



WEEKLY UPDATE

April 18, 2015 - Week 2

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WELCOME TO WEEK 2 OF SEASON 2015 - Hope Opening Day was "big" fun for all, and your first day of playing a regular schedule will be even more exciting.

WEEKLY UPDATE - Continuing efforts to reduce paper circulation, this season you will find the UPDATE online not only at www.HarlemLL.org, but on Facebook. We thank Jody Mercier for joining the team and helping HLL to expand our electronic outreach.

SAFETY IS ALWAYS A CONCERN IN WHAT WE DO - Remember:

Weather & Games - Harlem LL does not start games if it is raining but, if a light rain develops during the game and there is no lighting, the game continues unless rain becomes more severe or lighting and other potentially unsafe conditions develop. If such conditions occur, play is suspended immediately.

Field & Safety Representatives Needed - These volunteers are Harlem LL's eyes and ears in the field. They: (1) monitor game and field activity; (2) share information and (3) answer questions or direct you to best sources for answers. But, in AAA and Major Divisions, Reps may also be asked to maintain game records. We **still need Field & Safety Reps**, if interested, notify us at contactus@harleml.org or, if you have not already done so, complete and submit a Volunteer application to be cleared to work. For information, below is a description of a Field & Safety Rep's responsibilities

HARLEM LL FIELD & SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE

MISSION: Help each division to operate smoothly and as effectively as possible in order that players, families and volunteers may have a safe, fun season while learning the game of baseball and making her relationships.

ROLE: To work collaboratively with volunteers in all divisions to achieve the mission while ensuring the safety of players and volunteers.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Promote the philosophy of Harlem LL – Building Big League Citizens, not superstar athletes.

Identify team parents & other volunteers who show a commitment to work & achieve the Mission.

Encourage parents/guardians to:

- Support and respect players and volunteers
- Not manage/coach their player while in the game or dugout.
- Inform the League of player academic and other achievements to be shared in the UPDATE.
- Always make sure children are escorted to the comfort station, playground or other areas.
- Not umpire the game because rule disputes are resolved by the managers in Tee Ball and the Umpire in all other Divisions.
- Commit to at least 2.5 or 3 hours of field duty each game day including your player's game.
- Distribute Harlem LL and other information as requested.

If a parent/guardian or spectator displays un-sportsmanlike behavior or is disruptive, the Rep is to remind him/her of Harlem LL expectations regarding setting best examples for players.

Rep is to report accidents that may have required medical attention and/or follow up to the Safety Officer within 24 hours, and prepare a written incident report to submit to Safety Officer for League records. If the Safety Officer cannot be reached within the 24 hour window, the Rep is to contact the President.

WHO TO CALL

ACTIVITY	CONTACT NAME & NUMBER	
Baseball: Managers, Coaches, Schedules	Morris McWilliams, VP Baseball	917-806-0234
Equipment & Uniforms	Sheila de Castro, Manager	914-420-1272
Players: Team Assignments, Drops, Wait List	Iris Raiford, Player Agent	347-522-0804
	Omar Tavares, Player Agent	917-378-7052
Safety Issues	Dwight Raiford, Safety Officer	347-782-2030
Umpires: Training, Game Coverage	Malcolm de Castro, Chief Umpire	914-374-2463
Website:	Iris Raiford, Information Officer	347-522-0804
	Jody Mercier, Information	720-272-5187
General: Fields & Grounds, Harlem LL	Gwendolyn Scott, President	917-592-6817

COMMUNITY/PUBLIC INFORMATION & THINGS TO DO

Columbia U Community Scholars Program Application: This program does not lead to course credit, a degree or certification and all instruction in classes is conducted in English unless otherwise noted in course

descriptions. Admission to Community Scholars program is conditional upon proof of northern Borough of Manhattan residency. The program can be completed in 3 years or less, based on compliance with all program requirements and University regulations.

To be eligible, you: (1) must be a Borough of Manhattan resident living north of 96th Street; (2) cannot have a current affiliation with Columbia and (3) must have a High School Diploma, GED or equivalent. The NYState Empire State Development Corporation may require Columbia to submit each applicant's name, address and proof of residency to confirm program eligibility.

Candidates are selected by a Committee that may include Columbia senior staff, deans and faculty, and possibly leaders from local cultural institutions. Scholars will be appointed for terms of three years. At the end of each Scholar's appointment, the outcome of his/her term at the University will remain accessible for future Community Scholars and others to review. For more information, visit communityaffairs@columbia.edu or call 212-8544289. If interested your submission must be postmarked no later than April 30 with all materials in one packet.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU - If you have questions or news from the field or community to share, we want to hear from you. Send your messages to contactus@harleml.org.