



FAQ'S

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WHERE CAN I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT GHLL?

Golden Hill Little League (GHLL), a chartered member of Little League® and 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.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

During the season, please follow this [Chain of Command](#):

Player Concerns:

1. Team Manager
2. Division Commissioner
3. Player Agent
4. VP
5. President

Manager/Coaching Concerns:

1. Division Commissioner
2. Coach Coordinator
3. VP
4. President

Other Concerns

1. Manager
2. Team Parent Coordinator
3. Aux President
4. VP
5. President

A complete list of the GHLL Board of Directors can be found on the [website](#). Depending on the inquiry, you may need to reach one of the following people:

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| • Before you register/Questions about registration: | League Registrar |
| • Coaching requirements/Volunteering to coach: | Coaching Coordinator |
| • Joining the GHLL Board of Directors: | President |
| • Other volunteer opportunities: | Auxiliary President |
| • Questions about level of play/placement: | Player Agent |
| • Sponsorships: | Director of Ways & Means |
| • Website issues: | Information Officer |

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT FOR MY FAMILY?

The Spring Season

Rookie-Juniors teams are formed in late January, with Tee Ball teams and league-wide practices commencing shortly thereafter. Games begin in late February or early March and the regular season typically ends in early May. For Divisions and Teams eligible for post-season tournament play, the season can extend into early June. Before the beginning of the season, GHLL publishes a league calendar that can be found on the [website](#).

Games & Practices

For T-Ball, you can expect 2-3 events per week, while in all other divisions of play, you can expect 3-4 events per week. Before games begin in late February/early March, your player may have 2-4 practices per week. Once games begin, teams will usually have 2 games and 2 practices per week, one of which may only be a short batting practice. Your Team Manager should explain the practice expectations at the beginning of the season. Little League® rules prohibit scheduling more than a total of 4 games & practices per week.

Due to the limited availability of fields with lights, weekday practices (especially at the lower divisions) can be scheduled to start as early as 3:30-4pm. Field practices will last anywhere from 1-2+ hours, depending on the Division. Batting Practices are usually broken into smaller groups with time slots ranging from ½ - 1 hour. These are just guidelines and specific practice schedules will be set by the Team Manager.

GHLL does its best to publish the game schedule in a timely manner. However, negotiations with the City of Fullerton and other sports leagues for field usage can delay the release of the final schedule.

Once finalized, game schedules are published on the [web calendar](#), which can be sorted by Division & Team.

Maximum game times for each division can be found in the Local Rules documents on the website. In addition to the game time, you will need to factor in the warmup time determined by the team manager. As a general rule, expect the following time commitments for each Division's games:

Tee Ball: 1 hour game + ½ hour warm-up

Rookie: 1 ½ – 1 ¾ hours + ½ hour warm-up

Single A: 1 ¾ – 2 hours + ½ hour warm-up

AA & *AAA: 2–2 ½ hours + ½–1 hour warm-up

*Majors & *Juniors: 2 ½ –3 hours + 1+ hour(s) warm-up

**Divisions AAA and above should expect some night games to start as late as 6:45pm*

Fall Ball

Under Little League® guidelines, GHLL has offered a training and development season in the fall, though formats for this program have changed in recent years. If you are interested in your child playing in our fall program, please remain subscribed to our email newsletter for information on program details and registration guidelines.

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT OUR CHILD TO GAIN FROM PLAYING AT GHLL?

As a recreational sports league, GHLL prioritizes fun and enjoyment for our players above all else. Each child should also be expected to improve his or her baseball playing skills throughout the season, including learning about: sportsmanship, the rules of play, 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. Division Commissioners periodically monitor manager/coach performance to ensure compliance with GHLL objectives.

WHERE CAN I EXPECT MY PLAYER TO PRACTICE & PLAY?

Practices are held at various elementary schools and park facilities throughout the city. 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. Your manager/coach will provide you with the location of your practices.

Games are played on well-groomed diamonds. GHLL's main facility is commonly referred to as "Unocal Fields" and is located at 2100 N. Brea Blvd. (near Panorama Road). The operating costs of the Unocal Fields are completely funded via GHLL's budget. This is dissimilar to most other Fullerton sports organizations, which play exclusively on City fields. Due to the fence distances, Unocal fields are used primarily for Tee Ball, Rookie and Single A Division games. While other Divisions may occasionally play at the Unocal Fields, the majority of their games will be played at the Fullerton Sports Complex located at 560 Silver Pine Way, Fullerton, 92835 (or at other sites as needed for tournaments & inter-league play).

ARE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL RULES DIFFERENT FROM OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES?

As chartered member of Little League®, GHLL has a mandate to follow the official rules set forth by the governing organization, which updates those rules annually. The essential objectives of Little League® and official baseball rules are the same, but Little League® has developed additional rules to account for player safety, appropriate competition, training and development.

The rules are found in the **Little League® Rule Book**, commonly referred to as the “Green Book.” The **Little League® Rule Book** is available to read [online](#) and hard copies may be purchased from www.littleleague.org. Each spring season, GHLL provides every team with two (2) copies of this book.

GHLL has also adopts Local Rules for each division every year. These rules, which are approved through the Little League® organization, also govern play and are available on the GHLL [website](#). Local Rules are reviewed/revised annually.

HOW DOES THE LEAGUE DECIDE MY PLAYER’S DIVISION & TEAM PLACEMENT?

GHLL follows Little League® rules for minimum and maximum ages per Division of play. For player safety purposes, Local Rules have been developed to further define placement guidelines. Based on the number of players in the league, the Player Agent creates a pool of players eligible for each Division. Players age 4-5 **must** play in the Tee Ball Division.

The GHLL Player Agent uses the following age chart as one factor in determining the player pool for each Division:

	Tee Ball	Rookie	A	AA	AAA	Major	Junior
Primary Age	5-6	7	8	9	10-11	11-12	13-14
Secondary Age	4	6, 8	7, 9	8, 10	9	10	XX

***Under-age player:** defined as the lowest age at the Secondary Age level

***Older-age player:** defined as the oldest age at the Primary Age level

In addition to a player’s “League Age,” GHLL conducts a Player Evaluation event for players eligible for the Rookie-Junior Divisions. Following Player Evaluations, Rookie-Junior teams are formed via an official draft process. Please refer to the [Draft Process](#) document available on the GHLL website for additional information.

Tee Ball teams are formed in the days following the upper Division drafts. At the Tee Ball level, GHLL will attempt to honor requests for kids to play with friends, schoolmates, or particular coaches. For players without special requests, GHLL will attempt to group players together based on school of attendance or home address in relation to the team’s practice fields. Special requests for Tee Ball should be made during the registration process, or by emailing the League Registrar before teams are formed.

WHAT DO THE REGISTRATION FEES PAY FOR AND ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES?

Registration fees cover only a portion of the league’s operating costs. As a part of the minimum registration fee, each player receives a team hat and jersey, as well as a basic team photo package. The remaining balance of the registration fees go towards the league’s expenses including, but not limited to, baseball equipment, insurance, umpiring, and the maintenance and improvement of Unocal Fields.

It is important to note that registration costs alone cannot cover all of the league’s expenses. Even with the money raised from registration, there is still a deficit in the league’s annual operating budget. Therefore, GHLL requires each team to raise additional money via a Team Bogey. Team Bogeys are defined later in this document.

Though no other player “fees” exist, players will need to purchase their own glove, belt, socks, athletic supporter with hard cup, and optional “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 Tee Ball, you almost dare not hold a game without a snack at the end. At GHLL, you will find that the post-game snack tradition typically runs through the AAA Division. However, at all levels, the Team Parent should have a discussion with the rest of the parents to see what the group wants to do. For upper Divisions playing night games, potlucks & hot cocoa can be a fun idea for team bonding.

For the minor Division teams that want to have snacks, the Team Parent often organizes a formal schedule through which parents sign-up to bring a snack to each game. Parents are encouraged to make the snacks healthy choices (i.e. fruit juice or milk vs. soda; fruits, string cheese or pretzels vs. candy), as we want to promote not only athleticism, but a healthy lifestyle overall.

ARE THERE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE?

With the exception of umpires, everyone at GHLL is volunteering their time to make the Little League® baseball experience a rich and rewarding endeavor. There are many volunteer opportunities including but not limited to:

- Coaching
- Team Parenting
- Snack Shack Committee
- Fields & Grounds Committee
- Safety Committee
- Auxiliary Board (supports all non-game events, e.g. Opening Day, Closing Ceremonies, Angel Day, etc.)
- Umpiring (ages 14+)

Please contact an appropriate [Board Member](#) for more information.

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. Tobacco products (including smokeless tobacco and e-cigarettes) may not be used on GHLL grounds or practice fields nor at GHLL or team-sponsored functions.

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](#). For general inquiries, please email info@ghll.net.

HOW ARE BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED?

Individuals interested in serving on the Board of Directors are encouraged to email the League President at any time during the year. Every summer, a mailer will be sent to the parents/guardians of each player asking you to vote on the slate of candidates that have elected to run for the Board and candidate bios will be available on the website. We ask you to vote for those individuals whom you feel will best represent the interests of the league. The League President is charged with ensuring a proper and orderly election. Board members terms are 2 years.

HOW CAN I SPONSOR AT GHLL?

Sponsorship money is critical to ensuring we have the funds required the league to operate. GHLL pays all maintenance and equipment costs for the grounds at Unocal Fields. As you can imagine, this represents a significant percentage of our budget. For more information on sponsorship opportunities and levels, please refer to the [Sponsorship Opportunities](#) document on our website.

WHAT IS A BOGEY AND HOW CAN I HELP MY TEAM ACHIEVE ITS BOGEY?

At the beginning of each fiscal year, the GHLL Board of Directors develops an annual budget. In order to cover the disparity between operating expenses and registration income, GHLL has developed a fundraising program referred to as the Team Bogey. All teams at Divisions Rookie-Juniors are required to raise \$500/team for the league. Due to the shortened season and lack of umpires, Tee Ball teams are only required to raise \$250/team.

The easiest way for teams to meet the Bogey requirements is to secure sponsorship from local businesses. Sponsorships or donations are accepted in any amount, although higher levels of sponsorship offer opportunities to advertise at the GHLL fields and on the website. For more information please refer to the [Sponsorship Opportunities](#) document. However, sponsorships are not the only way to raise money and GHLL offers other

opportunities throughout the season as a way for teams to raise funds. For questions about Bogey fundraising ideas, please contact the Auxiliary President.

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 Bogey money that exceeds the league-wide Bogey budget amount to reimburse teams for baseball related expenses that benefit the entire team. Reimbursement forms will be distributed to Team Parents by the Auxiliary President. If you have questions about whether an expense is baseball related, please contact either the Auxiliary President or League Treasurer. No reimbursements will be made until the team's equipment has been returned to the Equipment Director.

WHAT IS THE TEAM BOGEY REIMBURSEMENT?

If the total Team Bogey income raised by the league is higher than the minimum level set in the budget, then Bogey reimbursement funds will be available to be shared by all the teams. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, GHLL must follow IRS code in allocating reimbursement benefits. This means that reimbursement amounts are equalized across all teams, regardless of how much an individual team raises in Bogey funds.

HOW IS THE TEAM BOGEY REIMBURSEMENT CALCULATED & DISBURSED?

If Team Bogey income exceeds the budgeted amount, 25% of the pool will be retained by the league with the remaining 75% available for team expense reimbursements.

For Example:

GHLL Team Bogey Budget = \$19,000 (42 teams, with 8 at Tee Ball Division)

Total Team Bogey Income = \$25,000

Excess Team Bogey Money = \$6,000

25% Retained by GHLL = \$1,500

Reimbursement Pool to be Split Among Teams = \$4,500

*Rookie-Junior Team Reimbursement Amount = \$118.42/team

Tee Ball Reimbursement Amount = \$59.21/team (Tee 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 GHLL general fund for future expenses of the league.