

2024 Team Parent Packet



Anaheim Hills Little League

751 S. Weir Canyon Rd. #157-522 Anaheim Hills, CA 92808 Dear Family and Friends of Anaheim Hills Little League,

Welcome back or welcome to a new year of baseball in Anaheim Hills! Anaheim Hills Little League (AHLL) is a non-profit volunteer led youth baseball organization. AHLL is a member of District 30 Little League Baseball. The AHLL Board of Directors is a hard-working group of volunteers. We are excited to continue to provide your child and family a fun, safe, and exciting place to play baseball in 2024! Our plan remains to reinvest funds back into the league to provide better equipment and playing fields for our children for years to come.

We want to provide a positive place for all kids to learn to play baseball while having fun! Our success will depend on you and all the members of our baseball family. We hope that we can count on you to support this league by volunteering and creating a positive environment for all of our children.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our 2024 Board of Directors. All of us are here to assist you this season. Please feel free to contact us via email at any time:

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To keep the lines of communication open and ensure that all of us are on the same page, we encourage you to utilize our website at www.anaheimhillsll.com and follow us on Instagram & Facebook. Please take time to read through this packet of information to get a head start on how our league will be operating this season. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact anyone on the Board of Directors. As a dedicated group of volunteers, we look forward to working with you to make this a successful baseball season. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Jose Cruz

Jose Cruz - AHLL President jcruzahll@gmail.com



TEAM COORDINATOR INFO

Welcome to the 2024 season of Anaheim Hills Little League Baseball! We would like to be the first to thank you for volunteering as a Team Coordinator. Your role is very important in helping your Manager and Assistant Coaches run a successful team. We look forward to working with you this season. Please let us know if you have any questions.

As a Team Coordinator, you are responsible for collecting team fees, distributing league information and communications from the Board of Directors, assisting your parents with the league volunteer points program, sending out game/practice schedules, coordinating team pictures, distributing awards, having the names/numbers put on hats, planning team parties, purchasing end-of-season Coach gifts, organizing volunteers to help with various team activities/assignments, District 30 Angels Day and much more.

Please note that Crescent Elementary and Anaheim Hills Fields can revoke our permits at any time! Please let families know that they should not be roaming either campus or jumping on the fences. All visitors must park in marked stalls only. Please **DO NOT** park on the grass or in red emergency access areas.

Please share with your families that dogs are not permitted at Crescent Fields.

Everyone on the AHLL Board of Directors is a volunteer. They are volunteering their time outside of their homes/families/jobs to make this league the best it can be. Please keep this in mind when addressing a Board Member or waiting for a response from one. They give us their time, energy, and expertise!

TEAM COMMUNICATION

Communication is crucial to running a smooth team. GameChanger is our preferred app to use per Little League's contract with Dicks Sporting Goods. As the schedules come out for practices and games, you enter in the dates/times in GameChanger to send out automatic email reminders & collect RSVPs.

Parents may inquire about what their individual registration fee and team sponsorship monies cover. Registration fees & Sponsor monies contribute to the operation and maintenance of our league. They help cover the cost of hats, photographer / photos, participatory awards, baseball equipment (balls, bases, catchers gear, etc.), field equipment (field cart, rakes, brooms, lawn mowers, fences, backstops, etc.), field maintenance and repair (including field dirt and sprinkler maintenance), bathroom rentals/custodial fees, trash removal, utilities, insurance, umpire equipment, tournament fees, incorporation fees, partial post-season participation, City and OUSD permits, promotional materials and much more.

LEAGUE COMMUNICATION

As the Team Parent, we look to you to send out league communications to your parents/guardians. A team roster will be given to you at our Team Parent meeting. We ask that you review the roster and submit any corrections/changes to us ASAP. This will also help with our photography ordering process.

VOLUNTEER POINTS

Fulfilling volunteer points are a requirement for all families within league. We need volunteers for Team Managers, Assistant Coaches, Team Parents, Umpires, and Field Crew Members, as well as in the Snack Shack and at our special events. We cannot operate without the help of our parent volunteers. Please turn in your team's completed Volunteer Point sheet by Paper Night, February 28. Please be sure to log your Volunteer Points on our website under Volunteers tab. See Volunteer Point info sheet for more details.

HELP SHEET

Each team will be required to complete a Help Sheet prior to the start of the season. The Help Sheet will list the names of the official volunteer staff for your team as follows: (1) Manager/Head Coach, (2-3) Assistant Coaches, (1) Team Parent, (2) Field Maintenance Crew Members, (1) Lead Scorekeeper, and (2-3) Qualified Umpires. You are responsible for helping your Team Manager complete the Help Sheet and having it sent to the league Safety Officer ASAP.

PICTURES

Team pictures will take place on February 11 & 12 at the Crescent Elementary Cafeteria. Please ask parents to be there at least 15 minutes early to make sure the entire team is ready to go. All players must be present before the team enters the cafeteria. Parents will not be allowed to enter the cafeteria. Each player should bring their own bat, ball, and glove for use in the pictures. The photographer will decide what prop the player will use in the picture. Team Parents and (1) Team Manager/Coach will escort the players into the cafeteria for photos. The Manager and up to (3) Assistant Coaches may be in the team photo. If you plan to take advantage of this, please have your Manager/Coach coordinate their attire.

The photographer will take "serious" and "smiling" shots of each individual player. The "serious" pose will be used in the composite team picture. The photographer will not take a "team" picture. He will create it and composite the individual photos into the team picture. Parents will have the choice of both serious and smiling shots when ordering their individual photos. Parents are also able to choose between several different backgrounds for the individual shots.

AHLL will provide the following League Package: 1 - 5x7 team photo and 1 - Individual Photo Button Per Player. Individual player photos will need to be purchased by the parents. On picture day, each player will receive a paper with online order instructions and an individual QR code to access pictures. Please remind your parents to get the access code paperwork from their child right after pictures to ensure it does not get lost. This allows parents to preview images before ordering. In order to receive the League Package parents must login via the access code and order the League Package (no charge). Parents may order additional photos at their own expense. If parents don't want the League Package, they can still place an order online for photos and a nominal credit will be given at the time of checkout. If a parent doesn't want any photos at all, no refund will be given.

Parents will also receive an email (and possibly a text) from Epic Images reminding them to go online and place their order. Please tell your parents to look out for this reminder!

The deadline to order the League Package at no charge with delivery to the league is Sunday, March 5. All parents must complete orders by this date to receive the no charge League Package and/or credit and no shipping charges. If the order is after this date, then all orders will be paid in full and shipping will be added as they will be mailed to their homes. Once orders are delivered to the league, we will email you the pick-up date and location.

TEAM PARTIES

Kids look forward to team parties after games. You don't have to have one after each game (although we've heard of it happening) but please try to plan a few. Local pizza places such as Pepz will provide pizza and drinks free of charge to a team in uniform. Parents/siblings will need to pay for themselves. Please check with other places to see what they will offer teams prior to booking. Always call first and make a reservation. Teams typically have a post-season party to celebrate. Please work with your families to plan a fun celebration. These costs should be included in your team fees. Remember, it's not necessary to go over the top! Players love pizza, some games, and their teammates!

TEAM FEES

You will want to collect team fees for each player to cover incidental expenses. Being a Team Parent should not cost you anything out of pocket unless you want it to. Any funds collected for the team are controlled and managed by the Team Parent. The league does not control these funds and does not set a limit on how much can be collected, but please try to keep it reasonable. Fees are typically charged for hat numbering & lettering, end of season Coach gifts, end of season party, umpire fee/deposit (AA, AAA, and Majors only), water donation to the snack shack, additional baseballs, team sponsorship (only if one can't be secured). Be sure to keep all receipts and track your expenses.

PAPER NIGHT

Paper Night will be held at Pepz Pizza on February 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Team Parents are expected to attend; if unavailable, please send a representative. We will be collecting sponsorship forms & monies, Angel Day orders & monies, Volunteer Point buy-out payments (these will be individual payments from each family if they chose to buy out; checks should be made out to Anaheim Hills Little League), and Umpire Fee/Deposit. You should have separate checks made out to Anaheim Hills Little League for Sponsorships, your Angel Day payment, and Umpire Fee/Deposit.

TEAM SPONSORSHIPS

Non-profit youth sports programs cannot run without the support of our teams, families, our community and team sponsors. Every team is required to have 1 sponsor in the amount of \$325. 3 x 5 Sponsor Banners are also available for an additional \$60. The banners will be hung on the field fences at our Crescent Elementary Fields. The required sponsor fee can be built into your team fees or teams can elect to pursue outside sponsorships from local businesses/individuals. The 2024 AHLL Sponsorship Form can be found under the Forms & Resources tab on our website. We will collect Sponsorship forms and payments at Paper Night on February 28th from 6:00- 8:00 pm at Pepz Pizza. Banners must be purchased and submitted by February 28. We will not accept banner purchases after the February 28th date. If banners are purchased, they will be ordered in bulk by AHLL the week of February 28th and will be hung at the Crescent Fields as soon as possible. Banner proofs will be sent direct to the sponsor by our Marketing Manager. Please share this information with your sponsors. As a thank you to our sponsors, AHLL will list sponsor's name on our AHLL website and sponsors will have the option for a sponsor plaque with a team picture (for full sponsorships of \$325 only). These plaques will be distributed to the Team Coordinators before the conclusion of the season. AHLL is a non-profit organization and all sponsorships are tax deductible. FEIN #33-0438701

PROFIT SHARING

If your team secures multiple sponsorships, your team will be reimbursed 50% of each additional sponsorship after the 1st required \$325 sponsorship. Profit sharing amount does not include the banner purchase. Profit sharing checks will be made payable to the Team Parent and will be distributed after the first half of the season. This is a great way to add to your team budget!

Example:

 1^{st} Required Sponsor = \$325 (AHLL retains 100%) 2^{nd} Sponsor = \$325 (\$162.50 back to the team) 3^{rd} Sponsor = \$325 + \$60 Banner (\$162.50 back to the team) 4^{th} Sponsor = \$100 (\$50 to the team) Profit Sharing dollars back to the team = \$375

SAFETY INFORMATION

Every single player is required to have these forms completed, signed and in the team binder and with the manager/coach at every game and practice. This is a requirement from Little League International for insurance purposes. Players are not allowed to practice or play in any games without this form! These forms are available on our website under the Forms & Resources tab.

- Medical Release Form
- Concussion Protocol Form
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) Form

JDP BACKGROUND CHECKS/LIVE SCAN - Anyone who is going to be allowed to interact with our children needs to have a JDP background check & Live Scan completed and approved. Live Scan is only needed once for your AHLL career, but the JDP background check is to be completed each season. Live Scan is done at our local Postal Annex in the Ralph's shopping center, at the cost of AHLL. The Live Scan form is under the Forms & Resources tab on our website & Postal Annex also has them onsite. This includes the Team Manager, all Coaches, Team Parent, Field Crew, Umpires and **ANY** parent who will be helping on the field with our children during practices/games.

UNIFORMS & PATCHES/EQUIPMENT

We are pleased to announce that our League is still partnered with Nike and Gear Up Sports to outfit players for the season. Upon completion of the draft/team assignments, Team Managers will send each parent a link and instructions for ordering uniforms. This partnership with Nike enables parents to purchase their players jersey at a discounted price. Parents enter the personal team store by selecting the players division and team name. In addition, parents are also able to order Team-Manager-assigned pants, belts, and socks also at a discounted price. The uniform will be sent directly to the player's home. Parents will also choose the players name and number for the jersey (numbers are assigned on a first come, first served basis). Only the player's last name should be used. Hats will still be provided directly from AHLL. To ensure delivery prior to picture day and the start of the season, uniforms must be ordered by January 22. If ordered after this date, there will be a rush fee assessed and delivery in time for Opening Day and Picture Day is not guaranteed. Please assist your Team Manager and reach out to all of your parents to ensure their order has been completed. Any questions please contact our league Uniform & Equipment Manager, Jose Cruz.

Upper Division teams (AA, AAA, and Majors) will receive Little League patches. Little League patch must be applied on the <u>left sleeve</u> of the jersey. We will also provide you a print out with your patches.

The league also provides catchers equipment (Single A and above) for each team and 1 dozen baseballs at the beginning of the season only. These should only be used for games (collect used baseballs for practice). We have found that there are far more lost baseballs than you would imagine, so you may want to add an amount to your team fees so your Team Manager can purchase additional baseballs if needed.

Every child will need a good pair of baseball cleats (non-metal), a protective cup (males only), baseball socks, belt, baseball pants, bat, batting helmet and baseball glove. It is at your discretion to buy additional equipment like catcher's gear, batting gloves, etc. The league provides catcher's gear (for Single A and above) and baseballs. When purchasing your gloves and bats, make sure they are Little League approved (refer to the Little League Baseball website for current standards) and are sized appropriately for the age of your child.

Rule 1.7 = All male players are **required** to wear a protective cup for all practices and games in ALL levels.

HAT LETTERING AND/OR NUMBERING & PRACTICE SHIRTS/FAN GEAR

Jerseys will arrive with your players name and number already applied per your order instructions.

Many teams want names and numbers on their hats. It is typical, but not a requirement. We ask that you please use either the player's last name or jersey number for safety reasons. Since the hats are all the same, we suggest that you either have them embroidered with name and/or number or at the least write it on the inside of the bill with a sharpie. Before you embroider, please be sure to check the hat size and note that there are some adult hats provided for each team for the Team Manager/Assistant Coaches.

AHLL is not affiliated with the local companies listed below. You are free to use whomever you prefer.

Impression Graphics

1905 N. Tustin St Orange, CA 92865 949-859-7600 www.ppci-oc.com

Keeping Score Custom Lettering

625 W. Katella Avenue #3 Orange, CA 92867 714-744-6376 www.keepingscoreclg.com

Avid Promotions*

1251 S. Beach Blvd. Suite I La Habra, CA 90631 949-387-9890 www.avidpromotions.com *Local Pickup Available

UMPIRE DEPOSIT/FEE (AA, AAA, and MAJORS)

The \$400 Umpire Deposit/Fee should be added into your team fees and distributed evenly among each player. A qualified Umpire is a volunteer from your team who has attended the District 30 Umpire Mechanics Clinic on Saturday, February 3 from 9:00 to 1:00 pm at South Sunrise Little League. For each qualified volunteer umpire a team provides for a game, that volunteer will be paid \$40 for a plate assignment and \$30 for a base assignment. That payment may be kept by the umpire or returned to the team to offset Team Fees. Please turn in your umpire fee on Paper Night, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm on February 28 at Pepz Pizza.

CODE OF CONDUCT

AHLL is requiring that BOTH parents/guardians for each player in the League sign our Code of Conduct form, if applicable. Please print copies of the form for your parents; both parents can sign the same form. A form for each player must be kept in a team binder that is present at all practices, games, and AHLL events.

MANDATORY MEETINGS/TRAININGS

Team Managers and Team Parents are required to attend or have a representative from your team attend, all mandatory meetings and trainings. As a league, we have to communicate with approximately 35+ teams throughout the course of a season and need to make sure all teams receive our communications. If a team fails to send a representative to a mandatory meeting, it will result in a consequence to be determined by the AHLL Board of Directors.

SCOREKEEPING (A, AA, AAA, AND MAJORS)

You and the Manager are responsible for designating (1) Lead Scorekeeper for your team. For those who need it, District 30 offers Scorekeeping Clinics, please see the Season Calendar for information. We will continue with online tracking of game scores and pitch counts via our Umpire in Chief, Thomas Walden. It will be the responsibility of the both the home and visitor Lead Scorekeeper to email the final score of the game & pitch counts to Thomas at: AHLLScorekeeper@gmail.com. Both Team Managers should be copied on the email. Each Lead Scorekeeper also needs to include the name and league age of each of their pitchers and the number of pitches thrown in that game. In order to keep accurate records, each game record needs to be emailed to Thomas by the end of game day. Use the official pitching log for your records and keep it in your team binder as it will be used for Interleague games and tournaments.

Scorekeeping books and official line up sheets are provided to each Manager per team in the AA, AAA, and Majors divisions. Official line up sheets must be used and need to be completed before the game starts. A copy should be given to the Umpire, the opposing team's Lead Scorekeeper, the opposing team's Manager and your Manager. Each team is required to keep score and record the pitch count for each pitcher, every game. The Home Team is considered the official scorekeeper. The scorekeeping book will need to be kept as a reference should any issues arise. We encourage having a second Scorekeeper who can keep digital stats via GameChanger for your team as well. Official pitch count form should be up-to-date and with your team at all games, including interleague games.

DO NOT EMAIL ANOTHER ADDRESS, SEND A TEXT OR OTHERWISE SEND IN SCORES ANY OTHER WAY, THEY WILL NOT BE RECORDED! If you have an away or an interleague game, please use the same procedure as above.

If there is an injury or a player is struck in the head, please note that in the scorebook with the player's name, the time and what happened. Please notify our Safety Officer, Brent Czar via email as well.

Scorekeeping and Pitch Counts should not be the sole responsibility of the Team Parent. Please ask around to all parents on your team and see who knows how to keep score or encourage a volunteer on your team to attend the District 30 Scorekeepers Clinic on February 15th at Santiago Charter School Cafeteria.

PLEASE NOTE: SINGLE A DIVISION MUST KEEP AND REPORT PITCH COUNTS PER ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS!

LITTLE LEAGUE RULEBOOK

Each Team Manager and Lead Scorekeeper is asked to download the Little League Rulebook App. Team Managers are given a copy of the up-to-date AHLL By-Laws. We encourage each team to review the rules and By-Laws together. If in the event you have a specific concern or question, please reach out to your Division Player Agent, the UIC, or the President. In addition, the National Little League rules can be found on their site at www.littleleague.org

INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK

We want to encourage all parents that are on social media to like/follow Anaheim Hills Little League on Facebook and Instagram. There will be all sorts of fun things that we will be promoting via social media and don't want our players and families to miss out. Tag us on Instagram @anaheimhillsll

MUDLINE

If there is rain or a chance of rain, please check our website www.anaheimhillsll.com to see if practices/games are still on at Crescent Fields ONLY. We will try our best to update this information as soon as we can and send out emails or post on social media if possible.

Any City of Anaheim fields (Anaheim Hills Elementary, Reagan, Riverdale, Yorba Regional, etc) you will need to contact the City of Anaheim Mudline direct at 714-765-5242 for field status. Please respect the closure status of the fields. We can lose our permits if we are on closed fields.

If your child is playing in Tee Ball, Coach Pitch or Single A, a make-up game is optional and we leave that decision to the two teams involved. If the teams decide to schedule a make-up game, we ask that they notify the league so that we can make sure there is field availability.

If your child is playing in AA, AAA, or Majors, those games will be rescheduled to the very next Sunday or Monday with the exception of Interleague games. Interleague games will be scheduled ASAP pending the other league's availability. The Umpire-In-Chief will contact the Team Manager of each team with the new date and time. If dates and field availability become an issue at the end of either half season, it will be at the Umpire-In-Chief's discretion as to whether a game will be made up if it has no bearing on the standings. If you are unable to put a team together for the make-up date, you will forfeit the game.

UPPER DIVISION ORANGE CITY TOURNAMENT

AA, AAA and Majors teams will participate in the annual Orange City Tournament. Details will be sent to your Team Managers as schedules are released. Tournament will be held April 13-19.

INTERLEAGUE PLAY

All AAA and Majors teams will play regular season games with other local Little Leagues. More info will be distributed to your Team Managers as game schedules are released.

DISTRICT 30 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS (TOC)

1st and possibly 2nd place teams in Majors and AAA levels may play in this district tournament. AAA TOC begins on June 1 and Majors TOC begins on June 2.

DISTRICT 30 MACHINE PITCH TOURNAMENT

Teams with Ages 6-10 may join the District 30 Machine Pitch Tournament beginning on June 1st More details to follow.

ALL STARS

All-Star play begins after the regular season. If your child makes it to an All-Star team, you will need to provide additional paperwork to confirm your child's eligibility to be on the All-Star team. This is a District 30 requirement and there are no exceptions. You will need to provide an original birth certificate, parent's driver's license, a School Enrollment Verification form, and two forms proving residency.

Managers will start contacting parents of All-Star players after May 18, once the Board of Directors approves the player selections. Expect practices to begin immediately. Games will begin on June 22 with the possibility of playing into August. This is a huge commitment and comes at the end of a very long season. Vacations and other commitments will need to be adjusted accordingly. If this is a commitment that your player and family cannot make, please do not take a spot on the team. Families will be charged the amount of \$100 per player to help

cover costs for uniforms, photography, and tournament fees. Team Photo Day/Time is TBD; families will be notified as soon as there is a confirmed date.

PARTICIPATORY AWARDS

Tee Ball, Coach Pitch and Single A players will receive a participatory award for playing in our league. AA, AAA and Majors divisions of play will be awarded as follows: 3 or less teams per division will have 1st place awards only, 4-7 teams per division will have 1st & 2nd place awards, and 8 or more teams will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards.

During Picture Day, you will be given a printed roster of your players. You will need to review the roster to ensure all players are accounted for and their names are spelled correctly. This sheet will be used to order awards so accuracy is imperative.

Awards will be distributed at the end of the season. They will be available at the Snack Shack in exchange for any league owned equipment after your last game.

WATER DONATION

We are requesting that every team supply one (1) case of traditional-sized bottled water to the Snack Shack at Crescent by **March 2**. The easiest way to do this is to add \$1 per player to your team fees to cover the cost of the case of water. Please sign off on the sheet located at the Crescent Snack Shack so we can track the donations.

If you have any questions or need any help throughout the season, please contact:

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