984-0284

SLL 2008 Goal

To improve our League thru better parent involvement!

**PLEASE GET INVOLVED NOW!
OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU!!**

Our league functions with 100% volunteers!

What can you do to help us improve the League?

To get involved talk with your coach; call Alan McMillan at 328-8854 or
come to our General Member Meeting 1st Sunday of every month all year!

Our League is only
we put into it!!!!

as good as the effort



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He Is Just A Little Boy

By: Chaplain Bob Fox

He stands at the plate
with his heart pounding fast. The bases are
loaded,
the die has been cast.

Mom and Dad cannot help him, he stands all-
alone.

A hit at this moment
would send his team home.

The ball meets the plate,
he swings and he misses. There's a groan from
the crowd,
with some boos and some hisses. A thoughtless
voice cries, "Strike the bum out."

Tears fill his eyes,
the game's no longer fun.

So open up your heart
and give him a break,
for it's moments like this,
a man you can make.

Please keep this in mind
when you hear someone forget, He is just a little
boy,
And not a man yet.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **After Sign-ups when can I expect a call from the coach?**
After sign-ups you can expect a call from your coach by the second week in March. Some teams will be called earlier depending on the age of the team and also depending on the weather and its effects on the start of practices.
- **Does my child have to try out for team?**
T-ball and B-ball age players are placed directly on teams. Minor A baseball players must try-out each year. All others Majors (boys and Girls), JR (boys), and Sr. (boys and Girls) only need to try out if they were not on a team last year, changing levels, or if instructed by the Board of Directors.
- **How are teams picked?**
T-ball and B-ball age players are placed directly on teams. For all other levels, the league follows a standard Little League draft policy. After tryouts the coaches are brought to a draft table and allowed to pick players using a Little League directed draft process. We do this in hopes of balancing all teams with equal abilities.
- **When do practices start?**
Practices usually begin one to two weeks after the draft process. The actual start date is up to the manager of the particular team. All practices start dates are subject to weather conditions and the coaches will inform the players of the times and dates. The older groups will usually start a week or two before the younger groups.
- **How often are practices?**
Managers will make final decision on how many practices per week for each team. The usual for T-ball and b-ball is one practice during the week and one on the weekend. Minor A and above there will be one to three practices a week, with one to two on the weekend.
- **When do I turn in my tickets and whom do I turn them into?**
When you finished selling all your tickets, remove all staples and you may turn the ticket stubs into the team manager. This needs to be done at least two weeks before opening day. The managers will be expected to turn in all of the tickets from his team by one week before opening day. Any tickets turned in after that period will not be accepted.
- **What type of uniform pants should I buy for my child?**
T-ball and B-ball age players do not have to wear uniform pants, but if you wish to purchase uniform pants we suggest Gray pants. Minor A players must wear gray uniform pants. Majors and levels above will normally wear gray uniform pants but some teams choose to buy uniform pants of other colors. **All players on a team must have all the same color pants** so check with your managers to get your team colors.
- **Does my child have to play in cleats?**
No your child does not have to play in cleats. The league recommends anyone above the level of T-ball use cleats for the safety of your child.

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Code of Conduct Contract

The board of directors of Suburban Little League (also known as SLL) has mandated the following Code of Conduct. All volunteers will read and sign this Code of Conduct in the space provided below acknowledging that he or she understands and agrees to comply with the Code of Conduct Contract. Submit signed portion to the Board of Directors.

Suburban Little League Code of Conduct

No board member, manager, coach, player or spectator shall at any time:

1. Lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, or threaten an official.
2. Be guilty of heaping personal, verbal, or physical abuse upon any official for any real or imaginary belief of a wrong decision or judgment.
3. Be guilty of an objectionable demonstration of dissent at an official's decision by throwing of gloves, helmets, hats, bats, balls, or any other forceful unsportsman-like action.
4. Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of a game against the body of an opposing player.
5. Be guilty of a physical attack upon any board member, official, manager, coach, player or spectator.
6. Be guilty of the use of profane, obscene or vulgar language in any manner at any time.
7. Appear on the field of play, stands or anywhere on the SLL complex while in an intoxicated state. Intoxicated will be defined as an odor or behavior issue.
8. Be guilty of gambling upon any play or outcome of any game with anyone at any time.
9. Smoke while in the stands or on the playing field or in any dugout. Smoking will only be permitted in designated areas.
10. Be guilty of publicly discussing with spectator's derogatory or abusive manner of any play, decision or personal opinion of any players, coaches, managers, officials, or any of the policies of Suburban Little League.
11. Speak disrespectfully to any manager, coach, official, or representative of Little League.
12. Be guilty of tampering or manipulating any league rosters, schedules, draft positions or selections, official scorebooks, rankings, financial records or procedures.
13. Challenge an umpire's authority. The umpires shall have the authority and discretion during a game to penalize the offender according to the infraction up to and including expulsion from the game.
 - The board of Directors will review all infractions of the Suburban Little League Code of Conduct. Depending on the seriousness or frequency, the board may assess additional disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the league.

**This is a duplicate copy of the code of conduct signed at registration
please retain it for your records!**

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Member and League Position "General" Expectations

Board of Directors:

1. Assure the efficient, consistent, legal, and safe operation of *Suburban Little League*.
2. Assure all *National and Local League* rules, regulations, by-laws, constitutions, and expectations are maintained and followed.
3. Provide managers, coaches, players, and parents quality training, materials, and support.

Level Coordinator.

1. Provide game schedule for *Level* games to team/players.
2. Be deciding factor on questions/concerns/complaints with issues within *Level*.
3. Correct any problems/conflicts/additions with game schedules.
4. Assure all *Level* expectations and instructional goals are followed.
5. Assure distribution and maintenance of *Level* equipment and fields.
6. **Attend each monthly meeting.**

Manager:

1. Organize a *Team Roster* to distribute to team parents and players.
2. Recruit coaching staff.
3. Recruit *Team Mom* (snack schedule & reminders).
4. Communicate necessary information (practice/game/concession schedules, and rain cancellations) to coaches/parents.
5. Communicate any *Parental/Coach* concerns to **Suburban Little League Board of Directors.**
6. Assure all *League* rules and regulations are followed.
7. Assist with supervision of activities at *Opening/Award Ceremony*.
8. Represent team at *League* functions and **attend each monthly meeting.**
9. Assure parents/visitors maintain proper *Spectator* conduct.
10. Keep the game fun!

Coaches:

1. Train players using proper techniques, professional attitude, and through positive reinforcement.
2. Communicate any *Parental* concerns to team *Manager*.
3. Utilize Eteamz.com for instructional advice and techniques.
4. Provide age appropriate feedback to players after each practice/game.
5. Provide end of season player evaluation (Supplied by the league).
6. Return all equipment at the end of the season & complete an *Equipment Condition* sheet.
7. Assure all league rules and regulations are maintained.
8. Represent team at *League* functions and **attend each monthly meeting.**
9. Help with field pre-season set-up and seasonal maintenance.
10. Maintain patience. Keep the game fun!

Team Mom:

1. Organize and distribute a snack schedule (recommend *Manager's Special*).
2. Remind parents of *Concession Stand Schedule* before actual workday.
3. Assist *Manager/Coach* as needed.
4. Assist in the distribution of newsletters, correspondence, or information to parents during practices or games.
5. Communicate any *Parental* concerns to *Manager/Coach!*

Parents:

1. Work two separate four-hour shifts in *Concession Stand* (per family).
2. Work two hours on pre-season *Field Preparation* (per family). Schedule to be supplied by manager or pay *Buyout* option -\$20.00
3. Make every effort to:
 - Attend my child's games and practices & be on time!
 - Be a supportive parent for the *Manager* and *Coach*.
 - Communicate in writing issues and/or concerns to the *Team Manager*.
 - Cheer for all players.
 - Be a positive role model and adhere to *Spectator* expectations.
 - Work to complement newly learned skills and practice to improve the skills.
 - Maintain patience with child -*The game is very difficult to learn and play*.
 - Support your child during positive moments and when he/she is struggling.
4. Follow *local* chapter procedures when filing complaints, suggestions, and/or comments.
5. Notify coach if player is to be absent from practices or games.
6. Return *Coach Evaluation* form to division coordinator or file online at <http://www.suburbanlittleleague.org/>
7. All parents of a player making an *All-Star* team will be required to work one shift in the concession stand during the *All-Star* tournament.
8. Parents are responsible for their children's behavior at all times and during league functions.

Players:

1. Follow coaching staff requests and instructions.
2. Maintain a positive behavior and attitude.
3. Follow all *League* rules and regulations.
4. Be respectful of other players, staff, and parents.
5. Wear your uniform at all games.
6. Be responsible & have Fun!
7. Make every effort to:
 - Do your best at practices and games.
 - Make every effort to attend every practice and game.
 - Be prompt for practices and games.
 - Develop a sharing attitude.
 - Listen and be respectful of coaches training techniques.
 - Maintain your cool when you make a mistake.
 - Cheer all your team members on!
 - Hustle on and off the field.
 - Keep uniform in good condition and clean -*Wear it with pride*.
 - Follow all safety rules, regulations, and expectations of *Suburban Little League*.
 - Be a good sport at all times.
 - Show respect for umpires and volunteers.
 - Develop self-control/ be responsible for your actions.
 - Respect teammates, self, and opponents.
 - Maintain an understanding of the "rules" of the game.
 - Be dependable.
 - Get fit & stay fit!
8. Report any concerns, suggestions, or complaints to your parents.
9. Use every game's outcome as a learning experience.
10. When visiting/using another league's field maintain a positive demeanor -You are representing *Suburban Little League* -Your every action has a direct impact on our league's reputation -Make our *League* proud.

Spectators:

1. Be informed of the playing rules of the sport.
2. Appreciate a good play regardless of who makes it.
3. Show concern for injured athlete regardless of team affiliation.
4. Do not taunt, jeer, or attempt to distract the members of opposing teams.
5. Avoid the use of profanity and derogatory or disrespectful yells, chants, songs, or gestures.
6. Refrain from offensive or unruly behavior, which reflects poorly on the team you're supporting.
7. Respect the fields, property, and/or authorities of Suburban Little League.
8. Stand attentively during the playing or singing of the National Anthem.
9. Do not publicly criticize or confront the coaches, officials, umpires, or players.
10. Be a positive role model for our players and visitors.

To keep our Little League a safe place for our children to grow and learn, all the guidelines in this book and Little League rules should be followed completely. If anyone should not follow these guidelines or any Little League rule they should be reported to the board of directors immediately.

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Tryouts March 2nd & 8th

Docs Field Baseball

Time 1 pm for 8 to 10 year olds
Time 2 pm for 11 & 12 year olds

Franks Field Softball

Time 1 pm for 9 to 12 year olds
Time 2 pm for 13 & 16 year olds

March 15th & 16th

Memorial Field Baseball

Time 10am for 13 & 14 year olds
Time 12pm for 15 & 16 year olds

Rain Dates are March 8th & 9th

Please call (302) 984-0284 for update on tryouts and any change in information
or check our web site at www.suburbanlittleleague.org

All returning Minor "A" players must tryout

**Any player above B-Ball level not already placed on a team must tryout to be
eligible for the draft**

Opening Day Planned for April 12th

**Players must make at least one tryout
although both are suggested**