

LOCKWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE
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WELCOME TO THE 2026 LOCKWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE SEASON

Hello Lockwood Parents/Guardians,

The new season will officially begin April 13, 2025 for interleague play, with practices beginning mid-March. Lockwood Little League's OPENING DAY will be May 2, 2026. To those of you who are new to Lockwood and/or Little League, we are happy to welcome you aboard! We are a VOLUNTEER, NON-PROFIT organization dedicated to promoting responsible attitudes, good sportsmanship and an enjoyable education in baseball/softball. We follow rules set by Little League International, Inc. located in Williamsport, PA.

MISSION STATEMENT

The objective of Lockwood Little League shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens.

WE ALWAYS NEED YOUR HELP!!

Lockwood Little League is run solely on VOLUNTEER HELP! Please join us and help in any way possible. If you are called to assist, please find time to help. You will not regret it.

REGISTRATION FEES:

T-Ball, Rookies, & Instructional Softball \$75.00/player

Minors and above \$125.00/player

**REGISTRATION CLOSSES FEBRUARY 28, 2026 FOR MINORS AND ABOVE AND
MARCH 21, 2026 FOR TBALL, AND ROOKIES, INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTBALL**

Financial assistance upon request

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**Board meetings are held the second Sunday of the month
and are open for anyone to attend!**

LOCKWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE 2025 CALENDAR

January 12, 2026	Registration Opens – Online
February 3, 2026	Document Drop Off- Lockwood High School Commons 5:30pm-7:00pm
February 18, 2026	Document Drop Off- Lockwood High School Community Room 5:30pm-7:00pm
February 28, 2026	Assessments/Tryouts – Sturdevant Gym – Schedule TBD
March 5, 2026	Draft for 8/10 Softball and both Softball and Baseball Majors
March 11, 2026	Managers Meeting for Minors and Above
March 13, 2026	Practices may begin
March 20, 2026	Junior & Senior Baseball Assessments & Draft
March 23, 2026	Manager's Meeting for Tball, Rookies & Instructional Softball
March 28 & April 11	Field Cleanups @ 9:00 am
April 9, 2026	Head Team Parent Meeting
April 13, 2026	Interleague Play begins
May 2, 2026	Lockwood Little League Opening Ceremonies

FIELD LOCATIONS



SEASON RULES

- National Little League rules always apply.
- Absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES or SMOKING in the park at any time during games or practices.
- No dogs allowed at the Lockwood Little League Complex
- All registration fees due at time of registration.
- There is a MANDATORY FUNDRAISER that each player will participate in.
- Assessments for all players ages 7-16 are mandatory and must be attended.
- Placement of all players is done through a structured draft per Little League National guidelines and rules.
- ALL players will receive a phone call in a timely manner as to what team they will be playing for.
- Each team must have a Manager, Coach, Team Parent and at certain levels a field umpire.
- Home team shall prepare the field before game time. Managers and coaches would really appreciate any help with this to allow them to get their team ready for the game as well.
- Abusive language, badgering of umpires or volunteers will not be tolerated.
- NO team will be allowed to walk from a field in protest or the game may be forfeited. ALL teams will clean up after themselves after each game! That includes garbage in and around the dugouts and bleachers as well as emptying the garbage cans.
- Rain outs and makeup games need to be made up as soon as possible during the season.
- Jumping over and/or climbing on the fences at our complex is prohibited!!
- Each team will have scheduled times throughout the season to work in the concession stand. The team parent will be notified of the times and communicate it to the parents. This is NOT an option as the concession stand is one of our largest sources of revenue for our league!!

**LET'S HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SEASON!
PLAY BALL!**

PARENTS & SPECTATORS

IF IT ISN'T FUN.....IT ISN'T LITTLE LEAGUE!!

1. Are positive in any criticism of the program and are willing to volunteer their services to improve it. Present their opinions and criticisms to officers of the league in a constructive manner, in writing.
2. Clearly understand the tryout system and the method of player selection.
3. Demonstrate that they recognize the effort expended by the volunteer personnel by refraining from unsportsmanlike conduct and "grandstand" managing.
4. Realize that the umpire is closest to the play and that each umpire calls as he or she sees them. The umpire is a volunteer who has assumed a difficult yet necessary role.
5. Recognize the Little Leaguers are children, NOT professional players, and need encouragement, not criticism.
6. Applaud good plays; ignore errors. Encourage a greater effort, initiative and hustle! Congratulate the winner; encourage the loser. ENJOY THE GAME for what it is!!

Parents should attend Little League practices, games, and support the leagues activities. Youngsters who play are at impressionable ages and sensitive to parental reaction.

Unfortunately, it is the unwelcome behavior of parents at Little League games where the program draws its greatest criticism. Indifference on the part of a parent is almost certain to be reflected in a child's attitude towards the game.

Presence of parent in the stands during a game should be a source of encouragement and stimulation for the Little Leaguer. While it is the prerogative of baseball fans at professional games to voice loud, uncomplimentary opinions of umpires, managers, and players, this practice is not condoned at Little League games!!

However, parents must accept the fact that umpires, coaches and others identified with the program are VOLUNTEERS and should not be subjected to criticism during ball games, especially by those unwilling to lend a hand.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

BACKGROUND CHECKS:

Little League requires ALL volunteers to have a background check completed. These background checks are completed online through your individual account at ww.lockwoodlittleleague.com.

If you plan to volunteer, please make sure to register yourself as a volunteer on your Lockwood Little League account. When registering you will choose Baseball or Softball and the role(s) you want to volunteer for. You will be required to upload your Driver's License. Once your volunteer account is complete you will receive an email from Lockwood Little League with a link to an online Volunteer Form through JD Palatine. Little League National requires all leagues to use JD Palatine for background checks (the email may take 24 hours to come through). Aside from your name, Lockwood Little League will not have access to any of your personal information and will only be notified when the results are ready.

You will NOT be able to volunteer until this is completed so make sure and complete your volunteer account online asap

GAME CHANGER

Every team will utilize the GameChanger App. Please make sure to download the app as this will be the primary form of communication with your player's coach and teammates.



HIT-A-THON:

Every player is required to raise \$60 for our Hit-a-Thon fundraiser. The Hit-a-Thon is scheduled to take place at our Opening Day on May 2, 2026. Team Parents will receive additional information to share with the players at the Head Team Parent Meeting in April.

Why do we have a mandatory fundraiser? We have the lowest registration prices in town, however, the costs to run each season remain high. The upkeep of our complex also requires work. With a fundraiser, it allows players to seek assistance from neighbors, family, and friends, and not solely rely on the player's parent/guardian.

We take pride in our complex and try to keep it in the best condition possible. Money raised this season will be used towards season expenses and the major projects we are working on, i.e., re-doing the Jr./Sr. baseball field's infield, re-doing the Major softball field's infield, completing the sidewalk, and building a pavilion.

ASSESSMENTS:

Little League National requires all players to complete a mandatory assessment. Assessments are scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 28, 2026, in the Sturdevant Gym at Lockwood School. Schedule TBD. Assessments are Baseball ages 7-16 and Softball ages 8-16. Younger players do not need to attend an assessment.

GAME SCHEDULES:

Baseball schedules for Majors and above is done by District. Coaches will receive their schedule the week of April 6, 2026 and will provide it to their team as soon as it is received. District does try to schedule the games as follows:

- 9/10 Majors will play on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturday (1 PM)
- 11/12 Majors will play on Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday (10 AM)
- Junior will play on Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday (1 PM)
- Seniors will play on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturdays (10 AM)

Schedules for 8/10 Softball and above are also done by District. Coaches should receive their schedule the week of April 6, 2026 and will provide it to their team as soon as it is received.

Schedules for Minors and below will be provided by mid-April.

ORDERING EXTRA JERSEYS & HATS:

If you would like to order an extra jersey and/or hat for your player, please indicate such when registering your player(s) and contact our Uniform Manager, Amy Grasse, to arrange payment. Payment must be received before anything will be ordered.

Questions? Please contact Amy Grasse at lockwooduniforms@gmail.com

OPENING DAY INFO:

Lockwood Little League's Opening Day is scheduled for May 2, 2026. This is a fun-filled event and we look forward to it every year. We will begin the day with a pancake breakfast at 8:00, followed by our Hit-a-Thon fundraiser, team photos, raffle baskets, and other family fun! Every team will also have a game this day.

We are always looking for raffle baskets and/or items. If you are interested in donating a basket or item(s), or know someone or a business who would be interested in donating, please contact Nicole Bergman, Fundraising Chair, at 715-617-0000 or Nicole_bergman@att.net.

CONCESSIONS:

Every team will be assigned 2-3 shifts to volunteer in the concessions stand. Each shift requires 3-4 people. These shifts can be shared amongst the team so the same person(s) does not need to volunteer for all the shifts, unless they wish. The dates each team is scheduled will be provided to the Team Parents at the Team Parent Meeting and they will share them with the team.