



# LAND PARK PACIFIC LITTLE LEAGUE DOOLEY FIELD

## TIPS ON BEING A GREAT TEAM PARENT FOR LAND PARK PACIFIC LITTLE LEAGUE (LPPLL)

### *THE TEAM PARENT – WHAT IS IT?*

The Team Parent or General Manager takes care of the business and social functions for the team so that the Manager and Coaches can focus on teaching the players to play baseball. A great Team Parent can take a lot of pressure off a Manager by making sure that parents know the game/activity schedule, coordinating the team Snack Shack shifts and by making the baseball season fun off the field as well as on. Following are some duties of the Team Parent and some tips to make those jobs easier for you and enjoyable for everyone:

- **You're Not Alone** - Get as many of your parents involved with team functions/duties as possible – delegate, delegate, and delegate! People usually want to help; they just need to be asked. Please make sure you email [Ssmith@lppll.com](mailto:Ssmith@lppll.com) your name, team name and Division and your email address for League communications.
- **Opening Day** – Each team has a truck (float) in the Opening Day Parade. The truck should be decorated in some way and make sure your parents know what time to be at the parade. Most teams decorate the floats at the parade site; some do it the night before. Do not allow candy or other items to be thrown during the parade.
- **Baseball Bash** – This is the League lead-off dinner and it is Opening “Day” night at Holy Spirit School. Tickets will be given to you to sell to your parents. It will be a lot of fun, a great way to get to know other League parents and to kick off the new season.
- **Snack Shack Tickets** – Ask any player in LPPLL and they will tell you one of their favorite things about Dooley Field is the Snack Shack. The League strongly encourages every team to purchase a \$1 Snack Shack ticket for each player after every game. The kids love the treat and it helps raise money for the League. The best way to handle the tickets is to multiply the number of games in the entire season by \$1 and have each player contribute that amount. That way no one has to buy tickets twice





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and no one has to worry about forgetting their turn. The Team Parent can purchase the tickets all at once or a little at a time. The Team Parent can distribute the tickets or give them to a Coach at the beginning of the game. If you have any tickets left at the end of the year, buy some “team treats” at the last game. Every player gets a free player soda after each game played.

- **Picture Day** – Make sure your parents/players know the day and time for pictures, it is really important that every player shows up for the picture. Distribute the envelopes to buy pictures ahead of time. The Team Parent should also be in the team photograph—you are a big part of the team!
- **Snack Shack Duty** – This is one of the most important jobs of the Team Parent. Each team has approximately two Snack Shack shifts per year. Your team must arrive on time and stay to the end of the shift. As a Team Parent, make sure you have one parent on each shift that will be responsible for making sure the Snack Shack is well staffed and cleaned or stocked at the end of your shift. If you do not have a lead parent, it is your job to be there to make sure your team fulfills their responsibility to the League. Working in the Snack Shack can be fun – make it light, joke and keep a positive attitude –it will rub off on your parents.
- **Pancake Breakfast** – LPPLL has a great Pancake Breakfast each year. All of the Managers and Coaches come and flip hotcakes or serve the players and their families and have a great time doing it. Team Parents are given tickets for players to purchase or sell. The Team Parent must account for the tickets and return the money and any unsold tickets to the League. Each team is to donate a Team Basket for a raffle or silent action– you can pick a theme if you like. Most teams have each parent donate \$5 or appropriate items based on your theme. The Team Parent needs to make sure your team has a basket and has it delivered to the League. Remember – you don’t have to do it all – ask for help.
- **Last Game** – It is up to the Manager to determine how uniforms will be collected and up to the Team Parent to remind parents. A good way is have players bring an extra T-shirt to the last game and just take the uniform top off--give it to the Team Parent or Manager and wash them all at once. The Manager is responsible for returning the uniforms to the League. Players keep the hats and socks.
- **End Of The Year Party** – It is really, really important to have an end of the year party. The Manager recognizes all the players and their hard work





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and it just finishes the season on a great note. The Team Parent organizes the party (or delegates) and is responsible for making sure the Managers and Coaches have some sort of gift or acknowledgment for all their time, hard work and efforts in coaching our children during the season. Most teams have parents contribute some small monetary amount for coaches' gifts. All contributions to the League or voluntary and should not ever be mandated. Most of our parents are very generous but sometimes-family budgets just can't handle extra contributions so use your good judgment when collecting money.

On behalf of Land Park Pacific Little League, the players and their families "thank you" for stepping up to the plate and helping out – LPPLL would not be the great League it is without people like you.

