

# 2019 Glastonbury Little League

## The Rookie League

### ***The Home Run Card***

The League continues its ***Field Improvement Fund*** to support the refurbishment of fields and equipment. ***The Home Run Card*** is a major fund-raiser for this Fund. Each player will purchase two \$5.00 Cards which is included in the \$100 registration fee. (early bird \$10 discount for January live registration payment). The player may sell these valuable discount cards and keep the proceeds of the sale. This provides each player the opportunity to participate in the development of facilities which all will enjoy.

### ***Rookie League Program: How it works***

The Rookie League Program is generally for 4, 5 and 6 year old players. This division uses a special baseball designed not to cause injury upon contact. The ball is hit off a rubber tee. Players rotate defensive positions after every 2 batters. The inning is over after everyone has batted. Players are assigned to teams with consideration given to balance of ages, special request by the players and school district. Siblings will be assigned to the same teams. There will be an approximate 14 game schedule played preceded by two weeks of practices beginning in early April. The season ends at the end of the school year. Games are played twice a week. Weekday games start promptly at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday games at 9:30a.m, 11:30am or 1:30p.m. Rain dates will vary this schedule. Rotary, Hopewell, High Street and Eastbury Fields will be used. A special ***Rookie Weekend*** will be held in early June at Ross Field. Notification of team assignments will occur in late March or early April.

### ***Little League Age Defined***

A Little League player's age is defined by that player's age on **August 31, 2019**

### ***Volunteers Needed***

Glastonbury Little League is a community activity. It is operated totally by the efforts of volunteers, donations from sponsors and registration fees. Please help your baseball program by volunteering for coaching, umpiring, publicist, special events, fund-raisers and attending games.

### ***Equipment and Uniforms***

Players will be supplied tee shirts and hats which will be kept by the players after the season. Tees, catchers protective helmet, bats and balls will be provided by the League. **The new USA Bat standard does not apply to the Rookies, 2&1/4 barrel bats can be used if they are 26 inches or shorter.** Gloves are provided by the players.

### ***Special Events***

Check your coach for times, dates and location for the trip to the Yard Goats game, Barbeque and Photo Day, Spaghetti Supper, marching in the Memorial Day Parade and Rookie Trophy Weekend at Ross Field

### ***Special Note to Players and Parents***

Sportsmanship is the essence of the program, both on the field and in the stands. Positive cheering is encouraged, negative cheering is out of place. Parents and other adults should praise players on both sides of the diamond for any achievement, e.g., running in the right direction is cause for great celebration! More baseball is learned during practices than in games. Players are encouraged to attend all practices scheduled by the League and the by the coach. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed.

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