

LFLL UMPIRE POINT SYSTEM - 2023 SPRING SEASON

For the 2023 Spring season, Lake Forest Little League has implemented an Umpire Point System to help ensure all games in our competitive divisions (AA and above) get adequate umpire coverage. Each team in Single A, AA, AAA, Majors, Intermediate, and Juniors is responsible for acquiring the minimum number of points listed in the table below. Note that while Tee Ball and Rookie teams are not required to earn umpire points, they are still encouraged to umpire, if interested, and those individuals and teams would also be eligible for the rewards discussed below.

Division	Team Points Required
Tee Ball & Rookie	0
Single A	4
AA, AAA, Majors, Intermediate, & Juniors	18

Volunteers who are interested in umpiring are highly encouraged to attend umpire training classes. Our District (District 55) puts on an Umpire Mechanics clinic as well as a Rules clinic that reviews all Little League rules. Volunteers with proof of attendance at either of the District 55 Rules Clinic or the Umpire Mechanics Clinic will begin to earn points for their team (maximum of 2 points may be earned for each Clinic attendance – total maximum of 4 points can be earned by a team for attending both Clinics). Additionally, you will also receive an official Little League Umpire hat and a \$25.00 gift card to help with fuel and lunch.

Volunteer Options	Points Earned
District 55 Mechanics Clinic	1
Umpire Rules Clinic	1
Plate Umpire	2
Base Umpire	1

Per the table above, each game umpired behind the plate earns 2 points, and each game umpired on the bases earns 1 point towards the team requirement. NOTE: The team points requirement and volunteer points earned per the tables above only apply to games in the AA and above divisions.

Parents who choose to umpire their child's Single A games WILL earn credit towards their individual volunteer requirement, but they will NOT earn credit towards the team umpire requirement or individual rewards.

For those teams whose parents are unable to fulfill the minimum team points required, the LFLL Umpire in Chief (UIC) will have a list of Little League certified umpire volunteers. The team may reach out to those individuals to see if they can cover their points.

***Teams who fail to meet Umpire Point requirements may be subject to penalty at the discretion of the Board of Directors, including but not limited to, ineligibility for LFLL Playoffs and/or Tournament of Champions competition. ***

Team Rewards:

If your team earns 25 total points, you will receive a team party at either Buffalo Wild Wings or All-Star Pizza to include food and non-alcoholic beverages for all players and rostered coaches. (All-Star Includes up to 4 pizzas, appetizers and fountain drinks for all players and coaches, and Buffalo Wild Wings to include an entree, appetizers, and fountain drink for all players and rostered coaches.)

Individual Points/Rewards:

Volunteers may fulfill their League player volunteer requirement by umpiring 3 games (per player), as either plate or base umpire. As incentive for volunteers to continue umpiring beyond the minimum requirement, there are significant rewards, as outlined below:

# of Games Umpired*	Award**	Alternate Award**	Junior Umpire Award**
3	None	None	\$25 gift card
4-5	\$50 off registration for upcoming season	\$25 gift card	\$50 gift card
6-8	\$50 off registration for upcoming season + \$50 gift card	\$75 gift card	\$100 gift card
9-10	\$100 off registration for upcoming season + \$100 gift card	\$125 gift card	\$200 gift card
11+	\$100 off registration for upcoming season + \$150 gift card	\$175 gift card	\$250 gift card

^{*}Upper Division Games only, Single A games count towards individual volunteer requirement only.

^{**}All Rewards will be issued by the LFLL UIC at the end of the season after final game tally is confirmed.

