## Dixon Little League Frequently Asked Questions

## IMPORTANT INFO TO KNOW



- League is completely volunteer based
- The league has a Constitution, By Laws and Local Rules that dictate how the league is set up or why things are done as they are.
- Be sure to download the Little League International App (LL Rulesbooks)
- Fields are owned by the city and we have requirements to meet to continue to be able to use the fields.
- Registration cost is based on the overall costs to run the league each season. Every
  year the Board of Directors review the overall costs per player from the year prior to
  help determine the registration costs for the upcoming season. Our goal is to consider
  affordability as well in hopes of reaching our full community.
- Board meetings are open to the public and are held the first Wednesday of the month at 630pm, located at Best Western in Dixon.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

- VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AND WELCOMED. Great way to give back to the community as well as meet other families. This is the only reason this league exists.
- All volunteers in close contact with players MUST complete a background check through the Dixon Little League website. Background check is free.
- Volunteer Positions are Manager, Coach, Team Parent, Team Support,
   Umpire and even as Board Member.



#### FACTS AND FIGURES FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE - 2024 SEASON KICKOFF

How much did it cost to run the league in 2023?

• \$89,646

How much did DLL generate in revenue in 2023?

• \$114,879

How much did it cost per player to operate the league in 2023?

• \$282.79 per player (based on 317 players)

How much do we charge per player to participate?

- Registration fees are \$175 or \$150 if registered via early bird.
- In 2023 player registration fees generated \$40,695 in revenue.

How does the league cover the additional \$48,951 in revenue it takes to run the league?

- Raffle ticket sales = \$21,872
- Snack bar sales of \$38,726 generated \$19,809 in net profit (sales of \$38,726 less cost of goods and operating expense of \$18,917)
- Donations / Sponsorships = \$11,296

What were the league's major expense categories in 2023?

- Uniforms, baseballs, and safety equipment = \$36,544
  - Each baseball costs roughly \$4.25 (T Ball, A, AA, and AAA typically use 2 per game, Majors, 50/70, and Juniors typically use 3 to 4 per game)
- Snack bar merchandise and operating expense = \$18,917
- Umpires = \$6,905 (most umpires are paid between \$30 and \$55 per game a few volunteer)
  - AA,, AAA, Majors, 50/70 & Juniors require 2 umpire / game)
- Landscaping service = \$7,425 (for service year round)
- Field supplies = \$5,313 (mound and home plate bricks, mound and home plate clay, marking paint, infield surface conditioner, home plates, pitcher's mound plates, etc...)
  - A can of field striping paint = \$5.25 (we typically use 1.5 cans per field per game)
  - Clay bricks = \$2.60 each (we use about 200 bricks per season to rebuild batter's boxes and mounds)
  - Mound and home plate clay = \$19.85 per bag (we use about 40 bags of clay each year to rebuild batter's boxes and mounds)
  - Surface top dressing and quick absorb = \$16.00 per bag (we use about 55 bags each year)
- Little League International Charter / Insurance / and District 64 fees = \$4,333
- Trophies and Photos = \$1,869

NET TAKEAWAY: You can see it takes a lot of effort and money to run the league for the kids and we barely cover 45% of the cost through player registrations. The next time a parent asks about raffle ticket sales or snack bar shift coverage – please help them understand why it is so important! Raffle ticket and snack bar sales provide the vast majority of the \$48,951 not covered by player registration fees.

## **SNACK BAR**

- Snack Bar is the biggest revenue for the league
- In order to have a snack bar it takes a lot of time and effort from volunteers.
- During the games we need at a minimum of 3 volunteers to run the snack bar
- Each team is required to complete 2-3 snack bar shifts per season.
- Three to four adults (No Children, Except the pre-approved "for hire" teens) allowed in the snack bar.
- There will be an APPROVED teen list to hire teens from to cover the shift, however the teen needs to be paid PRIOR to their shift or they will be asked to leave if they haven't been paid yet.
- Snack Bar questions or to have a teen reviewed for the list contact the Snack Bar Coordinator, Sarah Torres at <a href="mailto:Crybabysarah@sbcglobal.net">Crybabysarah@sbcglobal.net</a>

## REGISTRATION

If you do not turn in the documents by the end of tryouts/assessment dates, your player will not be drafted to a team.

Registration is not complete until you have paid the registration fee in full, provided birth certificate, medical release form and proof of residency.

You can upload birth certificate images on your players account however you must provide these documents as physical copies to the league. We have tried to use the upload feature on the website and the images did not appear correctly. You can log into your account (or create one if you have not registered yet) and provide the images of the required forms.

These items are required and dictated by Little League International.





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#### **Proof of Residency 1**

Choose one of the following: Driver's license, School records, Vehicle records, Employment records, Insurance documents

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#### Is the participant new or returning? \*





Returning

**Upload Birth Certificate** Birth-Certificate-Tem... X Proof of Residency 2

Only .png, .jpg, .pdf, .jpeg, .gif files allowed. Max file size 10MB

Choose one of the following: Welfare/child care records, Federal records, State records, Local records, Support payment records, Homeowner or tenant records, Military records

#### Proof of Residency 3

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Choose one of the following: Voter's registration, Utility bills, Financial records, Medical records, Internet, cable, or satellite bills

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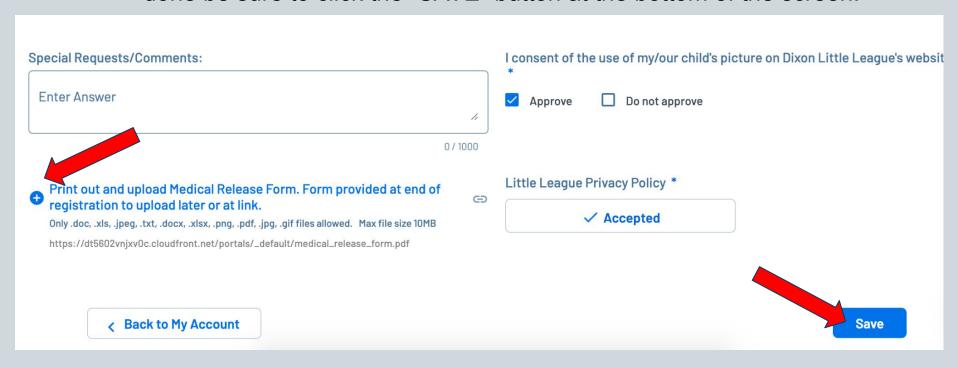
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School Enrollment

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Please print a copy of the linked School Enrollment Form, to be filled out by a school administrator, principal or vice principal, then upload a copy of the completed form. Note that you can complete registration and return to your league website to upload the completed form at a later date.

Be sure to scroll to the bottom to print the Medical Release form. After you are done be sure to click the "SAVE" button at the bottom of the screen.



You can download the Proof of Residency requirements, School Enrollment and the Medical Release form on the Dixon Little League website under the Registration tab.

## WHAT FORMS ARE NEEDED

- 1) Birth certificate, which needs to be a clear copy.
- Medical Release form which needs to be filled out, signed and legible.
- 3) Proof of residency:

The Board of Directors is requesting all players provide the completed **School Enrollment form** and have your child's school sign verifying they are enrolled in a Dixon school. This form is completed by you as the parent and signed by the school administrator. This form can be located on the website.

If you do not turn in the documents by the end of tryouts/assessment dates, your player will not be drafted to a team.

<u>If your child does not attend a school in Dixon</u> then you are able to provide proof a different way.

- You must provide 3 different forms, one from each group, that meet the requirements listed below.
- These forms must be dated between the current year and the year you are registering your player for. Example, if you are registering your child for Spring 2024, the forms must be dated between Feb 1, 2023-Feb 1, 2024.
- You must provide these documents as physical copies to the league.

GROUP ONE	GROUP TWO	GROUP THREE
1. Driver's License	<ol> <li>Welfare/child care records</li> </ol>	1. Voter's Registration
2. School records	2. Federal records	2. Utility bills
3. Vehicle records	(i.e. Federal Tax, Social Security, etc.)	(i.e., gas, electric, water/ sewer, phone, mobile
(i.e.,registration, lease, etc.)	3. State records	phone, heating, waste disposal)
4. Employment records	4. Local (municipal) records	3. Financial records
5. Insurance documents	5. Support payment records	(i.e. loan, credit, investments, etc.)
	6. Homeowner or tenant records	4. Medical records
	7. Military records	5. Internet, cable, or satellite records

These document
guidelines are
requirements from Little
League International.
Even if your child has
played with Dixon Little
League previously, the
forms are required
EVERY year.



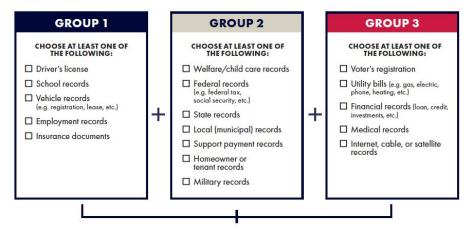
#### Little League® Residency and School Attendance Eligibility Checklist

Players are eligible to play with that league only if they reside, or the physical location of the school where they attend classes is, within the boundaries provided to, and approved by, Little League® International. Complete Residency and School Attendance Eligibility Requirements can be found in the current year's Little League Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Policies rulebook.

NOTE: Players who established "residence" or "school attendance" for regular season and/or tournament in a prior season using the Tournament Player Verification form, and can produce the form with proper proofs and signatures, will NOT need to complete a new Tournament Player Verification form.

#### Residency Shall be Established and Supported by:

Documents containing the full residence which includes parent(s) or court-appointed guardian(s) name, street address, city, state, and zip code information, dated or in force between February 1 of the previous year and February 1 of the current year, from ONE or more documents from EACH of the three groups outlined below:



Note 1: Three documents from the same group constitute only ONE document.

Note 2: Certain documents may be used in different Groups, but will count for only one Group per child. Example – If a water/sewer bill is used to satisfy Group II as a municipal record, that same bill CANNOT be used as a utility bill to satisfy Group III.

If you do not turn in the documents by the end of tryouts/assessment dates, your player will not be drafted to a team.

These documents can be provided at tryouts/assessments even if your child is not required to be assessed. These documents need to be verified by a board member before your child will be drafted to a team.

At the end of the season, if your child is chosen for an All Stars team, you will need to provide a physical official birth certificate. Not a copy. Be sure to order an official physical birth certificate prior to the end of the season or your child will be ineligible for All Stars.

Any questions please email either dixonllboard@dixonlittleleague.org or support @dixonlittleleague.org

## TRYOUTS/ASSESSMENTS

- Tryouts are for any player league age 7 and older. Be sure to review the most current league age graph.
- Players only need to attend one tryout session.
- If paperwork is completed, your player will be assigned to a team, but to ensure players are in the appropriate skill level, each player must be evaluated.
- Player will need to bring glove, helmet and bat. No cleats permitted if it's tryouts are in the inside soccer arena. If they don't have one the league will have some for them to borrow.
- They will be assessed on their throwing, fielding, running and hitting. So be sure to wear appropriate clothing.
- Remind your player just to do their best and have fun.
- We need volunteers the day of to help setup or navigate players.
- If a player does not attend tryouts they cannot be drafted to a team.

## TRYOUT DETAILS

Tryout dates and times will be posted to the Dixon Little
League website and social media. It's usually the middle of
January in the evening as well as a session on the weekend.
Be sure to watch your email and the website for further details

each year.

## RAFFLE TICKETS

- Raffle Ticket sales is the most important fundraiser the league does and is used to cover the cost of the league to offset registration cost from year to year.
- Funds have been used to update the fields with new scoreboards, pitching mounds, dirt to repair the fields, fence slats, chalk to outline fields and more.
- EACH PLAYER IS REQUIRED TO SELL FIVE \$10 RAFFLE TICKETS, TOTALING \$50 PER PLAYER
- The raffle will take place at the Family Day each year.
- Family Day is a fun time to be out on the fields with games all day, extra food options and lots of raffle items in addition to the main ticket sales. Be sure to invite family and friends to join on this day.

## OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

**Field Clean Up Day:** Volunteers are always needed to help get the fields prepped for the start of the season

**Informational Manager meeting:** Volunteers who are chosen to Manage a team must attend this meeting for overall rules and requirements.

**Gear sale and swap:** The league tries to support all families to get the equipment each child needs and will host gear swap day to allow for families to bring items to swap.

**Umpire Training:** All volunteers (adult or youth) interested in umpiring must attend these trainings.

**Scorekeeping Training:** Starting in AA Division volunteers are needed to keep score. Scorekeeping training is provided by the league to prepare families for this need.

Opening Day: The official start to the season with a quick ceremony and first pitch.

**Picture Day:** All teams will be assigned a time to be at the fields for official team photos.

**Family Day:** Fun day for family to come cheer their favorite team and support the league. Raffle tickets are due a week prior to family day and the official drawing will take place at Family Day.

**AA, AAA and Majors Playoffs:** At the end of the regular season there is a playoff for AA, AAA and Majors Divisions as needed. This will be based on the first half of the season winner and the second half of the season winner.

## WHEN DOES IT START

Teams will be drafted at the end of January and Managers will be in contact with team information around the beginning of February, which will be when the practice schedule can start. Each team will be provided a bag of gear so there is no need to have every item needed by practice. Registration cost covered jersey, hat, belt and socks. Team Manager will decide pants color and should make you aware of what's needed for gear. Parents should plan for the basic gear of helmet, bat and glove.

The goal is to have the official game schedule completed by mid February.



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REMEMBER
THAT THE
COACHES
AND
UMPIRES ARE
VOLUNTEERS

# THE LITTLE LEAGUE® PARENT/VOLUNTEER PLEDGE

I will teach all children to play fair and do their best.

I will positively support all managers, coaches and players.

I will respect the decisions of the umpires.

I will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the game.

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BASEBALL