

Thank you for your help this weekend in facilitating a smooth Hit-a-Thon and Skills Challenge (“HAT”). This year will be our best event yet. We have a great event lined up, we have coffee trucks, food trucks, games, and obstacle courses, as well as dunk tanks. We think the families will have a great time.

The money raised for this event will be pumped directly back into our facilities and equipment. We’re making plans to add outfield wind screens, install security systems for our snack bar, bleacher shades, wi-fi for the fields and more. Long term, we’re looking at improvements to fields, with the Tee Ball field being refurbished. So, please keep encouraging your families to participate in the fundraising.

In terms of how the event will run, it is pretty simple. Here are the steps we need you to follow:

- Have your team arrive 30 minutes prior to their scheduled HAT time. You should use this time to get your equipment situated (in your dugout if it is open) and warm up. Warm up’s should include throwing so arms are loose, and stretching as there will be some running

- This years H.A.T. will be a hitting competition that consists of the following:
 - o Hitting: Each player will get 10 swings in the upper and lower divisions. There will be a series of targets in the field, the player is awarded points for hitting each target. It is important that you have someone throwing who can throw strikes and keep things moving. A swing is a swing, the player gets their allotment and then it is next player up. You should have an adult or two with the kids to keep the line moving. You should also recruit some parents to help shag balls
 - o **For the above, you will use your own balls**

- The fields will be set up in the morning for the first teams. There will be nets placed in left field, center field and right field. We will mark where those nets should be placed with a painted X. Once both teams are done with the event, the targets should be moved off the playing field (with care, these are borrowed nets!) for the next two teams to use. When the second set of teams arrive, they should first place the nets out on the marks and do their hitting event.
- **You will need a designated person to record the scores for your players.** Please use the attached template and have it completed in full. **Once complete, please take a picture and email it to me at auxiliary@seaviewlittleleague.com WITHIN 24 HOURS! NO DON'T TEXT ME**
- All players who would like to participate in the event are able to, regardless of whether they fundraised or not

- All players who fundraise \$50 or more will be placed in the raffle to win prizes. In terms of the hitting challenge, we will award extra raffle tickets to the top 3 finishers per division. 1st place gets 6 extra tickets, 2nd place gets 4, and 3rd place gets 2. Plus bragging rights, we will publish the results after the event

- You have 20-30 minutes to complete the event, and we have a compacted schedule. If you follow the instructions above, you will finish in 30 minutes no problem. The hang up in the past has been poor pitching and not holding firm to the 10 swing limit. So, please have someone throw who pitches well, and encourage your players to swing. If there are delays, we need you to get things moving again
- Once both teams complete the event, games will start immediately. There will be no other pre-game warm ups or infield/outfield
- If you have any questions on any of the above, please reach out to your team parent or manager.

Dunk Tanks

- **1 Head Coach** from each team is scheduled to participate in our dunk tanks. If your coach is not coaching that day, an assistant coach can take his place. Please remember that each team must participate. Do not forget to bring a change of clothes and a towel.

Volunteers

We had 3 volunteers for picture day. We will need 30 volunteers for this event. Remember it is required.

Thanks for all your help with this!!!!

Melissa