

SCLL Umpire Incentive Program

Purpose

The volunteer umpire is one of the most important roles in Little League baseball and also the hardest volunteer position to fill. In an effort to show our volunteer umpires our appreciation for their hard work and dedication to our league, and to help equip the umpires going forward, Spotsylvania County Little League has instituted the following incentive program. While the league supplies the basic protective equipment needed to safely take the field, umpires take on expenses for clothing, tailoring, transportation, etc. It is because of these expenses that this program is being offered. Please note that in order to be eligible for the incentive program, we ask that you participate in at least one training session per year, either locally or district.

Incentives by Games Umpired

SCLL is offering the following incentives on a per season basis unless otherwise indicated:

- 1 Game – Invitation to the league sponsored umpire dinner at a local restaurant.
- 5 Games – 1 Free player registration for an upcoming season
- 12 Games – \$25.00 gift card.
- 20 Games – \$50.00 gift card.

The umpire dinner is held annually following the fall season at a local restaurant preferably a league sponsor if suitable. The gift cards are meant to help reimburse umpires for gasoline, uniform, and equipment expenses.

League Equipment

SCLL loans the following equipment to umpires who need it:

- Mask
- Chest Protector
- Shin Guards
- Ball Bag
- Plate Brush
- Ball and Strike Indicator

If an umpire umpires in 50 plate games over a 3 year period, the loaned equipment will be theirs to keep. Once the umpire has reached this point, the UIC will notify him/her that this threshold has been met. Rulebooks are also provided to umpires on a yearly basis.

Uniform Assistance

SCLL orders umpire shirts and hats in bulk and offers them at a discounted rate for league umpires. The following items are available:

- Combo Hats (used for bases and plate) – \$5.00
- Umpire Shirts (Navy and Powder Blue) – \$10.00
- Little League Umpire Patch – Free

SCLL also has a coupon code for use at ump-attire.com. Use SCLL15 at checkout for 10% off.

Training Reimbursements

SCLL will reimburse the registration fee for active league umpires attending certain Little League sponsored weekend clinics. In order to qualify, you must umpire in 5 games the following season and provide a copy of the clinic completion certificate. Reimbursement is provided once per umpire per year. These clinics include but may not be limited to the following:

- Spring or Fall Williamsport clinic – \$85.00
- Southeast Region Umpire Road Show – \$35.00 - \$45.00
- Southeast Region 2-Umpire Mechanics Clinic – \$30.00 - \$50.00

Post Season Umpires

One of the benefits to being a Little League volunteer umpire is the opportunity to umpire in post season tournament play at the district level all the way up to the World Series. SCLL is proud to support our umpires as they represent our league in tournaments around the district, state, and country. To help offset the cost of participating in these tournaments, SCLL provides the following incentives by level:

- Virginia State Tournaments – \$50.00 gift card
- Southeast Regional Tournaments – \$100 gift card
- World Series Tournaments – \$150 gift card

The gift cards are meant to reimburse umpires for travel and other expenses that these tournaments require. The reimbursements are granted one per level per post season. To qualify to umpire in a district tournament, the district recommends (and may require) attendance at a district approved umpire clinic. A one day free clinic is held in Warsaw, VA to provide this qualification.