

# 2025 TEAM PARENT HANDBOOK

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

March 1 Opening Ceremonies at 9am

March 3 & 6 Picture Day

March 16 Sponsorship Money Due

March 30 Titan Day

April 6 Angel Day vs. Cleveland Guardians

May 4 Hit-A-Thon

May 17-22 Post Season Tournaments (Single A - Juniors)

May 28 Rookie/TBall Classic

May 31 Closing Ceremonies - 9:30 am

## WELCOME TO THE LEAGUE

First and foremost, thank you for volunteering as a Team Parent. Your role is vital to the success of the season! Team Parents are necessary to help keep players, managers, coaches and families organized throughout the season, as well as serve as a point of contact for league and team activities.

Whether you're a first time or veteran Team Parent, please read this document in its entirety, as it contains pertinent information that will help guide you through the season.

#### **TEAM PARENT GENERAL DUTIES / RESPONSIBILITIES**

The league and team will have activities and events scheduled throughout the season. It is recommended that one Team Parent be the main point of contact to help coordinate and be responsible for:

- Delegating responsibility to other parents on your team (ie., game snacks, Field Friday's)
- Assisting the Team Manager and act as a liaison between Manager and parents
- Preparing a parent sponsored snack schedule for after-game snacks
- Ensuring parents sign up for Snack Bar Duty
- Distributing League information as received (ie., Picture Day, Titan's Day)
- Coordinating/Collecting money for team sponsored events (ie., Angel's Day)
- Reminding parents of upcoming events (ie., games, league events)
- Checking the website for current information
- Keeping the park clean pick up trash after each game in and around the dugout
- Reminding and encourage players and families to attend fundraiser events



TIP: Download the GameChanger app to use as a tool to communicate with the team. You can create "events" for games, snack reminders, keep score history, and more.

Start by introducing yourself or Team Parents to the rest of the team. Please keep in mind some families may be new to the league or even to the sport.

## **TEAM RELATED ITEMS**

#### UNIFORMS

The league will provide players with a jersey (printed with player # and last name), hat, belt and a pair of socks. Baseball pant color will be selected by the team's Manager/Coach, in which players will be responsible to purchase.

When uniforms become available, the Team Parent Coordinator will notify you of a time and place to pick up your team's uniforms. You will be responsible for distributing uniforms (practice days are a good time to distribute).

Lost uniform items may be replaced, depending on availability, at the players expense. Team Parents should contact the Uniform Coordinator.

## Optional:

Hats may be embroidered with the player's last or first name. It is recommended to choose one style for the whole team for consistency. Team Parents can coordinate and collect funds to have all hats embroidered, or parents can take their hats for embroidery at their own discretion.

See below list of local vendors for reference (note - cost and lead time per vendor may vary, you may need to coordinate timing to receive the hats back in time for your first game):

In-Bin T-Shirts 321 N. Harbor Blvd La Habra, CA (562) 694-3170  Coast Embroidery 765 S. State College Blvd Ste. D Fullerton, CA 92831 (714) 770-0705	Lids 1065 Brea Mall, Brea (714) 257-0361 *mention EFLL* \$7 per hat/per side Example: - Name & # on one side \$7 per hat - Name on one side & # on other side \$14 per hat
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For information or questions regarding uniforms please contact:

#### Aricel Pineda at aricel.pineda@efll.org

## **TEAM BANNERS (Optional)**

Add some flare to each game with a team banner. Ask your team to contribute to a banner. If you expect to exceed sponsorship minimums, you can expense it later.

Designs of past team banners have included a combination of team logo, players numbers, or names, etc. Available online or store retail locations, banners sizes range from 3' x 4' to 4' x 5'.

Use your banner for:

- Opening & Closing Ceremonies
- Game days
- Team Events

See list of local /online vendors for printing banners

The Total Complete Package 524 E Imperial Hwy Suite A	Online at Amazon.com for MLB banners
Brea, CA 92821 (657) 286-5237	



TIP: Your banner can be used for opening/closing ceremonies and at games. You can attach the banner to the chain link fence during games. Be sure to place the banner in a manner that will not hinder the view of the game.

#### **TEAM SNACKS**

Generally, a snack and drink are provided to players after each game through parent donations. You will need to determine how your team would prefer to handle the snack schedule. Many teams opt to assign each family a game day to provide snacks.



TIP: Use SignupGenius (<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/">https://www.signupgenius.com/</a>) or the GameChanger app to help you and parents be reminded/stay organized.

#### SNACK BAR VOUCHERS

Snack Bar Vouchers are an alternative to bringing drinks and snacks for the players. They can be convenient and the snack bar offers similar items to what you would buy. Vouchers are sold at the snack bar in \$5 increments for families to purchase for each player on the team and distribute after the game. Players redeem their vouchers at the snack bar. The league appreciates continued support of the snack bar.

#### **TEAM PARTIES (Optional)**

Team parties are a great way to reward players for a good job and a great way for parents to get to know each other. These parties are generally held after a game or a practice. You do not have to wait until the end of the year to have a team party. Most pizza parlors contribute and donate 1 free large pizza and drinks for players in uniform when you make a reservation 24 hours in advance.

At the end of the season, parents typically donate funds to gift managers and coaches. See list below for a few local pizza parlors (note: some may required advanced reservation):

112 E Commonwealth Ave	Pepz Pizza & Eatery 732 North Rose Drive
Fullerton, CA 92832	Placentia, CA 92870

## PLAYERS WALK UP MUSIC (Optional)

Players are allowed to have walk up music with <u>clean and non-offensive lyrics</u>. Song play time must stop as soon as the player enters the batting box (roughly 20-25 secs per player).



TIP: Download the BallparkDJ app to use as a tool. This app allows you to assign songs to your players with desired playback time. \*There is a small fee per song.

#### FIELD FRIDAY'S

Every Friday, fields are reserved to catch up on general field maintenance. The baseball fields are <u>not</u> maintained by the city during the baseball season. Therefore, we need volunteers to help maintain playable fields. Each team is asked to provide at least 3 adults on their assigned day. The team parent is responsible for recruiting volunteers.

When: Friday's 4:30-6:00 PM

Where: Chapman Park (Fields 1, 2, and 3)

What: Rake and drag the fields, paint foul lines and batter boxes, clear weeds in the dirt, picking up trash/cleaning dugouts, etc. Some of it can be physical but there are several

jobs that are fairly light duty.

## 2025 Field Friday Schedule

Date	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5
3/7/25	Single A Braves	Juniors Padres	Rookie Cubs	AAA Dodgers	AA Marlins
3/28/25	Single A Brewers	Juniors Braves	Rookie Dbacks	Majors Cubs	Rookie Rockies
4/4/25	Single A Dodgers	Majors Cardinals	Rookie Braves	Rookie Brewers	T Ball Brewers
4/11/25	AA Marlins	Majors Dodgers	TBall Pirates	Single A Braves	AAA Cubs
4/18/25	AA Cubs	Majors Brewers	TBall Padres	Rookie Braves	TBall Rockies
4/25/25	AA Dodgers	Majors Cubs	TBall Cubs	Juniors Padres	Single A Brewers
5/2/25	AAA Braves	Rookie Rockies	TBall Rockies	Majors Dodgers	Junior Braves
5/9/25	AAA Dodgers	Rookie Brewers	TBall Dodgers	TBall Padres	Majors Cardinals
5/16/25	AAA Cubs	Rookie Dodgers	TBall Brewers	AA Cubs	AA Dodgers

For information or questions regarding Field Friday's, please contact:

Steven Meisenheimerat steven.meisenheimer@efll.org

#### PRACTICE FIELDS

Please note that most of our practice locations do not have restrooms available. Make sure parents are aware of this and plan accordingly with their player (especially for younger division players).

#### **CHAPMAN PARK RESTROOMS**

If the restrooms at Chapman Park are locked, please call the Fullerton Police Non-Emergency line (714) 738-6700. They will contact Parks and Recreation to send personnel who can assist with access.

#### **RAINY DAYS**

On or after a day of rain please check if our fields are open or closed. The City updates the conditions everyday around noon (check <u>City of Fullerton Field Conditions</u> or EFLL homepage). If the field is closed, please check back the next day to see if they are open. Do not practice on the field until the city reports that it is open. Always check with your manager for final field status.

#### **TROPHIES**

Trophies will be distributed the morning of closing ceremonies, as long as the following requirements are met:

- Team has collected the minimum required \$350 in sponsorship funds
- Team's Field Friday volunteering has been completed
- Snackbar Duty has been fulfilled for each player (If individual parents DO NOT fulfill their snackbar duty, that player will NOT receive their trophy.)

Please plan on picking up your team trophies at the snack bar before or after closing ceremonies.

## **COLLECTING MONEY**

One of your jobs as team parent is to collect money for various team functions. Sponsorship money may become available for year-end parties and coaches gifts, thus eliminating the need to collect additional funds later. Keep receipts for money spent and share information with the parents that want visibility.



Utilizing electronic payment apps like Venmo and Zelle can help make collecting funds easier.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Little League is a non-profit organization. Registration fees cover a portion of what it takes to field each player. Fundraisers help supplement costs for items and activity, such as uniforms, field maintenance, equipment, website costs, etc. The following sections outline the fundraisers that our league provides.

#### HIT-A-THON

The Hit-A-Thon has been an enjoyable and successful event over the last few years. Each player will be responsible for raising a \$60 minimum. Players will be emailed an online link to be shared with friends and family to make donations. Prizes will go to top fundraisers. Players will also be able to win a variety of prizes the day of the event. If you have questions on this event please contact info@efll.org.

#### **SNACK BAR**

The snack bar relies upon parent participation. One 3-hour shift at the Chapman Park Snack Bar is required for each player. The league will assign each team a block of shifts (one per player). Team Parents will be responsible for having each family sign up for one of the assigned shifts. The snack bar shift can be fulfilled by the parent, any other adult, or relative of **at least 13 years of age.** The league will also provide a list of teen workers who are available for hire. A \$75.00 fee will be charged for "No Shows".

Snack bar shifts are generally:	How to sign up:
Monday-Thursday from 4:30pm to 7:30pm	Team Parents will receive an email with a block of shifts their team is responsible for fulfilling. Each parent must sign up and
Saturday from 8:30am to 5:00pm	complete one shift.

For information or questions regarding Snack Bar duty, contact: <a href="mailto:Crystal Pyon">Crystal Pyon</a> <a href=

## **SPONSORSHIPS**

Each team is required to fundraise a minimum of \$350 in sponsorship funds by **March**16th. These funds supplement costs such as registration fees, cost of uniforms and equipment, field rental fees, Little League Organization Membership fees, insurance. As an incentive for teams to obtain sponsors, a percentage of funds above the minimum, will be available to each team under the following guidelines:

After the first \$350 is raised in sponsorship money, a team may receive a reimbursement of up to 50% of the money thereafter to be used for the benefit of the team. Team parents can submit this form, including receipts, to be reimbursed for monies spent for the team (team parties, team supplies, coaches gifts, etc.). Please note that sponsorship money cannot be used to purchase baseball equipment. All requests are subject to approval by the Board of Directors. Please note that reimbursements will not be processed until after May 1st. All submissions must be received by June 15.

Please provide each player's family with a copy of the sponsorship form. An additional copy has been included in this booklet. This form and the reimbursement form are also available on our website.

While the minimum sponsorship deadline is March 16th, additional sponsorship submissions are welcome anytime.

If a team is unable to obtain required sponsorships, parents may also split up the cost to cover the sponsorship.

For information or questions regarding sponsorship, please contact: **Sam Castellano at sam.castellano@efll.org** 



## LEAGUE EVENTS

#### OPENING DAY - March 1st 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Opening Day Ceremonies marks the official beginning of the spring season. All teams are invited to participate as we join together to be sworn in with the Little League Pledge. It's a great way to show your team spirit and let the games begin!

Where: Chapman Park, Field 1 - Macchia Field When: March 1, 2025, Saturday at 9:00am - 10:00am

Please have your team arrive in uniform by 8:40am to line up along the outside of the Field 2 fence. You can help direct parents to gather in the outfield of Field 1

#### PICTURE DAY - March 3rd & 6th

A complimentary picture package is included in the registration fee. Parents will receive an email when pictures are ready for selection. In order to receive the complimentary package, parents MUST place the online order through the link provided. An automatic discount will be applied. Picture processing will take several weeks. Upon availability, pictures will be distributed to the Team Parent to be distributed to players.

Picture Day schedule (day and time slot) will be announced as soon as it is available.

Please follow the below instructions to help keep the photo process streamlined:

- Who: All registered players (Coaches and Managers welcome)
- What to wear/bring: Players should wear their FULL uniform with hat, and bring their glove and bat.
- When to arrive arrive 15 minutes prior to the team's slotted schedule, and expect photos to take up to 30 minutes.
- Teams must be kept together and under control while waiting to be called

For questions regarding Picture Day, contact: info@efll.org

#### TITAN DAY - March 30th

Similar to Angel Day, this is another fun family event. Come out to Goodwin Field at Cal State Fullerton and enjoy a great game of college baseball. Families typically arrive early and BBQ/tailgate with their teams. A link for ticket purchase will be distributed when available.

Team Parents do not need to collect funds for this event or distribute tickets.

#### **ANGEL DAY - April 6th**

East Fullerton Little League participates in a Little League Day at Angel Stadium in Anaheim. All Little League players, coaches, and managers will be allowed to march around the dirt track surrounding the outfield and infield areas prior to the start of the game. There are a limited number of tickets available for sale for players and families. Orders will be processed on a first-come first-served basis. Team parents will need to collect ticket fees and keep track of how many tickets per player have been paid for. Collected funds will then need to be sent to the EFLL Angel Day Coordinator via the Team Parent. The Angel Day Coordinator will distribute tickets to team parents.

Teams typically plan a tailgate in the parking lot of Angel Stadium before the game. After the tailgate, players, coaches and managers will line up to walk the field. There are no restrooms once you get in line to walk the field, we highly recommend taking advantage of the porta-potties or restrooms beforehand.

## CLOSING CEREMONIES - May 31st at 9:30am

The League will celebrate the end of the regular season with Closing Ceremonies. We encourage all teams to plan their final team party in the park following the ceremony. It's a wonderful day to stake out a spot in the shade, bring your bbq, and hang out as a league and celebrate the season.

Where: Chapman Park, Field 1 - Macchia Field Players should wear their hats and jerseys (full uniform not needed).

#### **CHAIN OF COMMAND**

Please remember, it is very important in any organization to follow the "Chain of Command." If issues arise within the team, please follow the order of command below to escalate issues:

- 1. Team Manager
- 2. Player Agent/Director of Coaches
- 3. President

On behalf of the East Fullerton Little League, thank you for volunteering your time and energy this season. Your efforts will be impacting your player, team, and community.

For any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Team Parent Coordinator: **Toni Covarrubias at villegas toni@yahoo.com** 



# **Sponsorship Agreement**

P.O. Box 4052 Fullerton, CA 92834 www.efll.org

Serving the community for over 65 years

Partnerships between East Fullerton Little League (EFLL) and the local business community can make a big difference for the youth of our community. Little League promotes self-confidence, community pride, and builds both physical and mental skills. East Fullerton Little League needs your help to assure these opportunities are not lost for the youth of our community. EFLL uses your sponsorship contribution to provide uniforms, trophies, umpires and equipment for the league. With your sponsorship, we agree to provide the best Little League program possible for our youth. EFLL agrees to assist your business needs through advertising by:

- PLAQUES: All sponsors will have the option to receive wall display plaques.
- **WEB ADVERTISING**: All sponsors will be recognized on our website (www.efll.org). Over 300 families in the Fullerton area check our website twice weekly to view game results and schedules.
- SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS: Sponsors will be recognized through our social media pages (Facebook and Instagram). Accounts are viewed by over 1,000 followers, plus additional reach of non-following community members.
- SNACK BAR SPONSORSHIP AND BOOTH OPPORTUNITIES: Sponsor our very own Macchia Field Snack Bar and set up an Easy-Up Booth to promote your business.
- BANNER: Banners are displayed on outfield fences throughout the season, and are viewed by hundreds of local Fullerton residents. Dimensions 4' x 6'.

East Fullerton Little League is dedicated to the promotion of our community's businesses. Together we are making a difference!

If you have any questions, please contact Sam Castellano at sam.castellano@efll.org.

#### PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING EAST FULLERTON LITTLE LEAGUE!

Player Name		 	
Division:	Team::	 	

**GRAND SLAM** (\$750) - Includes: Listing and Active Link on EFLL Website, Banner for field fences, Social Media Posts, Booth Opportunities, Sponsor Macchia Field Snack Bar, 2 Tickets to Angels Day, and Plaque with team picture **HOME RUN** (\$500) - Listing and Active Link on EFLL Website, Banner for field fences, Social Media Posts, 2 Tickets to Angels Day, and Plaque with team picture

**TRIPLE (\$350)** - Listing and Active Link on EFLL Website, Social Media Posts, and Plaque with team picture. (Optional Banner for an additional \$70 - total of \$420)

**DOUBLE (\$200)** - Listing and Active Link on EFLL Website, Social Media Posts, and Plaque with team picture. (Optional Banner for an additional \$70 - total of \$270)

**SINGLE (\$150)** - Listing and Active Link on EFLL Website, Plaque with team picture. (Optional Banner for an additional \$70 - total of \$220)

Your donations are tax deductible.

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