



Little League® University

Live Webinar Series

Parents / Volunteers / Appointments



objectives

- Discuss ways to get parents involved in the local league.
- Discuss how to process volunteers through the local league program.
- Look at ways to implement parents into the program and how to recruit volunteers.



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Parents Orientation Program

Parents can learn about Little League® Baseball and Softball by reviewing the Parent Orientation Program. This program serves as an introduction to Little League and a parent's role. However, it would be useful for local leagues to branch out from that program and create its own program that is specific for the local league.

A league is encouraged to introduce its own Orientation Program through a printable booklet or in-person events prior to the season

The following slides will contain suggest topics to be covered

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Parents Orientation Program

Operation of the League

- League's Constitution
 - Copies available in some manner
- Board Meetings
- League Membership
- The District and its role

Director Overview

- Who holds which position
- Contact information
- Short biographical information

Bylaws and Ground Rules

- Their role
- How separate from Constitution
- Copies available in some manner



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Parents Orientation Program

Financials

- Income needed to cover expenses
- How fees and prices determined
- Financial management steps in place

Volunteer Opportunities

- Various Ways to support the league
- Concession Stand
- Committees
- Tournament(s) and event(s)

Information

- How League Updates are shared
- Weather changes and cancellations
- Website and social media
- How parents address concerns



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Parents Orientation Program

Safety Program

- Safety Plan
- Lightning safety
- Complex rules for safety

Divisions Of Play

- Goal of each division
- Fall/winter seasons

League Events

- Special Games
- Tournaments



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Parents Orientation Program

What is needed to Participate

- Uniform
- Equipment

Parents Code of Conduct

- Sample online

Sportsmanship



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Parents Volunteer Recruitment

Step 1: Identify Volunteer Position Needs and Define Roles

Step 2: Identify Sources to Recruit Volunteers

- Service Organizations
- Local Businesses
- Leadership Programs
- High Schools and Colleges

Step 3: Prepare To Reach Out To Potential Volunteers

Step 4: Recruiting Volunteers

Step 5: Volunteer Recognition

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volunteer appointments

Each manager, coach and umpire must be appointed by League President and approved by the Board of Directors

League President first makes appointments, which are provided to Board of Directors for review

- If League President does not appoint, board will not review



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volunteer appointments

No manager, coach or umpire has tenure

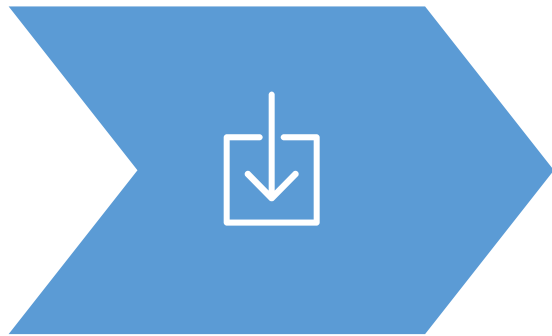
- o Each must be appointed and approved annually to continue to serve

Board is not required to approve each appointment

DO NOT provide a reason to a manager, coach or umpire if he/she is not appointed or approved



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submits

Volunteer Submits
Application



checks

Background check
completed



nominates

President Nominates at
Discretion



approves

Board Approves at
Discretion, President
Appoints

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- | League President may manage, coach, or umpire during regular season

- o Provided he/she does not serve on Protest Committee

- | Vice President may manage, coach, or umpire in any division

- o Provided they do not serve on the Protest Committee

- | Player Agent may not manage, coach, or umpire in any division in the league in which he/she has any responsibilities

- o This may NOT be circumvented by giving the person a different title

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volunteer best practices

- | Complete mandatory background check prior to informing individual of appointment and approval
- | Additional information from the individual is permissible
- | Use of a committee to review candidates is useful for larger leagues
- | Interviews are permissible for each interested volunteer
- | Make interested volunteers aware of the process
 - o Let all nominees know that no reason will be provided for those not appointed or approved

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Join us Next Week...

When:

March 7, 2019 at 2 P.M. Eastern

Topic:

Social Media / Website



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Questions?

Thank you!