



Hello Zeeland Little League! It has been an incredible start to 2019 as we have wrapped up our coaches meetings, placed teams, and head into Spring Break ready to play some ball! As you may have discovered already, we are using a new website this year to help manage the multiple teams, leagues, players, coaches, parents, and umpires that help serve our great Little League Program. I want to focus this month's newsletter on all the features we hope this brings to you, but first I want to give a quick personal message.

I moved to Zeeland five years ago with a 3 month old baby looking for a place our family could call home. Baseball has always been a huge part of my life, and the scariest thing about the move for me was the unknown of how I could stay involved with the game. Growing up in Jacksonville, Florida, baseball season was year-round and there was hardly a day where I was not playing, coaching, or watching games. Five years and 2 more kids later, I am blessed to be in this position as Little League President where I can get to know the families that love the game and help improve baseball and softball in what I am proud to call home. My passion is for each kid who wants to be part of this program to have the best experience possible and to love and appreciate the game with the same energy I do. Please, continue to send me feedback whether positive or negative so that we can continue on this mission. I am truly thankful for this opportunity and promise to work every day to better your experience, just as I ask each player to approach every day to work their hardest.

With that being said, I want to dive into the new website and point out some great features we have to keep our coaches, parents, and umpires up to date and informed on what is going on. The company that hosts the website also has a ["user guide"](#) which you can view by clicking the link. There are some items there that we are not currently using, so I want to touch on a few things I suggest for everyone to do!

First off, make sure you can "sign-in". I have attached a guide to this email which explains how to create your password. Your email will be the same as the one you are receiving this email for! Please note that this website and the Zeeland Recreation website are not connected. You may choose to use the same password, but you must follow the steps outlined in the attachment to access the site. If you are having issues, please send me an email and I will get you set up!

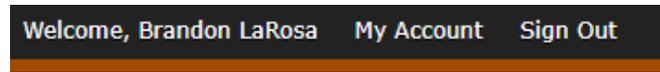
Once you sign in, you will see a quick snapshot of your family. If there is currently only one "guardian" listed and you want to add more, just shoot me an email and let me know. You should also see your children listed under "participants". Next to their names will be their individual schedules based on their team, along with a

Families						
Guardians	Registration History	Date	Cost	Paid	Due	
Brandon LaRosa						
Participants	Registration History	Date	Cost	Paid	Due	
Ava LaRosa						
Cole LaRosa						
Family Schedule				Total Due: \$0.00		



link to your family schedule at the bottom. This is especially useful for parents with multiple children on various teams for baseball and/or softball. The calendar will also be up-to-date with any changes that may come up if games or practice are cancelled or rescheduled. Coaches are still working on utilizing the website as well to manage practices, so bear with us as we all get used to this new system. If you are uncertain about anything on the schedule, please reach out to your coach!

The next thing I would like ALL of you to do is verify your information. You can always return to the main “Family Page” by clicking on “My Account” in the top right corner after signing in.



When back at the “Family Page”, please click on your name. From there, you should see a page similar to this →

Please make sure to verify the information in these fields. This is the information our volunteers will reference to contact you! If you have a better email or phone number to be reached at, update it here.

ALSO – Please click on the “Add us as a safe sender” button under your email. Our primary means of email is through the website with the email server Notifications@Leagueathletics.com. If this is the first email you have ever seen from me, then communication will continue to go to your spam box until you update this. If you need help, please let me know so I can make sure you are getting our emails!

Guardian - Brandon LaRosa

Guardian Name * Brandon MI Last * LaRosa

Address 1 * [Empty] Roster ?

Address 2 [Empty]

City / State / Zip * Zeeland MI 49464

Country * UNITED STATES

Home Phone 616-403-5751 Roster ?

Work Phone [Empty] Roster ?

Cell Phone * 616-403-5751 Roster ? Carrier No Text Mes

Email Address * BrandonL@zfsinc.com Roster

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Do not email



The next thing I highly suggest doing is signing up for notifications/reminders. We will do our best to post messages on social media and our website about game and practice cancellations, but if you want instantaneous text or email alerts to those things, you can opt into that now! Under the “Cell Phone” section, verify your number is correct and then select your cell phone carrier from the drop down list. This will make sure you get text alerts. At the bottom of the page are also two checkboxes to set reminders for games and practices. If you want to receive those alerts, be sure to click on those boxes! After you make any changes, click on the green **SUBMIT** button to save your changes!

Cell Phone * 616-403-575 Roster ? Carrier

Email Address * BrandonL@zfsinc.com Roster

Do not email

(If checked, you will not be included in *any* email sent from include reminders, game change notifications and other important messages)

Notification Devices

No Text Messages
No Text Messages
Alltel
AT&T Wireless
Bell Mobility
Bell South
Boost Mobile
C Spire
Cellcom
Cellular One
Centennial Wireless
Cincinnati Bell
Cingular
Comcast
Consumer Cellular
Cricket
Fido / Microcell
Google Fi
Manitoba Telecom
Metro PCS
NBTel

Remind me of Games Practices

(If checked, you will receive a reminder email the day before each event your teams are involved. Grayed options indicate that it is club policy that all members receive reminders for that event type)

Submit >>



The other section of the website to become familiar with is your child’s team page. To get there, go to the “Teams” tab in the center of the website and choose the appropriate team, my example is with the AAA Braves:

ZEELAND LITTLE LEAGUE
ZEELAND, MI

Home | League Info | Camps & Clinics | **Teams** | Umpires | Coaches | Parents | Sponsors

Change Team: 2

Braves

WELCOME BRAVES!
by Jd Cook posted 03/26/2019

Hello families!

I wanted to reach out and welcome you all to the Braves (Zeeland LL, AAA). My name is J.D. Cook and along with Steve Davis I'll be coaching your son this season. We are really excited and looking forward to the season.

There is a lot of information to get out to all the families and I'm not going to try to get it all in this email. I'll try to hit the more immediate needs and continue to push out emails as the season opener nears. First, if you haven't yet, I highly recommend signing up at the new Zeeland Little League website. There is a ton of information about the league available there, including schedules (which can be linked to google calendars, Outlook, etc).

Coach

- Jd Cook
- Steven Davis

NEXT 10 EVENTS FULL

Date	Type	Event / Field
Sat, 4/13	Practice	11:00a New Gronigen Ele. South

Coaches can post bulletins here to keep you up to date on anything they want to cover. There is also links on the left hand side to view your team’s roster, schedule, results, standings, and other information along with a snapshot of your next 10 “events” in the bottom right. You can find contact information for other members of your team in the roster section, along with your coaches!

Under the “Schedule” section, you can do your part in letting our coaches know if you won’t be at a practice or game. Direct communication (email/phone) is the best method to let a coach know of an absence, but the extra step is on this schedule page.



Braves Schedule Options ▾

☰ Schedule
📅 Calendar

▶ Show Past Events
Show Games Only

Date	Time	Details	Event	Location	Actions
Sat, Apr 13	11:00 AM - 12:45 PM	Braves	Practice	Zeeland, New Gronigen Ele. South	👍
Sat, Apr 20	11:00 AM - 12:45 PM	Braves	Practice	Zeeland, New Gronigen Ele. South	👍
Thu, May 2	05:45 PM - 07:30 PM	vs. Phillies	Game	Macatawa Bank Field	👍
Sat, May 4	10:00 AM - 11:45 AM	@ Mets	Game	Sara Lee Field	👍

When looking at the schedule, there is a thumbs up button on the right hand side. Clicking that brings you to the following screen:

Practice on 4/13/2019

Attending 👍	Not Attending 🚫	No Response ❓
		James Cook Jd Cook Nate Davis Steven Davis Weston Grewell Lukus Hafeman Luke Hathaway <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> 👍 🚫 Cole LaRosa </div>

Here is where you can set your status for any game or practice. Our coaches can also reference this list, and if they see multiple conflicts with players missing, reach out for a substitute player before it is too late. As much as we want our coaches and board members to communicate with our parents, it also makes our volunteers' lives easier when parents communicate as well!

Finally, I suggest you navigate the website on your own time to get familiar with our league. There is so much going on, that I feel like I could write a book! So...we did! There is a full policy manual on the website that pulls back the curtain on how we do things. There are also plenty of resources for parents, coaches, and umpires to learn more about the game. I want to especially point out our "Parent Code of Conduct" under the "Parents" tab that highlights important expectation for all the great parents in our league!

Once you have all that set up, you can also download the SI Play app on android or apple. You can use the same login as the website to access the same tools on your phone. You can also visit the website with your phone, but if you are more of an "app" person, that option is there for you as well!



As we head into Spring Break, make sure you get outside and enjoy this weather. Some of our teams will be holding practices for those in town, but no matter if you have a practice or not, get the glove and ball out and get that arm loose! It's Opening Day for MLB today, which is yet another sign that Little League Season is right around the corner. Have a safe Spring Break and tune in later in April for another update!

Have a great Day!

Brandon LaRosa
ZLL President
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