

## Peabody West Little League Fall 2017 Newsletter



Welcome to the Peabody West Little League Quarterly Newsletter; a publication for the PWLL community to share information and talk all things baseball. The Newsletter is published quarterly and distributed via e-mail and on our Web site. If you have ideas for a story and/or would like to be a contributing author, please contact PWLL President John Horgan at [jhorg99@yahoo.com](mailto:jhorg99@yahoo.com). Visit [www.pwll.net](http://www.pwll.net) for past editions of the newsletter. Thanks for reading!!!

### That's All Folks

Another successful PWLL Fall Ball season has just come to an end. This was one of the largest Fall Ball seasons in recent memory with full teams and individual players from numerous surrounding cities and towns.

Thank you to all the managers, coaches, umpires (patched and junior), snack shop workers, City workers, parents, players, and league volunteers for making this a memorable season. We hope everyone has a fun and safe Winter season -- see you in the Spring!



### Registration for the 2018 Spring Season is Now Open!!!

Registration for the PWLL 2018 Spring season is now open. Thanks to the efforts of PWLL Information Officer Brett Hollins, players can register online for the upcoming season. Please visit [www.pwll.net](http://www.pwll.net) for the link to our new online registration system. League volunteers can also sign-up on the same site.





# THE NEW BATS ARE HERE!!

As highlighted in prior PWLL Quarterly Newsletters, Little League International is changing bat standards for the 2018 season. Effective January 1, 2018, Little League is adopting USA Baseball's new standard for bat performance testing. Bats that were approved for use in the 2017 season ***will no longer be acceptable for use in any Little League game or activity*** starting on January 1, 2018. Only bats that bear the USA Bat licensing mark (see below) will be permissible for play in little league games and activities after January 1, 2018. For additional information on the new bat standard, visit [www.LittleLeague.org](http://www.LittleLeague.org). PWLL will pass along any updates on this change as they are released by Little League and USA Baseball.

Along with the other divisions, Tee Ball bats must feature the USA Baseball mark. However, Tee Ball bats that were produced and/or purchased prior to the implementation of the new standard can be "self-certified" using an Approved Tee Ball Sticker via the USA Baseball Tee Ball Sticker Program. This program will allow families to purchase approved stickers marked with the USA Baseball logo and language which reads: ONLY FOR USE WITH APPROVED TEE BALLS. Stickers are available for purchase online via [www.USABaseballShop.com](http://www.USABaseballShop.com).

New USA Baseball approved bats will have one of the following licensing marks:



## PWLL TO PURCHASE TEAM BATS

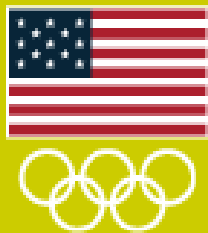
In response to the new bat standards being implemented by Little League International, PWLL will be purchasing team bats for every team in the Major's; AAA; AA; A; and Coach Pitch divisions. All PWLL players in these divisions will have access to a team bat to use during the season. While players are able to purchase and use their own USA Baseball approved bat during games, there is no need for a PWLL player to feel obligated to do so. We'll have team bats to use!!!



# **PWLL SPECIAL REGISTRATION NIGHT AT DICKS SPORTING GOODS**

**PWLL WILL BE HOLDING A SPECIAL PLAYER REGISTRATION NIGHT ON NOVEMBER 29TH AT DICKS SPORTING GOODS IN DANVERS. DETAILS WILL FOLLOW AS THE DATE NEARS. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED FOR THE 2018 SEASON, COME ON DOWN TO DICKS SPORTING GOODS AND LOOK FOR THE PWLL REGISTRATION TABLE. WE'LL HAVE LAPTOPS SET UP SO YOU CAN REGISTER ON THE SPOT. PLAYERS WHO REGISTER ON THE 29TH WILL RECEIVE A COUPON FOR DICKS SPORTING GOODS.**

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED FOR THE 2018 SEASON, COME ON DOWN AND CHECK IN WITH THE PWLL REGISTRATION TABLE AND YOU'LL RECEIVE THE SAME DISCOUNT COUPON FOR DICKS!!!**



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## Calling all Volunteers

Are you handy? Do you have a special skill or trade? PWLL could use your help!!! Although the baseball games are over until Spring, PWLL will be hard at work fixing and improving things around the park during the offseason. Some punch-list items are done by the City of Peabody, which owns the fields and structures at the park, but many other repairs and improvement are done by PWLL. If you like to paint, can lay flooring tile, are a skilled carpenter, have a green thumb, or just want to help in any other way, please contact the PWLL Board of Directors.

Are you a party planner, a highly organized person, a people person? If so, we are also always looking for volunteers to help with non-field related activities like fundraising, planning our Opening Day ceremonies, and planning our end of year family-style BBQ.

Got baseball skills? Consider helping run a weekly batting practice and/or a pitching clinic.

We can use YOUR help!!!



### PWLL ANSWERS THE CALL FOR DONATIONS OF GENTLY USED BASEBALL EQUIPMENT

Since the Spring season, PWLL coach Rafael Casiano has been collecting gently used youth baseball equipment for use by little leaguers in the Dominican Republic. With the recent devastating hurricane season, it became more important than ever to support this initiative and help kids there continue playing little league baseball. After our Field Day to close up the fields for the Winter, Coach Casiano left with bags of donated equipment and uniforms. Coach Casiano will make sure all donated equipment gets into the hands of deserving young players. Please contact Coach Casiano via e-mail at: [rcasiano@fenway-group.com](mailto:rcasiano@fenway-group.com) or via text at: (617) 308-8495 if you have baseball equipment you'd like to donate. Thank you!!!



# Field Improvements

Because of the generosity of our league sponsors, PWLL has hired Home Field Athletics, Inc. to conduct expert field maintenance over the off-season and have our baseball fields at Lt. Ross Park in great playing condition for Opening Day. The work to be done to the baseball fields includes the following:

- remove all berms from interior and exterior edges of both baseball fields and install new sod.
- align both pitchers mounds, both home plates, and all bases.
- repair pitchers mounds on both baseball fields.
- repair grass area around both pitchers mounds.
- repair AAA field warning track and install stone dust.
- repair areas in front of dugouts

Even with having Home Field Athletics, Inc. coming in to work on the fields and the items completed by the City of Peabody, there's still lots to do during the offseason. Please consider getting involved and help us give our PWLL kids the best little league experience possible. THANK YOU!!!



## Upcoming Events

- Registration for the 2018 Spring Season — ongoing now.
- PWLL Registration Night at Dick's Sporting Goods — November 29th.
- Jimmy Fund Tournament Team Sign-ups — on-going now.
- PWLL Winter Workouts (February — March) dates/times TBD.
- Coaches Clinic — all coaches clinic and division specific clinics (early 2018).
- PWLL Board Meetings are held monthly — all are welcome.





## PWLL SUPPORTS THE JIMMY FUND

PWLL has a strong history of supporting the Jimmy Fund's battle to strike out cancer by participating in and supporting the Jimmy Fund Little League. According to the Jimmy Fund Web site, "...since 1987, the hard work and winning spirit of the coaches, parents and, most importantly, the players, involved with Jimmy Fund Little League have raised nearly \$5 million for the Jimmy Fund." As noted, the Jimmy Fund Little League tournament provides more than 5,000 little league baseball and softball players throughout New England the chance to continue playing after their regular season ends by fundraising and participating in local tournaments.

This year, PWLL is getting a head start on forming our Jimmy Fund baseball teams for the 2018 tournament. If you are interested in managing, helping coach, and/or if your player is interested in playing on a PWLL Jimmy Fund team in 2018, please contact PWLL Fundraising Coordinator Chris Bell now at: [chris56977@aol.com](mailto:chris56977@aol.com). It's never too early to get behind this important cause!!!

For more information on the Jimmy Fund Little League, visit <http://www.jimmyfund.org/events/cancer-fundraising-events/jimmy-fund-little-league/>.



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