



Hillsborough Little League

Managers and Coaches Meeting:

Upper Divisions

District Board Room

February 2, 2013



Agenda

- 1) President's 2013 Season Overview
- 2) Safety Discussion
- 3) Positive Coaching Alliance Workshop
- 4) VOLUNTEER FORMS!!



HLL Board

- Elected annually by the Members
- 15 Members, 8 Officers (Little League required):
 - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
 - Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator (Training)
 - Safety Officer, Communications Officer (Registration)
- 7 Standing members:
 - Challenger Division, Equipment, Fields, Scheduling, Softball, Sponsorships, and Umpires
- Nominating (Volunteers) and Competition Committees (Rules)



HLL Board: Key Positions

- Player Agent: Matt Alexander
- Vice President: Steve Moore
- Coaching Coordinator: Cory Goligoski
- Umpire Coordinator: Chuck Fontana, Tera Gilmartin
- Equipment: Ken Tollmann
- Safety: Jim Egbert
- Scheduling: Brian Desler
- Division Directors:
 - Majors: Ken Tollmann
 - Softball Majors: Rob McHugh
 - Minors: Rich Beames
 - AAA: Katherine Egbert



Little League Rules

- Rules governed by Little League Operating Manuals and annual updates to the Rule Book
- Little League is very prescriptive about operating rules, everything from boundaries to draft process
- Goal is to have an objective and consistent approach
 - Does not always lead to parity
- HLL adopts Local Rules approved by the Board and sometimes by District 52 or Regional (waivers)
 - Minimum playing time in Majors and Minors is 3 innings, not 2



HLL Objectives

- The first objective of the HLL shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens.
- The second objective shall be for children of the community to both learn and respect the game of baseball.
- The third objective is to execute the above within the framework, governance, and rules of Little League international



Coaching

- All of you are the backbone of HLL
- We appreciate the time and effort everyone contributes to ensure a superlative experience for the kids
- Coaching Coordinator is a LL required Board Officer
- Your Division Director, the Coaching Coordinator, and the Player Agent are your friends
- To further development, HLL instituted a Manager evaluation process in 2011. These evaluations were tools used for our selections this year.
- Institute some structure and expectation for developing to the next Division
- We will start recruiting next year's Managers at the end of THIS season

- All Managers are appointed at the discretion of the President and approval by the Board
- ***Everyone is REQUIRED to complete an annual volunteer background check before beginning practices. No exceptions.*** 7



Training

- Vinnie Castiglione, Training Director
- HLL is committed to training
 - Spend between 10K and \$15K per year, including All-Stars
- Partner with the Clubhouse and the Cage
 - Special training days and events
 - In season team training
 - Facilities use during rainouts
- Specific coaching for most levels
 - **Majors Baseball** – Infield & position skills /pitching/catching clinics
 - **Minors Baseball** - Infield/pitching/catching clinics & In-season training
 - **AAA Baseball** – skills camp / infield/pitching/catching clinics / in-season training
 - **AA Baseball** – skills camp / in-season training
 - **Majors Softball** - camp, pitching/catching clinic & In-season training
 - **Minors Softball** - camp, pitching clinic & In-season training



Umpires

- For all umpiring positions, with the exception of Majors Plate, we use Youth Umpires, ages 13-18, who are HLL grads
- For Majors Plate, we use NCUA
- We will use HLL volunteers at various times in all leagues
- All positions, expect volunteers, are paid a game fee
- Umpire Divisions: Majors, Minors, AAA, and Softball Majors

- Treat the Umpires with respect-these are HLL grads and our community
- No arguing judgment calls
- Managers, Coaches and spectators are NOT allowed to influence or comment
- It is the Manager's responsibility to control him/herself, Coaches AND parents
- **Managers or Coaches can be suspended for discrete or continuing inappropriate behavior; a suspension eliminates a Manager or Coach from All-Star participation**



Fields

- Fields rented annually from February through July from Hillsborough Recreation
- When Fields are closed, Fields are CLOSED
- HRC website updates
 - 2pm weekdays
 - 8am weekends
- If in doubt, contact your DD



Equipment

- **HLL is committed to providing safe equipment**
 - Significant portion of budget spent per year on equipment and uniforms
- **What's in the bag?**
 - Catcher's gear, batting helmets and balls
 - HLL does not supply bats for baseball "Minors" and "Majors" divisions. Be aware of the new LL rules regarding composites
 - NEW for T-Ball and "A", Tees, bases, first aid and ice stored at North / Vista
 - Uniforms. HLL provides Jersey, Caps/Visors and Socks
 - Players supply a glove, pants, belt, matching color sleeves and cleats (cleats may be optional for T-Ball)
 - Everyone keeps caps/visors and socks
 - T-Ball and "A" keeps team T-shirt. **Everyone else returns jerseys**
- **Safety Equipment**
 - First aid kits/ice packs located at Crocker, West, North, Vista, Minors and Majors field boxes
 - "Headsavers" are used for all baseball divisions where kids pitch



Equipment

- **Deciphering the Different Baseballs / Softballs**
 - T-Ball. Plays with a safety baseball. Generally, Rawlings TVB
 - A. Plays with a safety baseball. Rawlings ROTB05
 - AA. Wilson A1228. HLL has found this ball works best with the pitching machine at West field
 - Minors / AAA and Majors Baseball
 - Practice baseballs: Rawlings ROLB1XSO
 - Game baseballs: Rawlings RLLB
 - Has “Hillsborough Little League” and “RS-T” stamped on them
 - Use game balls when the regular season starts
 - Minors Softball. Easton Soft Touch 11 inch
 - Majors Softball. Wilson 9060 12 inch
 - Everyone gets wiffle balls
- **At season end, please keep the baseballs / softballs**



Scheduling: Key Dates

Feb 4	Practices begin: Majors, SB Majors, Minors, AAA, SB
Feb 13	Lower Division Manager/Coach Meeting
Feb 16	AA, A, T-Ball, SB Minors practices begin
Mar 2	Opening Day, Photo Day, Ceremonies
Mar 9	Daylight Saving Time begins
March 30-31	Easter weekend
Apr 1-5	Spring break (no games, practices optional)
May 25-27	Memorial Day weekend (no games)
June 1	Closing Day
June 2	D52 Superbowl Announcements
June 15	All-Star Announcements



Scheduling: Rainout Policy

Majors, Minors

Preseason games are not made up

Regular season games are made up on next available date
(M-W -> same Fr, Th -> following Fr, Sa -> following Su)

SB Majors, AAA

Preseason games are not made up

Regular season games are made up on next available Sunday
(Tu/Th -> same Su, Sa -> following Su)

No doubleheaders

No other makeups



Resources

- HLL website: www.hllbaseball.org
 - Key dates
 - Updated game schedules
 - Updated Upper Division scores and standings
 - Field conditions (link to Hillsborough Recreation site)
 - Events and other news
 - Training and skills-building resources
- Communication
 - All-league and targeted email blasts
 - Yearbook and Contact Roster



Snack Shack

- Tim Sandborn, owner of *All Sports Catering*
- Encourage Parents to Order 1 Team Meal per Week
- Catered Dinners: Lasagna, Spaghetti, Baby Back Ribs
- Homemade Soups on Cold Nights
- New Pizza Oven for Hot, Fresh Whole Pizzas for Team
- *Place Grill Order by 3rd Inning*
- *Catered Dinners – Call 48 hours ahead to Schedule*
 - Tsandborn@aol.com
 - Ph # 650.279.2562



Manager/Coach Duties

- **REPORT, REPORT, REPORT**
- **It is critical to report all injuries to Jim Egbert, Safety Officer, so that a formal Injury Report may be filed**



HLL Safety Checklist

Jim Egbert, M.D.
Safety Director

February 2, 2013



Please provide
Volunteer Form to
Andrew Klein upon
leaving.



Questions?