

2018 Coach Outline

Team Communication: All Managers should send an email to their team as soon as possible to introduce yourself and let them know what team they are on for the 2018 spring season. During the season, an email and/or text message reminder will be sent out automatically for all practices or games listed on the website. We encourage communication with your team because some parents may opt out of receiving these reminders during registration. Managers & Coaches are able to send messages from the website (www.woodstockctlittleleague.org) to their teams by logging in using their email address and personal password. Pull up your team's roster and click on the options box.

Field Clean Up: As of now, field clean up is scheduled, Saturday 4/7/18, starting at 8am. Many hand make quick work, and with enough volunteers we should be able to get everything done in a couple of hours.

Umpires / Junior Umpires: All games for Minor baseball/softball and Major baseball/softball will be umpired. Umpire volunteers will be needed at the Major and Minor division levels. Please consider volunteering or encouraging team parents to volunteer. Any questions should be directed to Randy Esposito at respo3@charter.net. WLL has started a Junior Umpire program, which means that some volunteer umpires will be as young as 13 years old. It is imperative that all Coaches and Managers treat all of our umpires with respect. WLL has a zero tolerance policy on disrespectful or abusive behavior toward our umpires. Any Woodstock game officiated by only a Junior Umpire(s) will require home team manager to assign a non-Coach volunteer as the "Adult in Charge" of the game. Any team ejections/discipline shall be handled by the Adult volunteer, not the Junior Umpire. Some of our umpires will be paid for each game they work. Concession stand must be open for all games in order to pay our umpires. Paid umpires must fill out a payment slip and leave in the concession stand as receipt of payment, no money should be leaving the concession stand without written receipts. If a coach or manager needs to pay an umpire out of pocket, please contact Mike Sampson or Randy Esposito for reimbursement.

Practices: Practices for the first couple weeks of April will be scheduled soon. To schedule your own practice, please check the Master Schedule to see if the desired time/location is available, then notify Mike Sampson (woodstockllpresident@yahoo.com) and ask him to add it to the schedule. We ask that every team try to schedule at least one practice per week. If you need to reschedule any practices, please contact Mike Sampson.

Background check: Every manager, coach or volunteer must pass a background check before they are able to help. The volunteer forms can be found on the website under the "Hey Coach" tab. Please contact Mike Sampson (woodstockllpresident@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Opening Day: Opening Day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 28th. Opening day will include a small parade and opening ceremony, followed by games/scrimmages for all teams. Additional details will be posted on the website soon.

Picture Day: Team and individual pictures will take place at the Roseland Park fields on Tuesday 5/1/18. Scheduled times will follow.

Concession Stand: Home team is responsible for opening/ closing the Stand. Please communicate with your team to ensure coverage. Coach pitch & Tball are not responsible for this. Children under age 16 are not allowed to run the stand because this is fundraising for the League.

Little League Fundraiser: Some players have opted to participate in the fundraiser rather than buying out (these players will have a “Y” listed under Fundraiser on the roster sheets provided to you). The Spring drawing tickets will be provided to you soon and the due date will be communicated to you. Please communicate this information to your team. All tickets will be turned into Pat O’Brien. Any questions can be directed to Pat at pobrien_1@msn.com.

Game schedules: Softball game schedules have been finalized and posted to website. Baseball scheduling meetings will take place soon. Baseball game schedules will be finalized soon and should be posted to the website within the next week. Contact information will also be posted soon for all outside town managers. If you are the visiting team, you should always confirm date/time/location with the opposing manager. Please be courteous and arrive on time. If you are the home team and need to cancel (due to rain, etc), you will need to contact the visiting coach. As the home team, it is your call. Please be mindful that field availability in the spring is very tight, so please try not to cancel unless it's a safety concern.

Scoring:

Tball – instructional level, scores are not recorded

Coach Pitch – scorekeeping is optional, each team will receive a scorebook, results will not be posted

Minors/Majors baseball – you will track pitch count, scores, etc – results are to be posted within 24 hours of the game. Please refer to the rule book for age level pitch count guidelines that must be adhered to.

Minors/Majors softball – pitch count is not required but you will have scorebooks to record all results

Game results / summaries:

Minor/Majors baseball & softball – All game results for the Major and Minor league games should be entered on our website. Additionally, game summaries should be written up on our website to be printed in the Woodstock Villager on a weekly basis. Randy Esposito will forward instructions on this process. Parents look forward to these write-ups, so please make every effort on this!

Rules:

Tball – instructional level, rules have been provided to you and are also on the website under the “Hey Coach” tab

Coach Pitch – rules have been provided to you and are also on the website under the “Hey Coach” tab

Minors/Majors baseball – Minor division rules have been provided to you and are also on the website under the “Hey Coach” tab. All teams will receive Rule Books.

Minors/Majors softball – all teams will receive Rule Books.

Equipment/Field Keys: Each team will receive an equipment bag with batting helmets, bats and catchers equipment, as well as a key to the Roseland Park fields. Managers will be responsible for these items and they must be turned in at the end of the season. Any questions should be directed to Mike Sampson at woodstockllpresident@yahoo.com.

Uniforms: Each player will receive a shirt, hat and socks. As soon as they arrive you will be contacted by Mike Sampson to coordinate delivery/pickup.

Player Pool/Concerns/Questions: Any player pool requests, player concerns or player related questions should be directed to our Player Agent, John Evers, jeverson05@gmail.com.

Safety: 2018 WLL Safety Manuals can be found in our concession stands as well as online. Please review this manual before your first practice. Managers should ask that parents fill out a Medical Release Form, which can be found on our website under the “Hey Coach” tab. These forms should be filled out and returned to the manager. Please have the Medical Release Forms with you at all practices and games. Please report any injuries that occur to WLL Safety Officer Jason Howard (jhowie1211@gmail.com). Additionally, if you feel any player has been placed in the incorrect division of play, please contact Jason for a safety evaluation.

Medical Information/First Aid: Each team will be supplied with a basic first aid kit including ice packs. Please review your rosters/medical forms for any known health issues with players (asthma, allergies, etc). Parents should be at the field for all practices and games, we do not encourage drop-offs. A few tips from our first aid session:

- Keep the players hydrated and familiarize yourself with signs of heat stroke
- Epi-pens should be administered into the thigh and hold for 10 seconds
- Should an adult tooth come out – place in milk and get to the dentist ASAP
- Head injuries can be serious, familiarize yourself with concussion symptoms

Locking up: Last manager to leave the field should lock up Roseland Park. Keys will be provided to all managers. Concession stands need to be locked, scoreboard turned off, fields dragged, trash totes emptied, and gate locked. If cars are still parked there, but everyone from teams are gone, please contact the Roseland Park caretaker (who lives on property).