

WALPOLE, MASSACHUSETTS

"The friendly town"

May 16, 1951

A Letter In Five Parts

Part I. INTRODUCTION

After months of organizational work by a large group of residents who are interested in starting Little League Baseball in Walpole the teams are about ready to be formed.

All preliminary work has been done! ! Rules and regulations have been adopted; supervisors, coaches, and officials have volunteered their services; questionnaires have been circulated in the schools and more than 250 red hot and anxious little youngsters aged 8 to 12 have expressed the desire to be on hand for the tryouts which will be held on Friday, May 18th at 5:30 P.M. on every school ground in Walpole.

You are urged to go to one of the playgrounds to watch the first visible evidence that the little chaps in Walpole are going to have a chance to have a real baseball league.

Part II. FOR PARENTS

If you have a boy in the 8 to 12 age group, and you are willing to have him play, please sign the enclosed permission slip so he may take it to the grounds of the school that he attends on try-out day (May 18th at 5:30 P.M.).

No boy will be allowed to play without written parental consent because it is the desire of the organization to work in close harmony with the parents at all times.

Why not accompany your boy on try-out day and watch the fun?

Part III. TEAMS AND LEAGUES

1951 will be the introductory year for the program in Walpole and as much instruction and as many games as possible will be arranged, with the expectation that we will be well enough organized to join the official Little League Organization in 1952. Membership in the official organization will mean that uniformed teams will play official games at home, in other nearby league districts, and (if we prove to be good enough) in national competition.

In order to give all the youngsters a fair chance to get started this first year, it is planned to have 2 leagues consisting of 3 or more teams each and the necessary expenditures will only be for playing equipment such as balls, bats, bases, and catchers' protectors, but it is hoped that we will also be able to furnish inexpensive white T shirts and different colored caps for each team.

Part IV. NAMES

Because Walpole is the second largest industrial town in Massachusetts, and because it can also be proud of its spacious residential districts (without slum areas usual to most industrial towns) it has been decided to name one league the Industrial League and the other the Residential League. Names of teams within each league will be chosen by the boys that make up each team.

Part V. FINANCES

You have now been informed briefly, but well, about Little League Baseball in Walpole and you undoubtedly realize that many hours of hard work have been necessary to get the program to the point where the little folks are about to blossom forth as potential big leaguers.

We sincerely hope you are now asking the question "what can I do to assist in such a splendid program?"

There are at least two things **you** can do.

First: Attend the try-outs and games with your boy, or a neighbor's boy, to show him that his big pals are really interested when he plays with his little pals, and help the supervisors and coaches if they need you.

Second: Send a dollar — a dozen dollars — **or more** — in the enclosed envelope to Herb. Lewis, your Town Treasurer, who has consented to act as Treasurer for the Little Leaguers. Your contribution will be acknowledged directly or in the Walpole Times and will be credited to the support of the teams in the Residential League. All industries in Walpole will receive a similar request to support the teams in the Industrial League.

About \$100 per team will be needed this year. Money received will be carefully used in 1951 and any balance left will be used to purchase uniforms, etc. in accordance with league regulations when Walpole joins the official Little League Organization in 1952.

Please make your donation **now** because your Residential League is competing with the Industrial League in raising funds to make it possible for every 8 to 12 year old boy in Walpole to play and compete in our grand national sport during 1951 and in the years to come.

"Walpole is a friendly town!" Let your contributions prove it to the little lads in your neighborhood and throughout the town.

Yours for the Little Leaguers,

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