

North Park Little League

Volunteer Guidebook

2025-2026



Mission Statement

North Park Little League will provide a healthy environment for the youth of our community. Our focus is to encourage participation, develop character and discipline, promote teamwork, advocate citizenship, and community pride. We will strive to provide quality instruction in the development of baseball skills, sportsmanship, competitiveness, and fair play. North Park Little League is committed to enriching the lives of our youth and fostering a love of the game.

Welcome from North Park Little League

Since 1957, the North Park Little League has been dedicated to our community and to providing a safe, healthy environment for our kids to have fun, develop teamwork and thrive. This vision is central to all our league operations, and cannot be achieved without dedicated neighborhood volunteers like you, whose contributions truly make a positive difference for our kids and our community.



Below you'll find helpful information to orient volunteers to best support our league, whether the kids are playing ball in-season or in preparation for league seasons down the road.

On behalf of our kids, a host of long-time league volunteers and the North Park Little League board of directors, welcome aboard and we look forward to another successful year!

Sincerely ~

Greg Spielman, President

North Park Little League Board of Directors

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NPLL History and Divisions of Play

NPLL is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization serving youth baseball players since 1957 in San Diego.

Joe Schloss was an instrumental figure in NPLL's establishment and success. Schloss helped found NPLL and dedicated an incredible 60 years to coaching and impacting generations of young athletes. Schloss was also the longtime owner of A&B Sporting Goods, a North Park institution that supplied little leaguers with equipment for decades. Beyond baseball, Schloss was dedicated to teaching players about character, sportsmanship and life.



Today, NPLL provides a safe, healthy, positive environment for more than 500 youths every year.

NPLL Divisions of Play

Seniors: League Age 15-16

Juniors: League Age 13-14

Intermediate (50/70): League Age 12-13

Minors - AAA (High Minors): League Age 9-11

Minors - AA (Low Minors): League Age 8-10

Minors - CAPS (Machine Pitch): League Age 7-8

Coach Pitch: League Age 5-6

Tee-Ball: League Age 4-5

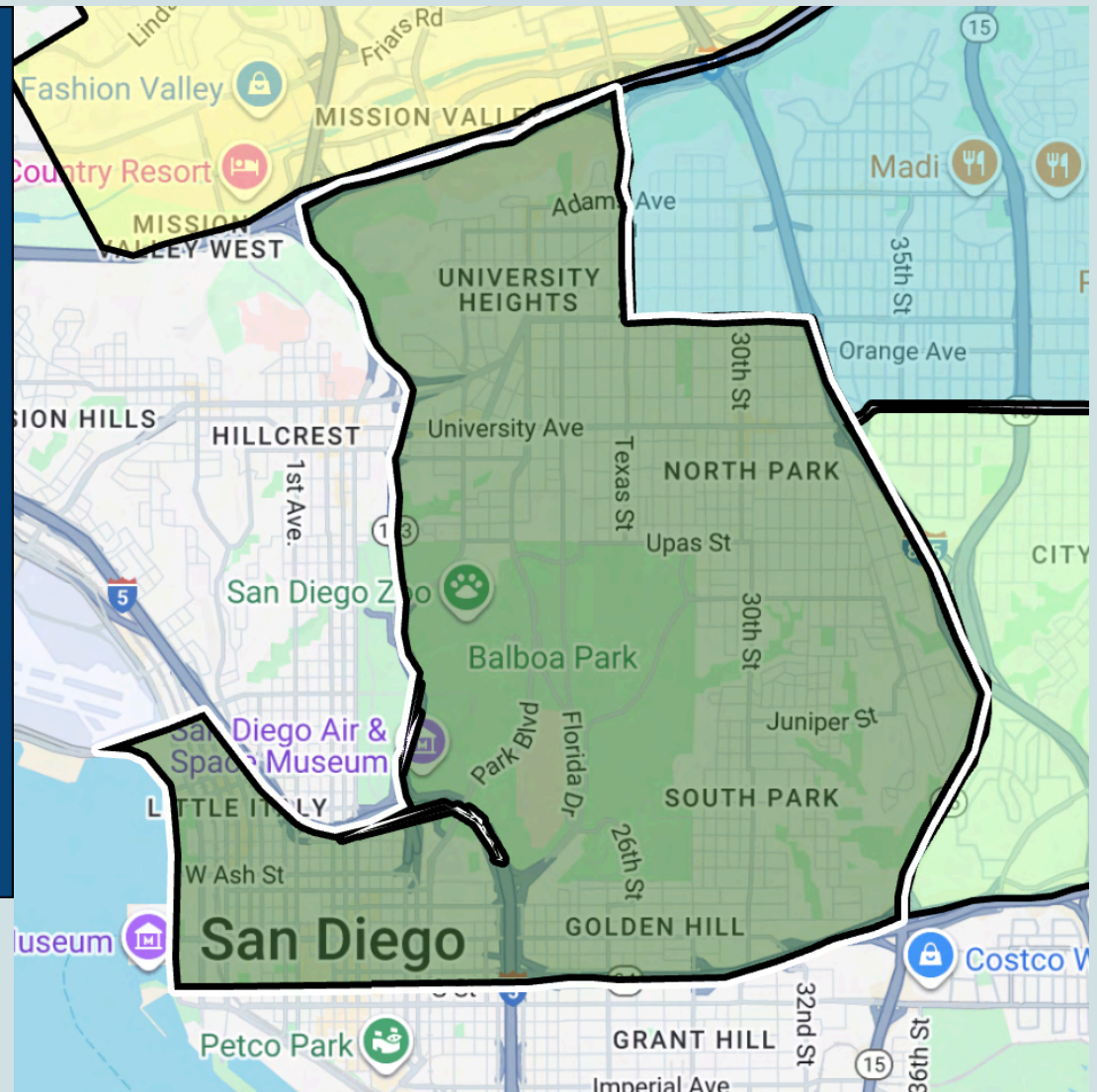
[View Additional Details](#) about NPLL Divisions of Play.

NPLL Boundaries Map

California District 33 Little League District is located in San Diego and is comprised of 14 leagues. The district covers parts of San Diego and La Mesa from Balboa Park to Mount Helix from Highway 94 to Highway 52.

View our boundaries map for NPLL.

For more information about District 33,
please visit:
<https://www.cadistrict33.org/>



NPLL Organizational Structure

Key Roles

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| President | Safety Officer |
| Vice President | Sponsorship Manager |
| Treasurer | Snack Shack Team |
| Secretary | Team Parent Coordinator |
| Head of Staff | Facilities Manager |
| Player Agent | Umpires |
| Coach Coordinator | Equipment Manager |
| Information Officer | Volunteer |
| Farm League Manager | |



Volunteer Opportunities / Roles and Responsibilities

Below you'll find a list of game-associated volunteer opportunities that support North Park Little League and its players. [View additional information](#) about volunteer training and requirements.



Game Day Operators

Game-Changers: The official scorekeeping app, GameChanger, refers to the individual or team designated as the official scorer for a game. They are responsible for using the app to track stats, pitch counts and generate a scorebook.

Volunteers needed per game: 1

- **Score-Keepers:** Scorekeeping uses a universal shorthand of symbols and numbers to record every detail of a baseball game, including pitches, at-bats, defensive plays, runs, outs and individual player statistics, creating a comprehensive and official historical record of the game.
- **Pitch-Counters:** The pitch counter's duty is to accurately record and track the number of pitches thrown by each pitcher during a game, ensuring adherence to age-based pitch count limits. They also notify the umpire and manager when a pitcher's limit is nearing or has been reached, and are responsible for informing the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher exceeds their limit.

Volunteer Opportunities / Roles and Responsibilities (cont.)

Videographers: Setting up and maintaining camera devices before, during and after the games.

Volunteers needed per team: 1

Scoreboard Operators: A little league scoreboard operator's role is to manage the main scoreboard and associated displays during a game, accurately updating scores, game times, balls, strikes, and outs. The scoreboard operator works closely with the official scorer and umpires to ensure information is correct.

Volunteers needed per team: 1

Public Address Announcers: The public address announcer is responsible for making announcements about the game, the teams and the players. They welcome spectators, announce the score and pitch count, and make announcements about sportsmanship and the North Park Little League pledge.

Volunteers needed: 2

Grounds Crew: Prepares and maintains the field before and after games, including raking, chalking lines, setting bases, and ensuring a safe, playable surface per league guidelines.

Volunteers needed: 2



Volunteer Opportunities / Roles and Responsibilities (cont.)

Head Coaches: Head Coaches are responsible for overseeing their team, including drafting players, scheduling practices and communicating with parents. They are also responsible for leading practices, making in-game decisions and ensuring players have fun and learn.

Volunteers needed per team: 1

Assistant Coaches: Assistant coaches have a multifaceted role, focusing on player development, fostering a positive environment and ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience. Their primary duties include leading practices and games, teaching baseball skills and strategies, and providing instruction and feedback to players. Additionally, coaches are responsible for communicating expectations and progress to parents, maintaining good sportsmanship and ensuring adherence to league rules.

Volunteers needed per team: 2-3

Team Parents: A team parent's primary duties involve being a liaison between the coach and parents, coordinating volunteer work and ensuring smooth team operations. They assist with communication, field preparation, snack schedules and other logistical tasks, allowing coaches to focus on player development and game-day activities.

Volunteers needed per team: 1-2



Volunteer Opportunities / Roles and Responsibilities (cont.)

Snack Shack: Shifts are typically two hours and are split between 2-4 people. Duties include working the point of sale system (cash / digital), serving snacks, drinks, hot food such as nachos, hot dogs and pretzels, and helping with Snack Shack cleaning and product restocking. A lead Snack Shack team member will be on-site to guide and assist during shifts.

Volunteers needed: Depends on weeknight or weekend shifts, and have age dependent requirements. Children older than 8 can volunteer with a parent volunteer present. Children 11+ can volunteer without a parent/guardian.

Umpires: The little league umpire's role is to officiate games, including training that involves learning the rules and the proper positioning, enforcing rules, making confident calls during game play, managing game flow, and ensuring a safe, fair and fun environment for participants. Responsibilities include calling plays, communicating with coaches and players, inspecting equipment, resolving disputes and understanding all league and official little league rules.

Volunteers needed: As many as possible because North Park Little League is responsible for covering as many as 200 games per season. Training is available for adults and youths alike!



2026 Season Schedule of Events

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| Registration Opens | November 20, 2025 |
| Early Bird Registration Closes | December 20, 2025 |
| Document Day | January 10 |
| Player Assessments (AA, AAA, Intermediate & Juniors ONLY) | January 17 |
| Volunteer Orientation | January 27 (7pm) & January 29 (6pm) |
| Fence Day (Volunteer Field Set up) | January 31 |
| Registration Closes | February 5 |
| Cap Day | February 7 |
| Opening Day | March 7 |
| Picture Day | March 21 |
| Hit-a-Thon | May 9 |
| End of Regular Season | May 16 |
| League Picnic | June 6 |
| Playoffs (AA & Above) | Through June 13 |
| Little Stars (Select CAPS players) | June 13-14 |
| All Star Games | June 13 - early July (typically concludes around June 4) |

Thanks to Our 2025 Sponsors!

North Park Little League's guiding principle is that every child who wants to play little league should be afforded the opportunity to do so. Those opportunities are funded by the generosity of our sponsors, who help fund scholarships, make field and facility maintenance possible and provide the necessary equipment for children to have a memorable little league baseball experience!

The Waldorf School of San Diego

Fairplay

5ive Tool Baseball Academy

Breakfast Republic

El Tianguis

Food Bowl Market

Mission Valley Dental Arts

North Park Creamery

Gnarly Girl Pizza

Pretzels & Pints

St. Patrick School

Retro Design Build

Rise Flag Football

Mabel's Gone Fishing

Megan Morello - Food Photography

Mesa Reprographics

Performance Contracting Inc.

Pete's Seafood and Sandwich

The Rose / Secret Sister

Working Class

ANR Finance

Aspen Leaf Preschool

B Street Vet

Baja Bound

Coach B SD Performance

Coder Construction

Crystal's Angels

Dark Horse Coffee Roasters

Mystic Mocha

Olympic Cafe

Shawarma Guys

Sisters Pizza

South Bark Dog Wash

Taproom

The Balanced Bookkeeper

Trattoria Cori Pastificio

Undisputed Gym

Estey & Bomberger

McT Real Estate Group

Wilkinson & Finkbeiner