



ELMER LITTLE LEAGUE

COACHES' EXPECTATIONS

The purpose of this handout is to provide guidance to new coaches and be a reminder to returning coaches about the expectations for coaching out at Elmer Little League.

1. Thank you for volunteering to coach. Elmer Little League was founded in 1952 and we've had hundreds of volunteers like you help build the league into what it is today. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication to the youth of our community.
2. The backbone of our league is the coaches and players. Our league will succeed or fail based on how our coaches can connect with and teach their players.
3. Your goal at all times should be to do what's best for the kids and the league.
 - a. These kids are hopefully going to be future coaches, so try to connect with/inspire/teach them to love the game so that they in turn can pass it on
 - b. More experienced coaches should be trying to help out the new coaches
4. Keep in mind that kids are watching your every move. Be a good role model! They will notice how you handle conflict with:
 - a. Umpires
 - b. Parents
 - c. Opposing Coaches
 - d. Fans
5. IMPORTANT! You will need to login to the league website ASAP to do the following:
 - a. Submit the information needed for the league to conduct a background check. This needs to be done every year (it does not carry over from year to year) and applies to anyone that will be helping coach this year.
 - b. Take Abuse Awareness Course on the USA Baseball website:
<https://usabdevelops.com/page/3532>
6. Before the season starts, we suggest having a parent meeting to introduce yourself and go over expectations for the team. You should also try to recruit a parent volunteer who can organize a concession stands schedule for your team.
7. PRE GAME RESPONSIBILITIES
 - a. Home Team
 - i. Line the fields and make sure they are in playing condition. Use chalk for the dirt areas and line paint for the grass.
 - ii. Put bases out
 - iii. Pay the umpire(s) – checks are in the concession stands

- iv. Have two volunteers to work the concession stands (no one under 17)
- b. Visiting Team
 - i. Help with set up of field
 - ii. Have at least 1 volunteer to do the scoreboard. We love having some of the older kids do the scoreboard, but try to limit the amount of kids and make sure they clean up after themselves.

8. POST GAME RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Both Teams Should:
 - i. Return bases to storage.
 - ii. Fill in low areas around each base, home plate and pitchers mound. Rake/drag the field and baselines, making sure any dirt is raked AWAY from the grass!
 - iii. Pack dirt down/wet mound and home plate if there's a water hook up.
 - iv. Cover mound & home plate with a tarp if there is one.
 - v. Sweep out the dugouts.
 - vi. Have kids & parents help clean up the field and stands after every game.
 - vii. Leave the fields in better condition than you found them.
 - viii. Turn out lights.
 - ix. Lock up concession stands & press booth.
 - x. Lock up storage areas/sheds.
 - xi. Whoever is the last one to leave the complex should lock up the bathrooms.
 - xii. Take trash cans out to the main road on Thursday nights for trash pickup on Friday.
 - xiii. Give a post-game write up to Tanya Timberman. She will be sending over a weekly update to the Elmer Times

9. We encourage you to:

- a. Utilize league website for coaching tools:
 - i. Diamond Leader Training Program, which is *mandatory* for anyone coaching all-stars (<https://www.littleleague.org/diamondleader/>)
 - ii. Tee Ball Guide (<https://www.littleleague.org/play-little-league/tee-ball/>)
BTW, WE ARE IN NEED OF A TEE BALL COORDINATOR
 - iii. Read the league constitution and by-laws (Found under the "League Documents" section)
- b. USA Baseball
 - i. Download the USA Baseball app
 - 1. Tons of great instructional videos
 - 2. Practice planner will help you plan out your practices
 - ii. Free program to become a USA Baseball Certified Coach
 - iii. Free in-person instructional courses
 - 1. Community Clinic, Monday, March 4th @ Citizens Bank Park (6:30pm – 8:30pm)

2. To Register: <https://usabdevelops.com/events/15797/usa-baseball-community-clinic-philadelphia-pa>

iv. 2 Day Regional Clinics in the Fall (TBD)

- c. Ask questions! There are a lot of veteran coaches that have experience and can help out the newer coaches. Conversely, there are a lot of new coaches that might have some fresh new ideas that could be beneficial to a returning coach.
- d. Dan Fougeray will be offering a voluntary CPR course for all of our coaches. Cost is \$11, which is the cost he needs to submit to Red Cross for your certification. Date is 2/28 from 7-8pm at Elmer Boro Hall.

e. Heroes Foundation will be going over AED Training

10. Batting cages Sign Up Genius (coming soon!)

- a. *All Teams* are able to use the batting cages.
- b. You may reserve *two* of the following for one hour per session:
 - i. Left Tunnel
 - ii. Right Tunnel
 - iii. Short Tunnel
 - iv. One of the bullpen mounds

11. TRYOUT SCHEDULES

- a. Sat., March 2nd for Baseball & Softball (Major/Junior/Senior Divisions)
- b. Tues., March 5th will be an additional tryout for anyone that could not make the Saturday tryouts. Draft will be held immediately after the tryout
- c. Weds., March 6th for Baseball & Softball (Minor/Instructional Divisions)
 - i. Draft will be held immediately after tryouts.
 - ii. NEW IN 2024: Instructionals will be combined baseball & softball.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Matt Schneider will be handing out equipment on 3/9 from 9-11
- Clean Up Day is Saturday, 3/16 from 8:30-12.
 - No teams should be holding practice until Clean Up Day is finished!
 - Rain date will be 3/17
 - Tom Ainslie will go over a list of what we need to do
- Opening Day is Saturday, 4/13. For those new to the league, we have a parade from Boro Hall over to the Rotary Field and then hold our Opening Day Ceremonies. We will send out details closer to Opening Day.
- We will be holding some fundraisers throughout the season. Please try to encourage participation from your players/families.
- We are selling tickets to the Phillies/Braves game on 8/26. Tickets are \$32 each, the league gets \$8 for each ticket we sell. As of today we've sold 81 of the 350 tickets we purchased. We are setting up a table to sell tickets in person on Opening Day...if you can volunteer to help out, please let me know.

AED TRAINING

Pepi Dragotta and Henry Papiano of the HEROES Foundation spoke about the importance of AED and CPR training among coaches.

BREAK INTO GROUPS

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