

Parent Responsibilities

Little League "works" as a result of hard work, energy and philanthropy on the part of parents, community leaders and local merchants. Many positions are filled by parents who, for whatever personal reasons (or passion for the game!) volunteer their time and energy to perform the job. Other jobs are filled on a rotating basis by **all** the parents in the league. These jobs are assigned to a team, and a team parent (mother or father) contacts the other parents on the team to ensure complete coverage of responsibility **and** participation from each family.

Team Jobs

Manager

- Responsible for the over-all management of the team and the team's volunteer staff.
- To the best of his/her ability, attends all games and practices, makes arrangements for coverage in the event of inability to attend any game or practice.
- Must know/understand the fundamentals of Little League baseball and Little League District policies.
- Must attend board meetings as requested.
- Must Complete a Positive Coaching Training
- Ultimate responsibility is to ensure that all our children enjoy a positive, safe, happy and healthy Little League experience.

Coach

- Assists manager in preparing players for games.
- Assists manager at all practices.
- To the best of his/her ability, attends all games and practices.
- Must know/understand the fundamentals of Little League baseball.

Team Field Duty Coordinator (aka Team Dad)

- Coordinates scheduling of field duties (set-up for home team and take-down for visiting team)

Team Parent (aka Team Mom)

- Coordinates snack stand assignments for the team.
- Assists manager in contacting team members in the event of cancellation, scheduling changes, etc.
- Disseminates information about all social functions, picture day, opening day, etc.

Scorekeeper

- The home team provides the scorekeeper who keeps the score in both the manager's Score book and the official scorebook which stays in the scorer's booth at each field.
- Must have a basic understanding of the fundamentals of the game.
- Must know how to keep score, or attend a clinic before the season to learn.
- Each team must have one scorekeeper in attendance at the score booth for every home game, for the entire game.

Announcer

- The home team provides the game announcer.
- The announcer announces the pledge of allegiance, the Little League pledge and Umpires before the game and the players at bat (both name and number) during the game.
- Starting positions are announced at the beginning of the game.
- Fielding changes/substitutions are announced.
- The announcer makes any other pertinent announcements as requested (split-the-pot sales, after game orders, split-the-pot winners, team sponsors, upcoming special events, etc.).

Parent Obligations

Safety

- *Safety is always first.* If at any time a parent observes an unsafe situation at the field, the situation should be brought to the umpire's attention *immediately*.

Snack Stand Duty

- Each child's family is responsible for working the snack stand the minimum required number of shifts during their team's scheduled snack stand duty (usually 4-5 shifts). These shifts may occur in any combination during the regular season (March through mid-June), during our League post-season tournament (mid-late May), during the District 37 Tournament of Champions (June) or during the All-Star tournament (July).
- This is a wonderful opportunity to meet parents from other teams as well as fellow parents from your child's team. If everyone shows up and works enthusiastically, it is an easy, enjoyable task.
- Prior to working in the snack stand, volunteers should familiarize themselves with the snack stand policies and procedures (Details are posted in each snack stand and available from your Team Parent).

Field Set-up

- Home team parents are responsible for setting up the field prior to each game.
- Set-up includes dragging and dampening the infield dirt, laying fresh chalk, grooming the mound, etc. Bases must be in place and secure.
- Don't wait to be invited to help – volunteer. If you don't know what exactly to do ... *ASK!*

Field Clean-up & Strike

- Visiting team parents are responsible for striking of the field and all equipment.
- Striking includes dragging the dirt, dampening the dirt, grooming the mound, etc.
- Striking includes policing the spectator stands for litter, garbage, etc.
- Striking includes assisting the snack stand workers in emptying trash bins, and ensuring a generally good condition of the field, stands and parking areas.
- Don't wait to be invited to help – volunteer. If you don't know what exactly to do. *ASK!*

Umpire

- *Each team is responsible for supplying umpires for 10 games during the season.*
- Volunteer umpires must have a thorough understanding of the fundamentals and rules of LL baseball.
- Volunteer umpires should attend the pre-season rules clinic.

Parents please remember ... being an umpire can be a pressure-filled experience, and all umpires make mistakes. It is your responsibility to set a good example for all the children in the league by acknowledging their best efforts and accepting, graciously, their infallibilities.

Fund-Raising

- DRALL funds come primarily from:
 - Snack Stand sales & Split-the-Pot donations.
 - Team sponsorships in the DRALL Handbook and donation of field banners.
 - Registration fees (which cover only a portion our actual costs).
 - Special events (Pancake Breakfast, Dinner Dance).
- Each parent should consult with their team manager with regard to securing a team sponsor. A personal relationship with a local merchant, business owner or retail manager could be a boon to the league. Experience shows that generally these people are extremely supportive of these types of local organizations for community youth. They just need to be asked! Contact the DRALL 1st VP if you know someone who will be a team sponsor or donate a field banner.
- Each parent should familiarize themselves with the sponsors and advertisers in the DRALL Handbook and on the field banners; then *patronize these businesses* and mention their support of our league. This will be invaluable for future years.