



Volunteer Program FAQs

Woodcreek Little League is powered by volunteers — it takes every parent, coach, and manager to keep the league running.

Goal of program:

1. To comply with Little League International (LLI) and District 54 policies, which require **all** volunteers to complete JDP background checks and Little League's Abuse Awareness training.
2. To reduce the burden on Team Parents and Managers to recruit and coordinate volunteers for game support and snack bar shifts.

Significant changes: LLI is requiring **ANY** volunteer in a Little League program to complete a name based background check as well as a short abuse awareness training. This will help ensure safe, appropriate volunteers are working around our players. This is required to be completed annually. Coaches, managers and team parents have a more indepth background check as well as more trainings that are required.

Q. What are the new volunteer requirements from Little League International (LLI)?

- A. Little League International now requires all volunteers in any Little League program to complete:
 1. **JDP background check**
 2. **Little League University Abuse Awareness Training [course](#)**These requirements help ensure that every adult working around players is properly screened and educated on maintaining a safe, positive environment. **Both must be completed annually before volunteering in any capacity.** Coaches, Managers, and Team Parents are subject to a more in-depth background check and additional required trainings, due to the greater level of direct contact and responsibility they have with players.

Q. What are the Volunteer Hour requirements?

Spring Season Volunteer Hours

- T-Ball & Farm: 2 hours per family
- AA–Seniors: 6 hours per family
- Multiple-player family: 8 hours maximum

Buyout Option

- T-Ball & Farm: \$100
- AA–Seniors: \$250
- Multiple-player family: \$350

Families may choose the buyout option during registration or complete their required volunteer hours during the season.

If a family chooses not to buy out at registration, a deposit check (\$100, \$250, or \$350, based on division and number of players) will be required. Deposit checks are **collected at skill assessments/jersey try-on day**.

At the end of the season:

- If volunteer hours are **completed**, the check will be **returned or shredded**.
- If volunteer hours are **not completed**, the check will be **cashed**.

Q. Why does Woodcreek Little League have a volunteer requirement?

- A. Woodcreek Little League is a **volunteer-run organization** — from the Board of Directors and coaches to the families who help in the snack bar, keep score, and prepare fields. Every game, event, and player experience depends on volunteers. Each family is required to complete volunteer hours during the season to ensure we can operate smoothly and continue providing the best possible program for players.

Q. What is the volunteer buyout option?

- A. The buyout is an **option** for families who are unable to meet the volunteer time commitment — but our league's success still depends on parents giving their time and support. The buyout is not based on pay or per-shift rates; it's an **overall buyout for the full volunteer requirement**, not a fee for one specific shift.

Q. How is this different from the old system?

- A. In the past, teams were each assigned a few snack bar shifts, and some families could pay about \$30 to opt out of one shift. Beyond snack bar duties, teams also needed parents for scorekeeping, running the scoreboard, field prep, and serving as Parent in Charge (PIC). The old system was inconsistent and left many roles uncovered. This new structure simplifies everything — **one clear volunteer requirement per family** — ensuring fairness and flexibility across the league.

Q. What does the buyout cover?

- A. The buyout reflects the overall value of opting out of the six required volunteer hours per player (maximum of 8 hours per family). These funds help offset the impact of unfilled volunteer hours by supporting areas where additional help may be needed — such as snack bar staffing, game-day operations, or other essential league functions that rely on volunteer participation.

Our preference will always be **family involvement over payment**, because the strength of Woodcreek Little League comes from our community. Every hour volunteered or buyout contributed helps keep the league safe, affordable, and running smoothly for all players.

Q. Which positions are exempt from the volunteer hour requirement?

A. The following roles require a significant time commitment and carry ongoing responsibilities throughout the season, so they are exempt from the family volunteer hour requirement.

Exempt positions include:

- Managers
- Coaches (up to 3 for T-Ball/Farm and 2 for AA–Seniors)
- Team Parent (1 per team)
- Board Members
- Volunteers who participate on a committee

Q. What volunteer opportunities are available, and how do families sign up?

A. All volunteer opportunities will be available on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Families can select shifts that best fit their schedule, and reminders will be sent to any families who still have hours to complete.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Snack Bar: One (1) required shift per family
- Scorekeeper
- Scoreboard Operator
- Parent in Charge (PIC)
- Support for Tournament of Champions
- Support for FunFest
- Additional opportunities throughout the season, such as Opening Day preparation, skill assessments, and other league events

Q. What if I can't make one of my scheduled shifts? Will you cash my check?

A. No. Families will have until the end of the season to complete all hours.

Q. What if I want to have someone else in my family work a shift for me?

A. They will need to create an account and register in Sports Connect as a volunteer. They will also need to complete the JDP background check and abuse awareness training.

Q. What if I can't complete any of the shifts that are available?

A. Please reach out to the Volunteer Coordinator to discuss other options.

Q. What if I can volunteer in another way not listed? Like prepping fields?

A. Please reach out to the Volunteer Coordinator for further discussion. WLL wants to be able to work with all families, the more support the better!