



Parent Safety Orientation



Saturday, August 31, 2024





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- Board Introduction
- Parent Code of Conduct
- Little League Rules
- Umpire Rules
- Communication
- Safety & Injury Protection
- Child Protection - Stranger Danger
- Game Schedules/Interleague
- Inclement Weather
- Volunteering





Agenda

- Scorekeeping
- Team Sponsorship
- Media Releases
- Imperative Information
- Picture Day
- Opening Day
- Post Season
- West Oaks LL Field Update
- Uniforms
- Team Announcements





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Hannah Clark – Westside Coaches Coordinator



Chris Vega – Eastside Coaches Coordinator



Ricky Barron – Groundskeeper



Daniel Rodriguez – Assistant Groundskeeper



Parent Code of Conduct

- Ensure positive experience for ALL players
- Some players have never played and still learning the mechanics
- Little League has different playing rules from MLB, Pony, Softball and other organizations.
- Learn the LL rules
- Coaches and board are all volunteers
They need your support!





Oath – Parents and Volunteers

Parent Code of Conduct

- I will teach all children to play fair and do their best.
- I will positively support all managers, coaches and players.
- I will respect the decisions of the umpires.
- I will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the game.





Parent Code of Conduct

<https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/portals/54705/docs/woll%20registration%20forms/2-%20parent%20code%20of%20conduct.pdf>

All parents must sign and turn in



Sport Parent Code of Conduct

We, the _____ Little League, have implemented the following Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in our league.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- + Truthworthiness,
- + Respect,
- + Responsibility,
- + Fairness,
- + Caring, and
- + Good Citizenship.

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.

7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

Parent/Guardian Signature



Rules

Little League Rules

<http://www.littleleague.org/learn/rules.htm>

Significant Change – New Bat Rule

Beginning with the 2018 season, non-wood and laminated bats used in the Little League (Majors) and below, Intermediate (50-70) Division, Junior League divisions, and Challenger division shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USABat – USA Baseball's Youth Bat Performance Standard. All BPF – 1.15 bats will be prohibited beginning with the 2018 season. Additionally, starting in 2018, the bat diameter shall not exceed $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches for these divisions of play. Additional information is available

at <https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/bat-information/>

Rule Book – Purchase

<https://www.littleleaguestore.net/league-essentials/league-essentials-rulebooks/baseball-rule-book.html>





Umpire Rules

Umpires are volunteers
In my best judgement
Respect the call
If you don't know then ask...
It's just a game

Rules

Umpire Rules and Mechanics

<https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/portals/54705/docs/umpire%20corner/the%20little%20league%20umpire.pdf>

Updated Little League Rules:

No Jewelry allowed while playing for ALL players at any level!

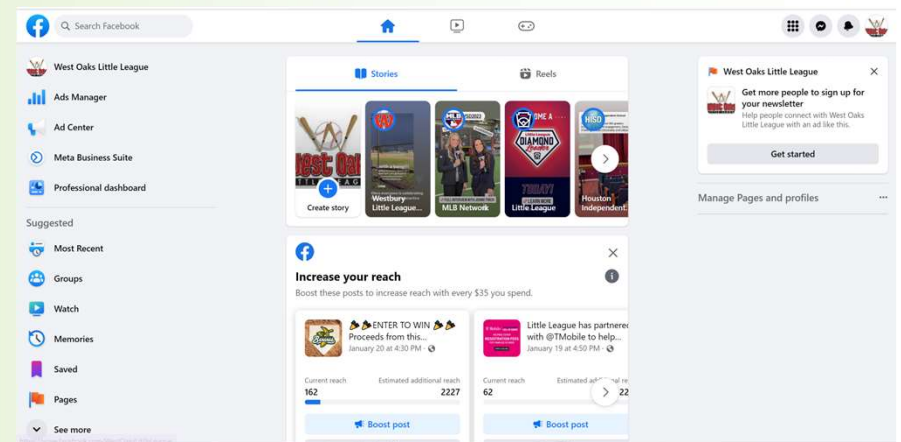
No stealing in Coach Pitch





Communication

- New & Returning Players: Download Game Changer
- New Mass Text Message Alert: TBA
- Facebook, Instagram & Twitter





Communication

West Oaks LL Website

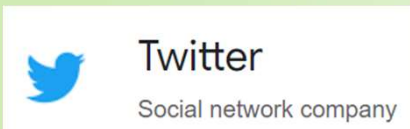
<https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/westoakslittleleague>

TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES:

IMPORTANT - In order for your users to begin receiving text messages, they will need to first text the correct group keyword to 334-310-2497. Message and data rates may apply. Text STOP to 334-310-2497 to cancel. For additional assistance, text HELP to 334-310-2497. A complete statement of our privacy policy can be found at: <https://stacksports.com/legal-privacy>.



Facebook: West Oaks Little League



Twitter Handle: westoakslittle



Instagram Handle: westoakslittleleague





Safety & Injury Protection

- Aware of the risks both on and off the field.
- Little League Baseball & Softball, along with Musco Lighting and AIG Insurance, have produced an in-depth league safety program called "A Safety Awareness Program," or "ASAP."
- For more information on the ASAP program contact Safety Officer westoakslittleleague@gmail.com





Safety & Injury Protection

- Parents inspect personal equipment
- WOLL will ensure team equipment has been inspected by a WOLL official to ensure that it is functioning properly
- Umpires will inspect & reject





Safety & Injury Protection

- Team Safety Liaison check fields **before** games and practices
(Everyone should be vigilant)
- Coaches and Parents make sure that players warm up and stretch before practices and games.
- Make sure that children do not climb on fences surrounding the playing fields.





Safety & Injury Protection

- Ensure player drinks plenty of fluids *throughout the day - before practices and games - Coaches schedule multiple drink breaks during practices and games*
- Treat minor injuries with RICE *Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation.*
- Seatbelts for everyone in the vehicle
- Signs of heat exhaustion
- Practice before noon or in the evening





Asthma Emergency Signs

Seek Emergency Care If A Child Experiences Any Of The Following:

- + Child's wheezing or coughing does not improve after taking medicine (15-20 minutes for most asthma medications)
- + Child's chest or neck is pulling in while struggling to breathe
- + Child has trouble walking or talking
- + Child stops playing and cannot start again
- + Child's fingernails and/or lips turn blue or gray
- + Skin between child's ribs sucks in when breathing

Asthma is different for every person.

The "Asthma Emergency Signs" above represent general emergency situations as per the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program 1997 Expert Panel Report.

If you are at all uncertain of what to do in case of a breathing emergency...

Call 9-1-1 and the child's parent/guardian!

Michigan Asthma Steering Committee of the Michigan Department of Community Health

(From the Grandville, Mich., Little League 2001 Safety Plan)



Don't Swing It

...Until You're Up to the Plate!



(Photos from North Scott, Iowa, Little League)



Don't let this happen to you, or to a teammate.

REMEMBER:

Don't pick up your bat until you leave the dugout, to approach the plate.

RULE 1.08, Notes

1. The on-deck position is not permitted in Tee Ball, Minor League or Little League (Majors) Division. 2. Only the first batter of each half-inning will be allowed outside the dugout between the half-innings in Tee Ball, Minor League or Little League (Majors) Division.



HEALTH

[HTTP://TAYLORHOOTON.ORG/](http://TaylorHooton.org/)

TAYLOR HOOTON FOUNDATION

HOME STEROID ABUSE DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS EDUCATION ABOUT US HOOT'S CORNER
SPECIAL EVENTS

Start the Conversation

SHEDDING LIGHT ON A VERY DARK TOPIC.

WHO WE ARE

The Taylor Hooton Foundation (THF) was formed in memory of Taylor E. Hooton, a 17-year old high school athlete from Plano, TX. Taylor took his own life on July 15, 2003, after using anabolic steroids. Taylor's parents, family and friends founded the organization after learning of the growing number of middle school, high school and college students illegally using and abusing anabolic steroids, HGH (Human Growth Hormone), unregulated dietary supplements, and other appearance and performance enhancing drugs (APEDs).

They discovered that this is a serious problem among young athletes and non-athletes, and learned that young people and their parents are uneducated of either the prevalence of or the real dangers of these powerful drugs. Today, the THF is widely recognized as the national leader in education on the topic of APED use by the youth of the U.S., Canada, and Latin America. To date, the THF has spoken to almost one million people directly with their education programs.

BE IN THE KNOW

- > LEADERSHIP
- > BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- > SPONSORS AND AFFILIATES
- > PARTNERS
- > LEARN ABOUT +
- > SIGN UP FOR NEWSLETTER
- > PRESS RELEASES



JUST HOW DANGEROUS ARE ENERGY DRINKS?

24-Jun-2014 by THF in Hoot's Corner | 1 Comment





CHILD PROTECTION

Stranger Danger

- Dangers of talking to strangers
- Accepting from strangers
- Someone offering to play catch
- Someone offering to give a ride
- Teach children to be vigilant in restrooms.
- Do not send young children alone, these are public restrooms





CHILD PROTECTION

Stranger Danger

- Report strangers who approach
- WOLL does not allow children to be dropped off and be without parental supervision
- Use code word in an emergency
- Caution names of players/uniforms/equipment may enable strangers to convince children that they know them





Game Schedules/Interleague

Game schedules are being worked on and will be available by Opening Day!

Certain divisions will participate in interleague play with the following leagues:

- Katy American LL
- West Sugar Land LL
- Sugar Land LL
- Bayland Park LL





Inclement Weather

- WOLL Inclement Weather Procedure
- Rain Make Ups – will be based on umpire availability
- WOLL will contact you via Sports Connect (email) regarding the game/practice cancellation/delay
- Occasionally, the umpire is required to pause/stop a game prior to its completion.





Inclement Weather

- Aware of threatening weather
- Practices & games should be stopped immediately at the first sign of lightning and shelter should be sought immediately
- Fields are in a water reservoir; our parking lot mainly floods but our fields may flood as well.





Inclement Weather

- Tornado - seek shelter in a nearby permanent building (Restrooms/Concession Stand). If not available, head for a low spot such as a ditch or ravine and cover your head.
- **Do not seek shelter in automobiles or attempt to outrun tornadoes in your vehicle.**





Volunteering

- Concession Stand Volunteers
- Teams will need to provide a volunteer
- We are in need of the following coaches:
 - Tee Ball
 - Minors Coach Pitch
 - Minors Player Pitch



Team Parents

- If you would like to volunteer as a Team Parent, please see Keely West.



Volunteering

- Our successful program depends on parent participation.
- Board is asking for assistance by requesting each Family volunteer a **MINIMUM of six (6) hours per player** for WOLL per season or a **MINIMUM of twelve (12) hours per family**.
- “Volunteer Hours Buy-Out” Program in which you have the option of submitting a **\$200 payment**. Should you choose to take advantage of this program, payment is due **NO LATER** than September 21st



Please Contact Keely West for more information



Scorekeeping

- Each parent that is not a Board Member, Coach or Team Parent will have to score keep and/or in the upper divisions pitch count.
- If you do not want to score keep, please pay the league \$50 to pay your replacement that is not apart of the league.





Team Sponsorship

- WOLL requires each team in each season to obtain a sponsor.
- Sponsorship fees are due 9/30/2024.
- Sponsors can be either Business Sponsored for \$500 or Parent Sponsored a team for \$300 (fee divided by players).
- But don't worry it's easy to get a business sponsor! Check out some tips on our Sponsor Information, or if you already have a sponsor, pick up a Sponsor Form.





Media Releases

- If you did not sign the media release your child(ren) will have to be pulled off the field during Opening & Closing Ceremonies as pictures are taken by West Oaks LL and Sponsors during events.
- If your team is sponsored by a business, your child(ren) cannot be in the team picture as those pictures are put in a plaque and sent to the sponsor.





Imperative Information

- Board Members & Umpires are the **ONLY** ones who are allowed to park past the parking lot.
- **DO NOT** drive up to or pass Concession Stand to drop off players.
- There's no smoking (cigarettes, cigars, weed, etc.) and no vaping.
- **Harris County – Precinct 4 prohibits alcohol in any of their parks & their park's parking lots.**
- No pets allowed
- **ALL** male players have to wear jock cups.





Picture Day

- Sunday, September 22nd
- Schedule will be out soon





Opening Day

- Important for all players and team pride – like it is for MiLB
- Parade and Ceremony
 - Team Banners and March as a Team
- Invite sponsors and donors
- Sponsors Booths
- Invite friends and families
- Concession Stand sales – 100% back to WOLL





Post Season Upper Divisions

- Post Season will be with Katy American LL
- Most games will be at Katy American LL fields
- Divisions participating:
 - Minors – Players Pitch
 - Intermediate
 - Juniors





West Oaks LL Field Updates

- Field conditions
- Lights/Light Pole
- Fencing





Game Changer

- If you need help, please seek Nadia Martinez or any other Board Members guidance!





Team Announcements

- Introduce Coaches
- Open your email to see what team you are assigned.
 - **Please DO NOT ask to be switched teams!**
- Meet your Coaches





Contacts

- Email: westoakslittleleague@gmail.com
- Phone: 832-432-1186 (text preferred)
 - Monday – Friday: 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm
 - Saturday: 8:30 am to 2:00 pm
 - Sunday: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Treasurer: treasurerwoll@gmail.com





Thank You

We are excited about the upcoming baseball season. Thank you for coming out today and supporting WOLL to ensure we have a successful spring baseball season.



FUTURE
 **ASTROS**