

## **Team Parent Responsibilities**

SLL operates primarily through the work of volunteers who donate their time and effort to provide the best possible program for the players. Thank you for volunteering to be the Team Parent for your player's team this year. This will fill your household's volunteer obligation to the Little League. What follows is your list of responsibilities for the season. There may be additional duties that will come up during the season, please follow up with your coaches and manager as to what they have a need for.

## **DUTIES FOR THE 2026 SEASON:**

### Team Information Officer

You are first and foremost a liaison between the Manager/Coaches and the parents on your team. If the coach needs information communicated, you are the one he/she will call. It's helpful to have all parents' names, telephone numbers, and email addresses. From time to time, you will be asked to pass along important League-related information. Emails sent to you by the Volunteer Coordinator should be forwarded to your team's families within 24 hours whenever possible. This information is typically non-game related, yet important for the families to receive.

### Collection of Volunteer Deposits

Unless the family opted out of volunteering, all team members must turn in a check for \$150 to be destroyed after the season if volunteer shifts have been completed.

Collection of necessary documentation collects birth certificates and residency documents for players that have not turned them in. Then get those documents to the Player Agents.

Picture Day Distribute fliers and help get kids lined up if your coaches need help

### Uniforms

You will need to distribute uniforms to the players as soon as they are available. No uniforms will be passed out without the volunteer deposit turned in. The league provides the player with a jersey & a hat. Socks, belt and pant color or style are at the discretion of the manager/coaches. For the Junior and Majors teams: the team parent needs to collect and inventory washed jerseys at the end of the season

### Game Day

Your coaches are relying upon you to coordinate and handle game day responsibilities. This way the coaches focus on the players and not the logistics. Work with your families in any manner of your choosing, to ensure for each game, the following are covered:

#### 1. Field Preparation – all fields, all divisions

At SLL, the Home team chucks the field prior to each game. The Away team rakes the infield and fills the divots in the batter's box and around the bases after each game. Please ask your coaches for what help they may want or need at each game.

#### 2. Bench Parent – A, AA divisions

Coaches are busy making the game happen. The younger players may need an adult supervising and assisting them in the "dugout" during the game with items like: batting order, who's up next, on deck, has a batting helmet, etc, taking on and off the catcher's gear, finding their bats, hats, etc. Please ask your coach if this is something they would like you to handle.

#### 3. Pitch Count / Scorekeeping – AAA through Jr divisions

Your team should have a scorekeeper designated for every game. Home team keeps the official book, Away team if inter-league can run the scoreboard.

#### 4. Team Snacks – all divisions

The league prefers that teams do not do individual team snacks, rather encourage everyone to utilize the snack bar. This is a major fundraiser for the league and is the majority of what allows us to pay for fields, uniforms and equipment.

**\*\*Make sure your families are very clear that Game Day tasks Do Not Count for the League Requirement of 3 hours of volunteering. But they all are still expected to participate. To locate volunteering opportunities that are tallied for the league requirement, look for an email from [volunteers4sll@gmail.com](mailto:volunteers4sll@gmail.com) with a link for the signupgenius.com listing.**

**\*\*All families are expected to contribute to the Team-Related duties.\*\***

If you have any problems with parents refusing to participate, please contact SLL President, Mark, at [coachmargreiter@gmail.com](mailto:coachmargreiter@gmail.com) to review on a case by case basis.

#### Other Fun Things (optional)

- Team Roster Cards/posters/banners:

Team Parents often make up pocket-sized laminated rosters of the player's names, uniform number and parent's names and distribute them to each of the team's families. This is optional, however it does help promote cohesiveness within the team when everyone knows each other and can cheer for each other's kids by name. Posters and/or banners can be hung as long as they do not obstruct the stands or viewing in any way.

- Planning End of the Season Party (Optional):

Some teams have a post-season party. These parties can be a potluck at a park or at a restaurant where everyone pitches in for pizza or subs, or whatever your team decides. SLL asks that if your team has a party, it is done in a public location, not in a player's home due to liability reasons. This is also a good opportunity for coaches to collect uniforms (Majors & Juniors only) from the players when the season is over.

If you have any questions or concerns, email [volunteers4sll@gmail.com](mailto:volunteers4sll@gmail.com) Thank You!