



### **What programs does Little League offer?**

Little League offers baseball and softball programs for boys and girls ages 5 – 18. Kernersville Little League has more than 580 youth enrolled in its programs from all backgrounds. We play most of our games at our 24-acre complex located on County Line Road in Kernersville.

### **What's the purpose of Little League?**

Little League is a community-based program. We provide our youth a place for healthful activity and we teach sportsmanship and fair play. We hope our programs inspire them to become good and decent citizens.

### **How is the Little League organized and how does it differ from other youth sports programs?**

Little League is a not-for-profit organization and is comprised entirely of volunteers. This contrasts with other youth sports organizations, which **do not use volunteers** and allow private individuals to profit from entry and participation fees.

We own our facilities and do not get support from the Town of Kernersville or other government organizations. Therefore, we all need to have pride and pitch in to keep are park clean and safe.

### **What are the requirements to play Little League Baseball and Softball?**

Anyone ages 5-18 can play Little League. The only requirements are that you must live within the Kernersville Little League boundaries and must have a legal birth certificate to confirm your age.

### **How can I sign up to play?**

You may sign up on-line at our web site, [www.kll.org](http://www.kll.org). Answer a few questions and pay via Mastercard or Visa. You will be contacted for a try out time later.

### **I know of a disadvantaged family. Is there a way for their children to play?**

Absolutely. No one will be turned away. We have several scholarship programs. Contact the league president, Andy Parker, for more information.

### **Are donations to the Kernersville Little League tax deductible?**

Yes. Kernersville Little League is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. This applies only to **donations** however - not to dues and other player fees.

### **How are teams selected?**

Many of the teams are selected via a draft system similar to major league baseball. Specific rules for drafting each division have been included in our local rules.

### **Can I play on the same team as some of my friends?**

In the tee ball division, this is possible. Please mark your application if you have special riding needs or want to be paired up with a particular coach. We can possibly accommodate you.

### **What equipment do I need to have for my child and what equipment is provided by the league?**

Your child needs a glove, bat, protective cup, cleats and equipment bag (optional) all labeled with their name and phone number. The league provides the uniform (hat, shirt, belt, pants and socks) and has batting helmets available.

### **I paid my fees. Why do I have to volunteer in the concession stand or fundraise?**

Sign up fees cover only approximately 1/3 of the costs to run our program and maintain our fields. Support from our concession stand contributes between \$25,000 and \$30,000 net profit. Without volunteer help, we would make less than half of that amount.

### **What's the new Safety Awareness Program (ASAP)?**

Kernersville Little League is actively participating in Little League's A Safety Awareness Program (ASAP), whose mission is "to create awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for kids and all participants of Little League Baseball."

Our safety program addresses everything from equipment to field conditions. To learn more, refer to the ASAP program manual posted on our web site.

### **Play Hard – Play Positive – Play Safe! Please tell me why this motto is significant.**

This motto signifies the goal of our program. We want to offer the most competitive, fun and safe programs of any in youth athletics. The phrase should serve as a reminder of our commitment to the children and their safety through the ASAP program.

### **Who should I call if I notice a field safety issue or something wrong at the park?**

Please let us know. Your manager should report problems on their "game report". Please contact our safety officer, Robyn Clark at 993-7210.

### **What are field workdays and who should come?**

During workdays, we work on special projects around the park. Examples include field edging, building new dugouts, pick up trash for our adopt a highway program, bury cable, prepare sprinkler systems, fertilize and plug, clean the concession, etc. As you can see there is plenty to do, everyone is welcome! These are not just for managers and coaches.

### **What should I do if it's raining on practice or game day?**

If you have not heard from your manager, come to the park. Each manager will receive a phone call, if games are cancelled. Your managers are responsible for calling you.

### **Who should I call if I am concerned with any situation on my team?**

Each division has a vice president responsible for its health and smooth operation. If you need guidance or a listening ear, please feel free to call them. Their phone numbers are available in the concession stand or on our web site.

### **How often do we play and when?**

Generally, we play two games per week. Usually we play one game during the week and one on Saturday. We do not generally play on Wednesdays or Sundays. These days are reserved for rain out rescheduling.

### **When and where do we practice?**

Each team should be provided a practice field at least once per week by the league. During the season, this becomes more difficult with the limitation on field space. Your team should consider securing additional practice facilities around town, if you would like to practice more often.

### **My child is afraid of lightning. What's your policy related to lightning and severe weather?**

Lightening is a serious safety concern. First, if you see lightening during practice or games, go to your car or covered areas at the concession stand. We monitor lightening with a detector. Though you may not see lightening, we will clear the fields, if severe weather is within an 8-10 mile radius.

Most important – if you are practicing at Swaim and you see the fields clear, your practice is finished. Clear the field!



**Will Softball inter-league this year – What is the format?**

Yes, softball will inter-league. Our teams will continue to play a traditional schedule (usually two games per week).

**Are we using association umpires this year?**

Yes. However, we are going to a volunteer system for field umpires below the Junior level for baseball and softball. We are re-emphasizing the volunteerism across the board. Stay tuned for notification of dates for umpire clinics in February and March.

**Have there been any significant Little League Rule Changes in 2007?**

Yes. There have been several rule changes. These are posted at the KLL web site.

**I do not have a computer. How can I obtain information about the league?**

You do not need a computer to stay connected at KLL. There are four key ways to find out what's happening: 1) check the bulletin board near the concession stand; 2) ask your team mom for information; 3) call one of the board members (#s available in the concession stand); and 4) consider going to the Kernersville Public Library to access the internet. The library is open most evenings until 9 pm.

**What's a hold down letter and when does it apply?**

Players age 9 & 10 are eligible to play in the major and minor division. Players 7 & 8 are eligible to play in the minor AA division. If you do not want you child drafted to the next level, you should notify the player agent with a hold down by checking the appropriate box on you registration form.

**Are we playing games Memorial Day weekend?**

No. Enjoy your Holiday.

**Are painted helmets allowed this year?**

No. Painted helmets may not be worn this year at KLL.

**I completed a volunteer application last year. Do I need to complete one again this year?**

Yes. As part of its Child Safety Program, Little League requires that we perform background checks on volunteers every year.

**Who should complete a volunteer application?**

Any person with repetitive, on-going direct contact with players should complete an application.

**If I want to be a volunteer umpire, whom should I contact?**

Please contact our Umpire in Chief, Kevin Corlette.

**How are all stars selected?**

Except for minors, all stars are decided by a vote of your peer players. Generally, the first 8 players are voted and the remaining players are selected by the all star manager. Selection procedures are outlined in the local rules.

**How can a parent influence the direction of the league? Can I voice my concerns?**

Come to our board meetings the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the KLL Complex. Board meetings are open to the public. There is an open forum at each meeting to hear concerns and questions from the floor.

**WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM PLAYERS?**

- To be on time for all practices and games.
- To always do their best whether in the field or on the bench.

- To clean up the dugout after every game and practice
- To be cooperative at all times and share team duties.
- To be positive with teammates at all times.
- To try not to become upset at their own mistakes or those of others ... we will all make our share this year and we must support one another.
- To understand that winning is only important if you can accept losing, as both are important parts of any sport.

**WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM COACHES?**

- To be on time for all practices and games.
- To be as fair as possible in giving playing time to all players.
- To do his or her best to teach the fundamentals of the game.
- To be positive and respect each child as an individual.
- To set reasonable expectations for each child and for the season and to teach the value of winning and losing.
- To have a team mom to coordinate activities and to communicate league information.
- To be an example by never yelling at any member of his or her team, the opposing team or umpires. Any confrontation will be handled in a respectful, quiet and individual manner.

**WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM PARENTS AND FAMILY?**

- To come out and enjoy the game. Cheer to make all players feel important.
- To allow the coach to run the team. Coaches will make mistakes. Give them the benefit of the doubt.
- Do not confront the coach in front of the team. His phone number will be provided. Arrange a private discussion.
- Do not holler at the coaches, players or umpires. We are all responsible for setting examples for our children. We must be the role models for our children and teach them the value of sportsmanship.
- A helping hand is always welcome. Ask the coach if you can assist during practice. Offer to rake and maintain fields after practice or games.
- Volunteer in the concession stand when asked. It helps raise needed funds for our league.