



# Irmo Little League Team Mom/ Team Parent Packet 2019



Thank you so much for volunteering to be the team parent for your child's spring baseball/softball season. Your coach will be so thankful for you keeping it all straight so that he/she can concentrate on coaching. In the beginning, you may feel a little overwhelmed, but it gets more relaxed after Opening Day. This is a great way to get to know other families in the league and get involved yourself. Remember that your attitude about all of our efforts will determine the attitude of the other parents on your team. So, stay upbeat and remember that we are all doing this for the kids.

**Duties:** Make a list of all players with their names, parent's name, phone number, and email addresses. It is a good idea to put the parent's numbers in your phone or carry the list with you. You may be the person they call if they are going to miss a game, so you will need to have the coach's number. You can also make a team roster with a list of the games as well. If your team is going to be buying snack tickets each week, you could have a different family be in charge of getting them for each game. Some teams use the Group Me app for communication. But I would also use the email group that the coach will have.

**Email Parents:** Once you have the email addresses, email them to introduce yourself and tell them any announcements. Always include your phone number under your name, so parents can get in touch with you easily without looking through all of their emails. (Make sure that all players have a birth certificate and proofs of residence or a school form on file. They will not get a uniform until that is done.)

**Uniforms:** Becca and Shannon are our uniform ladies. You or the coach will be responsible for getting the uniforms to your players after the league gets them from the vendors. You will need to make sure that you give the right uniform to each player. Your coach will have a list for you to go by.

**Baseball Hats:** Once you are sure the hats fit each player, you will need to write their name with a sharpie inside the bill of the hat. You will be so happy that they have their name in their hat once things get crazy in the dugout.

**Team Banner:** The team banner will be displayed on the outside of the dugout during each game. You can delegate the banner responsibility to someone else, or you can be in charge of getting it to and from games. You will get the banner on Opening Day.

**Purchase Trophies or some memorabilia:** At the end of the season it is nice for the players to receive trophies or a participation gift for a great season. You will need to talk to the coach about their plans for this. They may have ideas already, and they may have some experience with what players have gotten in the past. If you need help or ideas please let someone know. There are several great websites like [k2trophies.com](http://k2trophies.com). You can add the cost of trophies into the initial payment that parents make. You will probably want to order the trophies at least 3 weeks in advance just in case you have to return something.

**Concession Stand Duty:** Your team will be in charge of working the concession stand at least once during the season. It will be your responsibility to recruit parents to volunteer to help out that night. Once the concession stand schedule is out, you will be notified so you can go on and get volunteers. It is always nice to have at least one person from each family represented during your duty time. It is not a great place for small children because it can get busy after games. This is a very important part of Irmo Little League, and we would all hate for the concession stand not to be open because a team did not have anyone to volunteer. You will need to remind the parents the day before and on that day to be sure no one forgets. Your coach can help you recruit parents for this as well. Announcements will be made on the Little League Facebook page. **Concession Stand Training: Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00 pm and Saturday, March 9 at 2:00 pm.**

**Snack Tickets:** Every player will get a snack ticket after each game. Snack tickets cost \$1.50. You will pay for the snack tickets at the concession stand. There are several ways you can handle the snack tickets:

- Have parents pay for them all up front, but you may run into some folks missing a game and not getting to use their ticket. (save it to give to them when they return)
- Have parents sign up for a game to be in charge of the tickets. They will have to go to the concession stand to pay for them and pick them up to give to the players after their game.
- You may want to be the person in charge of the tickets at every game.

**End of Season Team Party:** Your team may want to plan an end of season team party. Coordinate this with the coach and other parents. They may have ideas for you. Players will receive their participation gift at the Team Party.

**Coach's Gift:** Most coaches do not expect a gift, but if your team parents wish to contribute to a gift, the coach would be appreciative. Gift cards are always a great choice for coaches.

**Team Mom bag:** In your team mom bag, you should have a sharpie for coaches to use to sign the game ball for that lucky player, a pencil in case you have to keep the books, and a baggie to collect money from parents for various things. You will also want to always have a copy of the roster with telephone numbers and the game schedule.

**Safety:** Many injuries in baseball happen in the dugout. If you are a dugout parent and even if you are not, please help the coach keep our kids safe. There are dugout rules, and you may want to share these with the parents. Things to keep in mind:

- No climbing on the fences.
- No one is allowed to leave the dugout without an escort and the umpire's approval.
- Players should not be swinging bats in the dugout.
- Players should not eat in the dugout without the coach's approval. (allergies)
- Balls should not be thrown around in the dugout.

*The first aid kit is in the concession stand. The league needs a list of parents who are doctors and/or nurses, just in case there is an emergency and we need help before EMS can get here.*

**Team Umpire:** If for some reason we do not have enough umpires on any given night the home team is responsible to have 1 parent on standby to be the umpire for the game. You will need to make that list in advance and remind those parents before each home game so that the game does not have to be canceled. They may not be needed, but they need to be at the game just in case.

**Columbia Fireflies Fundraiser/ Sunday, May 12, 2019 2:00 pm:** So thankful for Anissa Terpstra for organizing our Fireflies fundraiser this year. The league has a great opportunity to raise money to put into the fields and facilities with this fundraiser. We are hoping that each player's family can purchase a few tickets for \$9/ each. The league will get \$4 for every ticket we sell. The team that sells the most tickets will get to go on the field with the firefly players during the national anthem. The player that sells the most will have the opportunity to throw out the first pitch of the Fireflies game. We have to sell at least 500 tickets which should not be hard since we have more than 500 players in our league. More information coming soon.

**Opening Day: March 16th** Amazing day for the whole family! You will be given a lot of information about Opening Day and will be responsible for getting your team excited about the BIG DAY! Make sure all parents on your team know your team's schedule for the day. They will need to know their picture time and game time. They will also have to keep track of their own volunteer time. (sign up genius coming next week)

- All players will report to their team banner behind Field 4 to line up for the Opening Parade by 8:45. The Parade will begin right at 9:00. Parents will need to leave their child with the coaches and get a good seat around Field 4.
- Pictures will be taken behind field 2. Please arrive for pictures at least 15 minutes before your picture time and make sure all parents have their order forms ready. Trey Love will have more forms available that day.
- There will be some Chick Fil A chicken biscuits and maybe coffee available for purchase on the morning of Opening Day. We will also have boxes of Krispy Kreme Donuts. The idea is to presale the donuts, so try to sale as many as you can to your team. All orders have to be turned into Joni Truluck on or before, Tuesday, March 12. Please send a picture of your sheet to Joni so she can make sure we have enough ordered. We will have *some* extra. Checks are to be made out to Irmo Little League and all money is due on or before Opening Day. The only people giving money to Joni on Opening Day should be Team Moms. (jonitruluck@gmail.com)
- No coolers at the park on Opening Day, there will be plenty of food and drink for everyone. Credit cards will be accepted. But cash is preferred.
- **Snack tickets will not be sold on Opening Day.**
- Encourage your team to participate in the ONE TEAM SPORTS Charity drive. We really want to show our support as a league to families and children in our neighborhoods and around the world by giving up the sports equipment that is piling up in our garages and in our attics.
- Because Irmo Little League is run completely by volunteers, it is VERY important that each team have at least 8 volunteers for Opening Day. We will be checking the website and the volunteer sign-in table to make sure. Teams with the most volunteers on Opening Day will earn a Pizza Party.
- There will be an Opening Day newsletter on the Irmo Little League website soon, so all parents will have access to Opening Day information.

### **OTHER THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND FOR OPENING DAY 2019:**

- Presale Krispy Kreme Donuts: Collect money upfront \$8 per box. Joni Truluck is your contact person for donuts.
- Parking will be crazy. Tell your parents that parking at HE Corley is a good option.
- Theme Basket for Silent Auction: Contact Person is Mandy Harper (sign up genius and email coming soon)
- Teams with the most volunteers on Opening Day will receive a Pizza Party.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.  
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## Helpful Contact Names and Emails:

Do not hesitate to ask questions. Email us with any questions you may have. We are here to help you have a great season as team parent. Of course, you can contact the league at [Irmolittleleague.org](http://Irmolittleleague.org)

Michelle Wheeler/ Concessions: [mwheeler09@hotmail.com](mailto:mwheeler09@hotmail.com)

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### **SILENT AUCTION:**

"Baskets" can be turned in on the Friday before Opening Day, or any time that Mandy sets aside for delivery. This is a fun experience on Opening Day, so use all of your team resources to make a great basket. Mandy will be sending out an email with the Sign-up Genius and details.

## Irmo Little League Gives Back

### **ONE TEAM SPORTS**

Help athletes at Home and Away by donating your used sports equipment!

One Team Sports is a charitable organization founded by our lead photographer, Trey Love.

Please bring your used cleats, bats, balls, gloves, and uniforms to picture day and drop them off at the All American Imaging check in table.

Items will be organized and distributed to athletes in local leagues or to mission groups that travel and help others through sports.

*"Home or Away, we are all One Team!"*