



# Upper Loudoun Little League

2024 Spring Season – Coaches Meeting





# Agenda

- Welcome
- Board of Directors
- Spring Season Dates & Schedule
- Safety – Priority # 1
- Equipment
- Coaches Corner
- Field Maintenance / Supplies
- Umpires
- Little League Rules & Regulations, Local Rules
- Equipment Handout
- Play Ball!



# Board of Directors (Volunteers)

1. President – Brandon Bonnette
2. Vice President – Will Smith
3. Player Agent – Cy Acord
4. Secretary – Patrick Awenowicz
5. Treasurer – Casey Kight
6. Information Officer – Emily Kehoe
7. Safety Officer – Shelby Hensley
8. Umpire-In-Chief – Chris Kerley
9. Coaching Coordinator – Bryan Fulkerson
10. Big Field Coordinator – Chris Lose
11. American League Commissioner – Cliff Terrett
12. National League Commissioner – Ryan Martin
13. Equipment Manager – Jim Hill





# Important Dates – Spring 2024

- **March 15 – 17, 2024**
  - ULLL Dick's Sporting Goods Discount Weekend (20% off, Leesburg only)
- **March 16, 2024**
  - Dominate the Diamond Coaches Clinic (Haske Field or BRMS)
- **March 16, 2024**
  - Spring Practices Start (Majors, AAA, AA)
- **March 18, 2024**
  - Mandatory Parents Meeting
- **March 23, 2024**
  - Spring Practices Start (Middle School, Juniors, Coach Pitch, Tee Ball)



# Important Dates – Spring 2024

- March 25 – 29, 2024
  - LCPS Spring Break; Practices optional
- Week of April 1, 2024
  - Uniforms distributed to coaches (**MUST** have 5 cleared volunteers)
- April 6, 2024
  - ULLL Opening Day Ceremony – Homerun Derby @ Franklin Park
  - ULLL Picture Day @ Harmony Middle School
  - First Games (Juniors, Majors, AAA)
- Week of April 8, 2024
  - First Games (AA, Coach Pitch, Tee Ball)



# Important Dates – Spring 2024

- Week of May 28, 2024
  - Start of Playoff Games
- May 30, 2024
  - ULLL Mod Pizza Night (Purcellville)
- Championship Games
  - June 5, 2024 AA Championship Game
  - June 6, 2024 AAA Championship Game
  - June 7, 2024 Majors Championship Game
  - ❖ *Dates are subject to change*



# Important Dates – Spring 2024

- 2024 Virginia District & State Tournaments

| Level         | District                         | State<br>(Tentative Report Date) | Region<br>(Report Date)      | World Series<br>(Report Date) |
|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7, 8, 9       | June 8-13<br>Dulles, VA          | N/A                              | N/A                          | N/A                           |
| 8, 9, 10      | June 14-23<br>Sterling, VA       | July 5*<br>Woodstock, VA         | July 19*<br>TBD              | N/A                           |
| 9, 10, 11     | June 18-27<br>Aldie, VA          | July 11*<br>Lebanon, VA          | July 26*<br>TBD              | N/A                           |
| Little League | June 28 – July 6<br>Leesburg, VA | July 18<br>Louisa/Mineral, VA    | July 30<br>Warner Robins, GA | Aug 14<br>Williamsport, PA    |
| Juniors       | June 21-24<br>Purcellville, VA   | July 5<br>Big Stone Gap, VA      | July 18<br>Bridgewater, VA   | Aug 4<br>Taylor, MI           |
| Seniors       | June 22-24<br>Purcellville, VA   | July 5*<br>Woodbridge, VA        | July 18<br>Safety Harbor, FL | July 27<br>Easley, SC         |

\* Special Games - Tournament of State Champions



# Schedule

- Master Schedule
  - Shared Google Sheets document, **PLEASE USE IT!** (All managers have received via email)
- Game Days for Each Division

| Division      | Days                          |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Middle School | Mon / Thur                    |
| Juniors       | Wed / Sat                     |
| Majors        | Tue / Fri                     |
| AAA           | Wed / Fri / Sat               |
| AA            | Thur / Sat                    |
| Coach Pitch   | Sat / Tue or Wed (May & June) |
| Tee Ball      | Sat / Thur (May & June)       |





# Schedule

- Rescheduling Games
  - For kid pitch divisions, if a game needs to be rescheduled, please email [schedule@ull.org](mailto:schedule@ull.org) to request approval.
  - League wide rainouts will be handled by ULLL and managers notified.
    - [Loudoun County PRCS Rainoutline](#) (app available)
    - **IF A FIELD IS CLOSED, IT IS CLOSED!!!**



**Coaches be like,  
"We still having practice."**



# Safety

- Background checks required for ALL volunteers
- ULLL Safety Plan
- Medical & Concussion Release Forms
- Be aware of your players medical requirements
- Maintain First Aid Kit
- Adult coach MUST be in the dugout at all times
- Injuries
- Dominate the Diamond
- Weather & Lightning





# Safety - Pitch Counts

| By League Age |            |
|---------------|------------|
| • 6-8         | 50 pitches |
| • 9-10        | 75 pitches |
| • 11-12       | 85 pitches |
| • 13-16       | 95 pitches |

**\* Under no circumstance shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.**

| By Days of Rest (14 & Under) |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| • 1-20 pitches               | Zero (0)  |
| • 21-35 pitches              | One (1)   |
| • 36-50 pitches              | Two (2)   |
| • 51-65 pitches              | Three (3) |
| • 66+ pitches                | Four (4)  |

| By Days of Rest (15 & 16) |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| • 1-30 pitches            | Zero (0)  |
| • 31-45 pitches           | One (1)   |
| • 46-60 pitches           | Two (2)   |
| • 61-75 pitches           | Three (3) |
| • 76+ pitches             | Four (4)  |

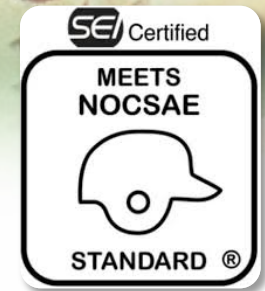




## Safety - Pitch Counts

- Baseball Pitcher/Catcher Game Rules
  - Pitch in only 1 game per day
  - Limit reached during batter
  - 41 or more pitches = no catch
  - Catch 4 innings = no pitch
- GameChanger **MUST** be used to track pitch counts and catcher innings (All Player Pitch Divisions)

# Equipment



- Safety rules are mandatory and apply to ALL practices and games
- Enforce use of proper equipment:
  - Uniform/hat
  - Cleats (**NO** metal cleats in Little League – Majors and below)
  - Helmets (NOCSAE)
  - Athletic supporter/cup
  - Catcher's gear (including throat protector & catcher's mitt)
  - Game/practice balls
  - Bats
    - USA Baseball only for Little League
    - USA Baseball or BBCOR for Juniors
    - BBCOR only for Middle School



# Equipment

- League Provided:
  - Jersey & Hat
  - Batting Tees (Tee Ball only)
  - Balls (Practice & Game)
  - Bucket
  - First-Aid Kit
  - Catcher's Gear – mitt, mask, chest protector, leg guards (AA and Coach Pitch only)
- **HELP US HELP YOU!**
  - If supplies are running low or are completely out, please contact us ASAP.

## CONTACT INFO:

[american@ulll.org](mailto:american@ulll.org)

[national@ulll.org](mailto:national@ulll.org)

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## Coaches Corner

- Games on Haske and Elementary School fields:
  - **HOME TEAM** is responsible for dragging and lining the field before games.
  - **HOME TEAM** is responsible for dragging field after the game. Rake/repair pitcher's mound and batter's box (as needed).
  - **HOME TEAM** is responsible for putting bases away (not including home plate). If there are no base plugs, the bases should be left in place. Please contact a ULLL board member if base plugs are missing.
- Visit the ULLL YouTube channel for informational videos (<http://www.youtube.com/@UpperLoudounLittleLeague>)





# Coaches Corner

## Goals for Each Division

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Tee Ball      | • Introduction to Baseball                  |
| Coach Pitch   | • Most Developmental Division               |
| AA            | • Development / First Kid-Pitch Division    |
| AAA           | • First Competitive Division                |
| Majors        | • Little League's Most Competitive Division |
| Juniors       | • Development / High School Preparation     |
| Middle School | • High School Preparation                   |



# Field Maintenance

- Lawnmowers (Treat Kindly!)
- Sheds
  - Lock combos included on practice and game schedule
- County Responsibilities:
  - Prep and postgame field maintenance for Franklin Park (All Fields) and Lovettsville Park (All Fields) only.
    - ❖ Please DO NOT touch these fields
- Visit the ULLL YouTube channel for videos on proper infield dragging and chalking base lines (<http://www.youtube.com/@UpperLoudounLittleLeague>)



# Umpires

Congratulations  
to Chris Kerley on  
his appointment  
to umpire at the  
2024 Juniors Little  
League World  
Series!!!

- 2024 Umpire-In-Chief
  - Chris Kerley: (703) 999-6675 or [UmpireChrisK@gmail.com](mailto:UmpireChrisK@gmail.com)
- ULLL uses Arbiter Sports to schedule and communicate with our umpires.  
([www.arbitersports.com](http://www.arbitersports.com))
- 2024 Spring Assignments:
  - Many Youth & New Umpires (Be Kind!)
  - Zero Tolerance for Mistreatment
  - 2-man crews for Majors (if available)
  - 1 umpire for AAA and AA



# Umpires

- Umpires **NEEDED**
  - Must be age 13 or older
  - Youth umpires are eligible to be paid \$40-65 per game, Adult umpires are volunteers (unpaid).
- Umpire Training & Clinics
  - Please contact Chris Kerley at (703) 999-6675 or [UmpireChrisK@gmail.com](mailto:UmpireChrisK@gmail.com)
- Game Coordinators **REQUIRED** when there is an all-youth umpire crew
  - Must be present on field for pre-game meeting
  - Must be present for entire game





# Umpires

- Upcoming 2024 Spring Umpire Clinics
  - Umpire Q&A
    - March 24<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM (via Zoom)
  - Umpire Field Training
    - March 17<sup>th</sup> – 10 AM to 3 PM, Haske Field (lunch provided)
  - All new umpires are **required** to attend one Q&A session and one field training session.
  - See <https://www.uill.org/about-us/umpire-info/> for more info.



# Little League International Rules & Regulations, Local Rules

- 2024 Rulebook (Online App)
- Local Rules – posted on ULLL website
- How to approach an umpire
- Protesting a game
- Mound Visits
- Volunteer Code of Conduct



## Rule Clarifications

- No electronic devices (except for rules and scoring)
- Night game curfews
- Warm-up pitches
- Equipment in the dugout
- Speed-up the game



# Volunteers

- Requirements
  - [Volunteer Registration Form](#)
  - Background check through JD Palantine
    - Wait for an email from JDP and complete
    - SSN is required and is secure. JDP is used by all of Little League International.
  - [Diamond Leader Training](#)
  - [Abuse Awareness Training](#)
    - Register and Login
    - Choose the "Education" link from the top banner
    - Click "Courses" → "Abuse Awareness for Adults"
    - Enroll and Start course





# Volunteers

- Games:
  - Tee-Ball & Coach Pitch: Manager plus 3-4 Coaches
    - **Minimum of five (5) Cleared volunteers are required**
  - AA & Up: Manager plus 2 coaches (In the dugout)
    - Other volunteers include Scorekeeper, Adult Game Coordinator, etc. (Outside of the dugout)
    - **Minimum of five (5) cleared volunteers are required**
  - All others must remain outside of the playing field
  - Other assistants may help during practices (must be cleared volunteers)



# Play Ball!

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