



Your Role As A Saco Little League Parent

Saco Little League is run entirely by volunteers. We rely on adults like you to organize and conduct every aspect. Not only do adults serve as administrators, volunteer coaches, and umpires they also help with field maintenance, fund-raising, concessions, and numerous other special projects. Your willingness to exchange time and effort for your child's benefit and enjoyment is very important to the success of Saco Little League. Cheering your child on from the stands is one important way to be involved, but **we need you to do more.**

Snack Shack

Our Snack Shacks are an integral part of our League and provide revenue to pay for operating expenses such as field maintenance, uniforms and equipment. Every team in the League will be assigned a week to run their home field shack and is required to recruit parent volunteers to fill the shifts during that week. Please make every effort to volunteer for at least one shift. Working in the Snack Shack not only ensures the continued success of Saco Little League, it is a great way for parents to meet each other.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

Many volunteers are needed throughout the season in order to keep games running smoothly and fields kept in shape. Let your coach or team parent know how you would like to help.

Team Parent - The Team Parent is the Manager's right-hand man or woman, and is a vital component of the team. Whereas the Manager typically runs the baseball part of the team, the Team Parent runs the administrative side. The Team Parent is responsible for coordinating the team's turns in running the snack shack, helping the Manager contact parents when practices or games are cancelled and planning end-of-the-season team parties.

Field Maintenance - Help line, rake and prepare fields before and after games.

Umpires - Being a Little League Umpire is an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Consistent and fair Umpires are always appreciated.

Announcing and Scorekeeping - The scorekeeper is responsible for keeping the official score of each game. The scorekeeper verifies pitch counts with the manager between each half-inning. The home team for each game must provide at least one scorekeeper. Two scorekeepers are encouraged providing someone to run the electronic scoreboard and announce players during the game.

Field Day Volunteers - Field Days are scheduled for each field at the beginning and end of the season. All teams will be asked to help rake, clean, weed and prepare their home fields and shacks for open and close of business. Many hands make light work.

Christmas Tree Sales - Our Annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser plays a big role in keeping Little League costs down. You will be contacted in November to help unload trees, set up stands and fill sale shifts. It's a great way to catch the holiday spirit.



Saco Little League Parent Code of Conduct

We, the Saco Little League, have implemented the following Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their child participating in our league. Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

PREAMBLE:

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

TRUSTWORTHINESS • RESPECT • RESPONSIBILITY • FAIRNESS • CARING • GOOD CITIZENSHIP

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

I THEREFORE AGREE:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I will not force my child to participate in sports. 2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth and not adults. 3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others. 4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the association and league. 5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, board member, volunteers and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event. 6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, board member, volunteer or parent such as booing and taunting: refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures. 7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes. 8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. 9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, board members, volunteers and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, sex or ability. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. I will teach my child that doing one’s best is more important than winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance. 11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time. 12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition. 13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups. 14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win. 15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or contact coaches at the game field and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place. 16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events. 17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team. |
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Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____