



ORIENTATION GUIDE

2019 Season Westchester Little League

Little League Pledge/Key Dates

I trust in God	January	Evaluations
I love my country	Early February	Teams Formed
And will respect its laws	Late Feb/Early March	Opening Day
I will play fair	Days off for Spring Break and major holidays	
And strive to win	TBD	President's Cup, interleague WLL and DRALL in March/April
But win or lose	TBD	Dodgers' night, all district night at Dodgers' Stadium
I will always do my best	5/3/2019	LMU night, all league night during LMU baseball game
	5/18/2019	TOC begins
	Mid-June	Season ends
	Mid-June	All-stars begins for selected players

Westchester Little League

Westchester Little League games and practices are held at Nielsen Field which is located at 6000 Will Rogers Los Angeles, CA 90045. It's *our* community's ballpark, and that makes it special. It's the result of a lot of hard work by a lot of dedicated volunteers over a lot of years. Please do your part to keep it going.

Nielsen Field is owned by Los Angeles World Airports. The Airport has granted the use of the field to the Westchester Playa Del Rey Youth Foundation, which in turn grants us permission to use the field. The Airport does not maintain the inside of Nielsen Field. It is done by volunteer parents and friends who are associated with Little League Baseball, Softball and AYSO Soccer. The field is for baseball and softball use only from Feb through July. August to January it is used by AYSO and no baseball is to be played on Nielsen field during that time without prior arrangement.

WLL pays fees to the Youth Foundation for the use of the field. These fees are currently about \$13k/year and we pay electricity and irrigation on top of that. This is why your registration and fundraising is so important to the league. Our policy is to never turn a kid away due to finances. Scholarships are available and fundraising is done throughout the season to help us provide an amazing youth program to the community.

WLL is organized into 4 divisions. Single A is coach pitch and score is not officially kept. The typical age for this level is 5-7 years old. Double A is kid and coach pitch and score is kept. There are playoffs and standings. The typical age for this level is 7-9 years old. Minors and Majors divisions are kid pitch and score is kept. The rules become more intricate as the kids get older. There are playoffs and standings and this level competes in post-season play such as Tournament of Champions and All-Stars. The typical age for Minors level is 9-11 years old and Majors level is 10-12 years old. Majors is the level that can advance to Little League World Series like you see on TV. These kids play baseball! If you haven't taken the time to watch a game, come check them out.

As you can see, there is some overlap in ages between the divisions. For this reason, evaluations are very important. It allows for the creation of balanced teams that are competitive with each other while keeping safety and love for the game in mind. Evaluations take place in January each year. Teams are formed in early February beginning with a draft of players to Majors then Minors teams. Double A and Single A are formed next. Except at the Single A level, it is difficult to accommodate parent requests for specific coaches or teams but we will do our best. Stay tuned for more information soon.

Start of season/Practices/Opening Day Ceremony

Teams are usually formed in early February. After that, the team managers may begin contacting their teams. Practices usually begin in mid-to-late February. Opening Day Ceremony is usually scheduled for late February or early March. There are many activities for the families such as introducing the players by teams. In past years we have hosted a pancake breakfast or done a taco lunch fundraiser. More information will be shared as we get closer to February.

WLL Volunteers

WLL is 100% volunteer run. Without volunteers, the league could not exist. We need your help. Whether you have a few hours or a few days, we need your help. Everyone has different skills. Help us with your skills. Whether that means assisting with running an event, coaching a team, selling sweatshirts during games, or joining the board of directors, there is plenty to do. Each team needs a manager, two coaches, a team information coordinator, a team field coordinator, a snack stand coordinator, and a safety coordinator. Scoreboard and scorebook positions are also required for all levels above Single A. For more information about how you can volunteer, please contact Cheryl Collett, WLL President at 310-431-8324 or cmcollett@gmail.com.

Uniforms and equipment

For all levels, the league provides a hat and jersey. Players are responsible for obtaining their own socks, belt and pants. Your team manager will let you know what color socks, belt and pants your team will use.

Other equipment needed for games or practices are a baseball glove, a jacket or sweatshirt, water, baseball cleats, and an athletic supporter and cup (boys only). Most kids provide their own helmet and bat but the league has some available for each team to share. Please reach out to your team manager with questions about equipment or uniforms.

Parking

As most of you know, the area around Nielsen field has implemented parking restrictions. When you cannot park in our lot, overflow parking is available on Jenny. Please be mindful of the parking signs and make sure you aren't blocking a neighbor's driveway whenever you park at the field. We want to always be good neighbors.



Questions

Just ask. Feel free to reach out to a coach or board member at the field.

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