



White Plains Little League

Manager / Coaches Responsibilities

1. Adhere to WPLL Guidelines (Philosophy & Objectives)

Managers and Coaches are critical to the success of this program. It is very important you ensure that all children who participate have fun, enjoy the game, have an opportunity to learn the game, and have the opportunity to play, compete and win.

2. Be Leaders / Role Models

Managers and Coaches must be leaders. Understand that you hold a position of trust and responsibility in a program that deals with sensitive and formative period of a child's development, whether the child is age five or fourteen. It is required that you have an understanding, patience and the capacity to work with children. You should be able to inspire respect. Above all, you must realize you are helping to shape the physical, mental and emotional development of young people. You are more than just a coach. Knowledge of the game is essential, but it is even more important to understand you will have a significant influence on your players. Children often idolize their managers and coaches not because you are successful but because you are a source of inspiration.

3. Conduct Above Reproach at All Times

Remember, you are representing WPLL to the entire community. At no time will criticism of umpires and/or league officials or profanity be permitted. **WPLL has adopted a zero-tolerance policy towards inappropriate behavior and corrective actions will be taken immediately to resolve any issues.** Do not rant and rave at players or parents. Players will always respond if you point out their mistakes in a calm and friendly way. Players will respect you more if you provide ideas and instruction in a friendly manner. **Managers and Coaches are responsible for controlling themselves, their players and their players parents AT ALL TIMES.**

4. Keep Your Cool & Be a Model of Good Sportsmanship

Keep your cool at all times. Little League is a game for children. We do not need adults acting like children. Keep your perspective when your best (or worst) player loses a game or when an umpire's call goes against your team at a critical time. There will be other days and other opportunities. Keep winning in perspective. Flying off the handle at games or straining relations with players, parents and league officials creates a difficult situation for the players. Little League is supposed to be a fun experience for everyone. Instill a spirit of good sportsmanship.

5. Conduct Mandatory Parents Comms Prior to the Start of Season

This is MANDATORY and very important. Get off on the right foot with all the player's parents by meeting with them or communicating with them via email as to how things will progress for your team. Over communication is usually better than under communication.

6. Know the Rules (LLHQ Rulebook & WPLL Local Rules)

Managers and Coaches must know LL rules (as identified in the LL Rulebook) as well as any local rules that apply to their division. Copies of both the LL Rulebook and WPLL Local Rules should be carried to each game and used as a reference point to resolve any questions or issues that may occur during a game.



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7. Keep Entire Backstop Area Clear

Managers and Coaches are responsible to keep the entire backstop area clear of any people or equipment at all fields. This can only lead to potential issues during the game.

8. Control the Dugout

Only three (3) WPLL approved adults (1 Manager and 2 Coaches) are allowed in the dugout. This is MANDATORY. Managers and Coaches are also responsible to keep their players in a controlled and sportsmanlike manner in the dugout and playing area at all times.

9. No On-Deck Batter Permitted At Any Time

As per Little League Headquarters (Williamsport, PA.), there is no on-deck batter allowed at any time. Specifically, a player may not place a bat in their hands until they walk to the plate to take their turn at bat during the game. **This is MANDATORY.** Managers and Coaches are required to enforce this rule at all times. This can lead to serious safety issues as well as the risk of losing our WPLL Charter.

10. Reinforce Good Sportsmanship To Your Team

Managers and Coaches are responsible to reinforce good sportsmanship with their teams at all times, instilling in their players the "Character, Courage and Loyalty" principles of Little League. This is a valuable lesson for everyone to carry with them through life.

11. Keep Good Records & Carry Medical Forms

Managers and Coaches are responsible to keep good records and track activities of all their games throughout the season as well as keeping a hardcopy of a completed medical form for each player. This medical form must be carried and available at each game in case of emergency.

12. Responsibility For All Your Players

Managers and Coaches are responsible to ensure that all players are accounted for (i.e.: picked up after practices and game) and are not left unattended at any time. Reinforce accountability with all parents on their responsibility to you and to WPLL.

13. Bring Ice (Packs) to Every Game

Managers and Coaches are responsible to ensure that ice is brought to every game. WPLL has supplied each team with a first aid kit that contains an ice pack. If you need more, please ask your Division VP. (There are also a supply of ice packs in the WPLL storage shed at Gedney Field.)

14. Conduct Player Evaluations

This is MANDATORY and used for tournament selection and next season's team balancing. This meeting must be conducted prior to the end of the regular season. **Any Manager not submitting team player evaluation forms will not be eligible to manage in the future. No exceptions.**

15. Contact Your Division VP for Any Issues or Questions

If you have any issues or questions during the season, contact your WPLL Division VP for assistance.