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# WELCOME TO THE 2023 LOCKWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE SEASON

#### Hello Lockwood Parents/Guardian,

The new season will officially begin April 17, 2023 for interleague play! LOCKWOOD LL OPENING DAY WILL BE APRIL 22nd. 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, and Minors \$75.00/player Majors and up \$100.00/player MAJORS AND UP SIGN UP BEFORE FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> TO SAVE \$25! Maximum per Family \$200.00

\*Financial assistance available upon request\*

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# Board meetings are open for anyone to attend!

### LLL 2023 Calendar

1/23	Registration Opens – Online
2/11	Document Drop Off- Lockwood High School Community Room 11am-2pm
2/21	Document Drop Off- Lockwood High School Community Room 5:30pm-7:30pm
2/22	Majors and Up Registration Price Increase
3/11	Tryouts/Minors assessment- Time and location TBA
3/12	Tryouts/Minors assessment- Time and location TBA
3/14	Draft- Time and Location TBA
3/16	Managers Meeting- Lockwood Middle School Commons 6:30pm
	-2023 Season Info
	-First Aid Training
	-Fundamentals Training
	-Gear Checkout
3/17	Practices may begin
4/1	Field Cleanups
4/3	Team Parent Meeting- Lockwood School High School Community Room 6:00
4/15	Field Cleanups
4/17	Interleague Play begins
4/22	Lockwood Little League Opening Ceremonies

### 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. Th 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 p layers, this practice is not condoned at Little League games!! It is always in order to applaud a good player or an outstanding fear of baseball skills. 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.

## SEASON RULES

- 1. National Little League rules always apply.
- 2. Absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES or SMOKING in the park at any time during games or practices.
- 3.All registration fees MUST be paid by April 14, 2020.
- 4. There is a MANDATORY FUNDRAISER that each player will participate in unless the parent absolutely chooses the OPT-OUT payment which must be paid at the time of registration.
- 5. Tryouts for all players ages 9-16 are mandatory and must be attended.
- 6.Placement of all players is done through a structured draft per Little League National guidelines and rules.
- 7.ALL players will receive a phone call in a timely manner as to what team they will be playing for.
- 8.Each team must have a Manager, Coach, Team Parent and at certain levels a field umpire.
- 9. 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.
- 10. Abusive language, badgering of umpires or volunteers will not be tolerated.
- 11.NO team will be allowed to walk off of a field in protest or the game may be forfeited.
- 12.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.
- 13. Rain outs and makeup games need to be made up as soon as possible during the season.
- 14. Jumping over and/or climbing on the fences at our complex is prohibited!!
- 15.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!