



East Stroudsburg Little League

Parent Introduction

PO Box 823, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

If you're reading this, you have taken the first step in joining the little league baseball organization in East Stroudsburg! Little league has been providing unforgettable memories on the diamond for 85 years, and this season is your opportunity to contribute to that rich tradition. As we go on this journey together, we wanted to provide some insight and guidance to have you well on your way to having the best little league season yet. Thank you for making the effort and as always, LET'S PLAY BALL!

Communication

Team communication will come through the gamechanger application. In the beginning of each season, we extrapolate the registered players, and either assign players to teams (Instructional/Majors) and/or Draft a roster (Minors/Intermediate). Once completed and the rosters are finalized, your head coach will reach out with an invitation to their team page within the application via email. You can download the app from the email, or, if you would like to check it out, you can download that here: [Download GameChanger \(gc.com\)](https://www.gc.com). The gamechanger app will be used to: communicate via chats, schedule practices and games (including locations on the map and times), attendance tracker, game scoring (Konawalik), and modifications to the schedule. In 2024, we expect this to happen between March 3rd-7th. Once teams are settled, We will be setting up times to go through app use and how to score games with each team during their practice times before the season. This allows for every team to use the app to its maximum benefit. When in doubt, check your gamechanger app!

Volunteering

ESLL is always looking for volunteers to help run the organization. As you all know, every single person involved is doing this at the expense of their own free time. The more people that volunteer, the less work there is to do on any one given individual. To ensure the safety of our players, we require the little league volunteer application to be filled out, a state background check, and the child abuse clearance to be administered. All are completely free for volunteers and are hassle free. You can find the volunteer application within our "Download Forms" section.

While coaching and helping out the coaching staff is completely optional, we have a few items that are **mandatory** volunteering items that must be carried out to ensure we are operating optimally for the youth of the program:

1. Game Volunteering

- a. Konawalik/Waterfront- Concession stands (Home team). Who doesn't love a concession stand? For every game we have at these venues, we require the concession stand to be run throughout the game. This is our biggest source of revenue throughout the season and helps to keep the costs low. It's also great way to grab a bite to eat while you watch your favorite little leaguer battle on the diamond. Every family must perform this task at least once throughout the season. No exceptions. Any game where the concession stand is not being run will be forfeited, with the win given to the Away team. This would hurt us in a place we can't feel physically, however, without revenue, there is no league. Please ensure we never have to do this. Less reps only hurts the players.
- b. Konawalik- Announcer (Away Team). For every game that we have at these venues, we require an announcer. The reason ESLL is one of the best little leagues around is due to the atmosphere. The magic of coming up to the plate and having your named called gives our stadium a big league feel. We want to ensure every player gets that moment in our league. Having the announcer helps us achieve that. Additionally, we also give shout outs to sponsors as part of their deal with the league. To ensure our players get the proper experience and our sponsors get the proper recognition, this is a mandatory volunteering requirement.
- c. Konawalik, Rock Tenn, Middle Smithfield- GameChanger scoring. This is a new function that we have added for the experience of the little league. This season, we'd like to provide game summaries to our parents and the public, while also providing all coaches visibility on pitch counts and team lineups (also beneficial for the announcer). GameChanger scoring allows us to do so, so this year, we are making it a mandatory requirement for our games*.
 - i. *In 2024, We have a technical difficulty at Waterfront that might hinder our ability to record games back there. Until we can figure out a solution to the technical barrier, the manual book will be allowed as an option for Intermediate games. If you have service back there and want to use GC, great. If not, we understand!
- d. Waterfront- Garbage disposal (Away Team). The away team at Waterfront Park will be responsible for taking the trash to the dumpster at the front of the park. While history has shown that both teams contribute to this duty, it will ultimately be the responsibility of the away team to make this happen. This ensures our facility is clean.

2. Team Parent

- a. As we get ready for the season, the team parent is just as important as the coaching staff. They help with many parts of the operation but mostly with the organization and experience of the entire team.
- b. Each team needs a team parent to ensure the coaching staff is fully supported.
 - i. They are not responsible for manning the concession stand for every game.

Issue Resolution

Not everything will be gummy bears and skittles as we progress through the season. Whenever there is a bump in the road or a challenge/roadblock, do not hesitate to reach out to your head coach. 85% of most issues rely on communication, however, for all issues, make sure you speak to your head coach FIRST. If there is an issue that cannot be solved with the head coach, the head coach will escalate that to the board for issue resolution. In the event that there is an issue between yourself and the head coach, please provide the board a summation of the issue in writing and we will collaborate and respond with an appropriate outcome. Please remember that our goal is to provide a safe and healthy environment for your player to grow. Our decisions will always point toward that end goal.

Code of Conduct

We have codes of conduct for players, parents, and coaches. Once practices commence, we require a signed copy from all folks who are involved prior to receiving uniforms. This ensures you have read and understood the terms and conditions we require to participate in East Stroudsburg Little League.

Final Thoughts

Remember, this is an organization made by, built by, and run by the town. Let's work together to make little league a fun and awesome experience for any local player looking to learn America's game. See you soon!



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