



FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

Where can I get additional information about Golden Hill Little League?

Golden Hill Little League (GHLL), an authorized chapter of Little League International, maintains a website at WWW.GHLL.NET. The website contains a wealth of information regarding the programs offered by GHLL as well as additional resources and points of contact. Your first point of contact should be the team's manager or coach. If they are not available or there is a conflict, feel free to contact the Player Agent (listed on the website under "Information/Board Members").

How are teams formed and how are players selected to the teams?

Teams start through the selection of the Team Manager, who is ultimately responsible for and in charge of the team. The Team Manager typically handles all of the administrative affairs of the team, in addition to coaching. There is also a Team Coach. Most teams will recruit an Assistant Team Coach as well. All of these positions must be approved by the Board of Directors of GHLL, through the recommendation of a Board committee.

T-Ball teams are loosely formed based on where the player lives/goes to school. Rookie through Majors are drafted through ranking all players based on their skill level as demonstrated in tryouts and through experience. Thereafter, a formal draft is held among all managers/coaches in each division. Majors teams do give preference to maintaining the integrity of previously formed teams. In all cases, managers will notify the players of their team placement after the draft.

T-ball teams are the last to be formed. The reason for this is that some of the players will be eligible for the Rookie Division draft which is completed last. Thereafter, careful effort is made to best-match the t-ball teams. We recognize that older siblings may have a couple of practices before t-ballers, but please be patient with the process.

Are Little League Baseball rules different from Major League Baseball?

Definitely! The essential objectives of the game are the same, however, additional safety precautions are taken to protect the children. Also, the rules provide for competition, while making principle, fun and growth. The rules are found in the Little League Rule Book, commonly referred to as the “green book.” Each team is provided with two (2) copies of this book. The book is also available for purchase at many local sporting good stores.

GHLL has also adopted local league rules for each division. These rules, which are approved through the Little League organization, also govern play and are available on the GHLL website under “Information/Local Rules.” These rules may change and are different for each division, so parents are encouraged to review the local rules for each child’s division.

Where are practices and games held?

Practices are held at various elementary schools and a couple of parks throughout the city. You can find the address and a link to a map to all of the facilities on our website under “Fields.” All of the sites have been secured through an exclusive-use permit with the City of Fullerton and are assigned to individual teams on given days. Games are played on well-groomed diamonds. GHLL operates and maintains two of the finest Little League baseball diamonds in the region. The main facility is located at 2100 N. Brea Blvd. (near Panorama Road). The costs are completely funded through league members, unlike most other leagues, which play exclusively on City fields. GHLL’s fields are used mostly for T-ball, Rookie, and A games. While other divisions may occasionally play at GHLL’s fields, the majority of their games will be played at the Fullerton Sports Complex (or at other sites as needed for tournaments).

What are standard game days/times?

Each team manager will be provided with a master game schedule for his/her team. GHLL will also post the ball game schedules on the website under “Calendar/Ball Games”. Additionally, special events/tournaments/etc. can be found under the “Calendar” section of the website. Fortunately, GHLL is able to exclude Sundays as regular game days. However, Sundays after 12:00 PM are occasionally used for make-up games.

Maximum game times are listed for each division under “Information/Local Rules” on the website. Briefly: T-Ball = 1 hour; Rookie & A = 1 hour 45 minutes, with no new inning after 1 hour 30 minutes; AA-AAA = 2 hours 15 minutes with no new inning after 2 hours; Majors-Juniors = no time limit, except where there is a

curfew. See the local rules regarding how scores are recorded if the maximum time limit or curfew is reached.

What can we expect our child to gain from playing at GHLL?

Each child should improve their baseball playing skills throughout the season and they will learn the rules of play. Related benefits include learning about sportsmanship, playing in a team environment, social enrichment, athleticism, and character-building. These assorted social and health benefits should be directed by good coaching. We mandate that all managers and coaches receive training and attend meetings geared towards developing and improving their skills. Commissioners periodically monitor manager/coach performance to ensure compliance with GHLL objectives.

What do the registration fees pay for and are there any additional fees?

Registration fees pay for a hat, uniform shirt, umpiring (except t-ball), trophies, costs associated with the maintenance and improvement of GHLL's grounds, our charter fee with Little League International, insurance, the yearbook, and a basic set of player/team pictures.

Registration costs alone cannot cover all of the league's expenses. Therefore, there are two additional fundraisers mandated of each player:

- 1) Sell two boxes of candy or pay \$50.00 to opt-out.
- 2) Work one shift in the snack bar or pay \$45.00 to opt-out.

Though no other "fees" exist, players will need to purchase their own glove, belt, cleats (non-metallic only), socks, athletic supporter with hard cup, and sleeves (undershirt with colored sleeves). Some players may choose to purchase their own additional equipment, but they should check with their manager/coach or the Little League Rule Book to ensure that it complies with official rules.

Is it true that snacks are a highlight of the game?

We are dealing with children. In T-Ball, you almost dare not hold a game without a snack at the end. However, other divisions are similarly situated. Typically, the Team Parent will organize a formal schedule in which parents sign-up to bring a snack to each game. Parents are encouraged to make the snacks healthy choices (i.e. fruit juice vs. soda; fruits or fruit snacks vs. candy), as we want to promote not only athleticism, but a healthy lifestyle overall. The snacks are distributed after the end of play. For convenience and as an additional league fundraiser, you may purchase snack tickets at the snack bar and distribute them to the players so that they may choose their own snack.

Are there volunteering opportunities available?

With the exception of umpires and a weekly field maintenance crew, everyone at GHLL is volunteering their time to make the Little League baseball experience a rich and rewarding endeavor. A volunteer questionnaire is available on the website under “Information/Documents.” Once completed, submit the questionnaire to any Board Member or turn it in to the Snack Shack.

How can I be assured that my child is safe from abusive or predatory volunteers?

Any volunteer working directly with the youth will be subjected to a background check and a more comprehensive application. A Megan’s Law check is completed on all Managers, Coaches, Umpires, and others who directly work with the players. In furtherance of providing a positive experience to our players, managers and coaches are selected based on their coaching experience and history with the league. Though these positions are “volunteers”, it is considered a privilege to be selected and the league expects them to act in the highest character at all times both on and off the field.

If you see any inappropriate contact or behavior between a volunteer and a child, please notify any Board Member **immediately**, so that an appropriate course of action can take place.

Can I smoke or drink at games?

GHLL has a strict policy of no possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on its property or practice fields. GHLL recently adopted a “No Tobacco” policy. Tobacco products may not be used on GHLL grounds or practice fields nor at GHLL or team-sponsored functions regardless of location.

How do I complain or compliment the league?

We constantly strive to provide an experience that exceeds our league members’ expectations. Therefore, we welcome input, both positive and negative, from any member of the league or those who have attended events sponsored by GHLL.

Each Board Member has an e-mail address available through the website at “Information/Board Members.” Additionally, their phone numbers are listed for your convenience.

Also on the website, there is a contact form listed under “About/Contact Information”.

Finally, the following are generic methods of providing feedback:

Mail:
Golden Hill Little League
P.O. Box 5345
Fullerton, CA 92838

Email:
info@ghll.net

Voicemail:
(714) 680-8634

How are Board members elected?

Board members are nominated throughout the season. At the end of the season, you will be asked to vote for those individuals whom you feel will best represent the interests of the league. The President is charged with ensuring a proper and orderly election. Questions regarding Board positions and responsibilities may be referred directly to the President.

How can I sponsor at GHLL?

We welcome sponsorship opportunities at Golden Hill Little League. Unlike most other leagues, we pay all maintenance and equipment costs for our grounds at Unocal Field. As you can imagine, this represents a significant percentage of our budget in order to water the fields, keep the grass maintained, and pay the various utilities. However, the payoff is readily visible. We play on some of the finest fields in the area. Each team is responsible for garnering a certain number of sponsorships. Additional information on this can be found under the bogey information below.

Please refer to our website under “Information / Documents / Sponsorship Form” for additional information. Questions may be referred to the league by contacting the Treasurer (telephone and e-mail listed under “Information / Board Members”).

What is a bogey and how can I help my team achieve its bogey?

The Board of Directors of Golden Hill Little League has develops annual financial budgets that include a fundraising program that each team is expected to participate in. T-Ball teams are expected to raise at least \$250.00 each for the league through team sponsorships. All other teams are expected to raise at least \$500.00 each for the league.

Sponsorships or donations are accepted in any amount. All sponsors contributing at least \$150.00 will receive a listing in the GHLL yearbook, acknowledgement in one of our publications and a plaque of appreciation.

For a contribution of at least \$300.00, GHLL will also display a 2' x 4' outfield banner advertising the sponsor on one of our Unocal fields.

For a contribution of at least \$500.00, GHLL will display a larger 4' x 6' outfield banner advertising the sponsor on one of our Unocal fields. Past year sponsors may renew this level of sponsorship for \$400.00 and the banner from the past year will be displayed again.

Sponsors may request that their sponsorship be split between more than one team. Sponsors can be businesses, individuals, or families. Please ask the local businesses you patronize to consider helping our league.

The GHLL Board of directors will use any team sponsorship money that exceeds the bogey amount (\$500.00 for most teams, \$250.00 for T-Ball teams) to reimburse teams for baseball related expenses only, provided receipts are submitted timely to the league treasurer. No reimbursements will be made until the team's equipment has been returned to the league equipment director. Your team will be charged \$250.00 for failure to return the equipment that has been provided to you. Your team will also be charged \$90.00 for each volunteer who fails to show up for snack bar duty and failure to provide volunteers for our field work days will result in a charge of \$50.00 for each no show.

Team sponsorship money exceeding your team bogeys and other fees mentioned above will be pooled and split between those teams who have met their bogeys. 25% of the pool will be retained by the league with the remaining 75% available for expense reimbursements.

Reimbursable expenses must be baseball related. If you have questions about whether an expense is baseball related, please ask your league commissioner to discuss the issue with the GHLL Board of Directors. Remember, no reimbursement will be made if the league does not raise at least \$19,000.00 (34 teams x \$500.00 + 8 teams x \$250.00).

Examples:

Team Sponsorship	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00
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Minimum Fundraising Needed	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00
Excess Team Sponsor Money	\$6,000.00	\$11,000.00
25% Retained by League	\$1,500.00	\$2,750.00
Pool to be Split Among Teams	\$4,500.00	\$8,250.00
Maximum Share per Team	\$118.42*	\$217.11*

* T-Ball teams will be eligible for a ½ share, since their bogey amount is lower.

Any teams not raising their bogey amount will not be eligible for a share of the pool, which will result in an increased share per team for those who have raised their bogey amount.

All expense reimbursements must be submitted to the league treasurer prior to August 31 of the current season. Any requests received after that date will not be considered for reimbursement. If your expense receipts exceed your share of the pool, you will only receive up to your team's share amount. Any money remaining in the pool after August 31, will be transferred to the general fund of Golden Hill Little League for future expenses of the league.