

WEEKLY UPDATE

May 16, 2015 - Week 6

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LEAGUE REMINDERS

Field Directors (“Observers/watchers”) for All Divisions – Volunteers needed to serve as field observers/watchers and problem solvers, if needed. If you are willing to give at least 3 hours on game days especially if you will be at the field for your player’s game, we need you. The frequency of scheduling will depend on the number of volunteers who commit for each Division and team game schedules. Specific responsibilities will be to make sure that while team leaders make sure players behave pursuant to our Code of Conduct, the same is needed for family members and other spectators. Positive voices are needed to help us to remind others of HLL’s practices and principles. Want to know more, send a message to president@HarlemLittleLeague.org. A task description will be forwarded.

Responsibilities & Conduct Reminders: All Harlem LL members (i.e. parents, players and volunteers) are expected to behave in a manner that reflects the integrity and spirit of HLL. Abusive language, profanity or physical contact with players, volunteers or spectators is not permitted. Though rare, occasionally there may be reports of unacceptable behavior on the part of a parent, volunteer or player. If such actions are reported to or observed by a League official, action ranging from some form of suspension to dismissal from Harlem LL will be taken. Occasionally, it is necessary to remind parents, other family members and guests of how important it is to bring good sportsmanship to games by:

Cheering for your child’s team and encouraging all players.

Not criticizing or razzing the opposing team – this is forbidden and is thought to be a waste of time because it does not serve to encourage players.

Not criticizing an umpire’s call; it is unproductive and sets a bad example for players.

Harlem LL Continues Hunt for a Cheer - The Special Events Working Group continues efforts to ID a League cheer and hopes to complete its search by the end of this Season. The submission deadline has been extended to June 20, and the hope is to be able to introduce the cheer on Closing Day. Start clapping and thinking of tunes that remind you of baseball, parks, fields and make a much needed Harlem LL cheer. Email all words and tunes to newcheer@harleml.org.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

AAA (9/10's) & Major (11/12's) Teams Prepare to Participate in the 5th Annual Memorial Day Weekend Tourney (MDWT) ---- For a 4th year, Harlem LL joins Downtown, Greenwich Village & Peter Stuyvesant LL's for the 5th Annual Memorial Day Weekend Tourney. Participating Leagues, all members of District 23 LLB, come together in the spirit of relationship building and skill development and just enjoying baseball. As we have done since joining the MDWT, HLL has entered one team to play in each section though some Leagues enter 2.

Selecting MDWT participants is the same as for LLB Tournament. The President identifies managers and managers seek out other managers and/or coaches to work with them and to conduct player tryouts to ID team members. 2015 MDWT teams are still being formed as of this UPDATE. Thus, MDWT team reports are incomplete, but what we have is shared below.

11/12 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND TOURNEY TEAM & GAMES

Team Leaders: Sheila de Castro, **Manager** **Coaches:** Christopher Napoleoni, Mariano Poll

The Players: Amair Cherry, Michael Edwards, Jordan Hamilton, Arnorfo Jeminez, Luis Jordan, Fari Joseph, Abraham Marte, Casario Medina, Dorian Myles, Jonah Sposito, 2 slots open for assignment

Games:	Fri, May 22 6 PM	HLL & GVLL-1 @ JJ Walker (Hudson & Clarkson)
	Sat, May 23 TBA	HLL & GVLL-2 @ Shea
	Sun, May 24 10 AM	PSLL & HLL @ Con Ed (East 16 th St. & Ave C)
	Sun, May 24 1 PM	DLL & HLL @ Con Ed (East 16 th St. & Ave C)

9/10 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND TOURNEY TEAM & GAMES

Team Leaders: Ed Cherry, **Manager** **Coaches:** Alphonso Jones & coaches to be added

The Players: Roster not finalized as of this report

Games:	Friday, May 22, 5:30 PM	PSLL & HLL/away @ Con Ed (East 16 th St. & Ave C)
	Sat, May 23, 10 AM	HLL & GVLL/away @ Shea
	Sun, May 24, 10 AM	HLL & DLL/away @ Battery Park North (Murray & WSH)

Each year some always ask why we use Tourney and not Tournament and the answer is always the same. Bill Martino (Downtown LL) thought Tourney to be ideal to eliminate confusion with LL Baseball's tournament games that lead to LLB World Series play.

PUBLIC INFORMATION & THINGS TO DO

Saturday, May 16 @ 10:30 AM Marcus Garvey Park Alliance Saturday Morning Walks & Discussions - Meet at Fifth Avenue and 124th Street Entry to the Park to join Marcus Garvey Park Alliance and friends for a walk around the Park and up to the Acropolis.

This is an open invitation to join the group for a little exercise and opportunity to share ideas for the park and the restoration of the acropolis.

May 18 (4-8 PM) Manhattan BP Gayle Brewer Opens Harlem Office at 431

West 125th Street (between Morningside and Amsterdam Avenues). If you wish to attend, an RSVP is requested at <http://BrewerOpenHouse.eventbrite.com> or call 212-531-1609.

THE UPDATE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU — We want to hear what is happening with our players, volunteers and other members of our HLL families. In addition to news from the field, we want to hear about academic accomplishments and all other achievements away from HLL.