

2012

Olive Little League Parent Handbook



Olive Little League
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OliveLittleLeague.org

Letter from the President

Dear Olive Little League:

WELCOME TO YOUR 2012 SPRING SEASON!!!

Olive Little League's 2011-2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS have been hard at work preparing for another exciting season of Little League baseball. This **PARENT HANDBOOK** is the first step in providing you with important information regarding the upcoming season.

PLEASE... look through the handbook and keep it handy throughout the season;

PLEASE... visit our website often for additional updates **www.olivelittleleague.org**;

PLEASE ... contact one of us if you need assistance or if you wish to get involved!!!

We can use everyone's help, *even in small ways*, to insure the season is successful. Consider helping in one of the following ways..scorekeeping, field prep, umpiring, team parent, or coaching. The good news is that no previous experience is necessary! Training is provided! Remember...

Little League Baseball ...

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With everyone's help the children who come to play little league baseball at **Olive Little League** can learn what it means to have **character, courage and loyalty!**

GO OLIVE!

Shane Loomis

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President, Olive Little League



Olive Little League Information

Olive Little League endorses the National Little League philosophy, and has made only slight modifications to some of playing rules in an attempt to enhance the playing experience for our children. The following is an excerpt from the National Little League organization:

“Little League Baseball is a program of service to youth. It is geared to provide an outlet of healthful activity and training under good leadership in the atmosphere of wholesome community participation. The movement is dedicated to helping children become good and decent citizens. It strives to inspire them with a goal and to enrich their lives toward the day when they must take their places in the world. It establishes for them rudiments of teamwork and fair play.”

LITTLE LEAGUE MISSION STATEMENT

Little League Baseball, Incorporated is a non-profit organization whose mission is "to promote, develop, supervise, and voluntarily assist in all lawful ways, the interest of those who will participate in Little League Baseball and Softball."

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Olive Little League whole-heartedly supports the mission of Little League Baseball and strives to put these principles into practice on a daily basis.

OLIVE LITTLE LEAGUE STRUCTURE

Olive Little League is structured into 9 divisions:

Challenger Division, Big League, Senior League, Junior League, Majors, AAA, AA, A (Coach Pitch), T-Ball

OLIVE LITTLE LEAGUE ELIGIBILITY

Olive Little League is open to all children between the ages of 5 and 18 as of April 30th of each year. The league is open to players who live within the established physical boundaries, subject to adherence to established rules and required parental support. In addition, player candidates must have parental or legal guardian consent.

OLIVE LITTLE LEAGUE OPERATIONS

Olive Little League is an all-volunteer league. Many parents devote their personal time to support and operate the league. Help is always needed – if you are interested in volunteering some time, please contact any board member who can point you in the right direction.

OLIVE LITTLE LEAGUE LOCATIONS

Olive Park - 2841 North Glassell Orange, CA 92857

Olive Park serves as the “Home field” to Olive Little League’s Major, Minors, and T-Ball Divisions (ages 4-12).

Shaffer Park – 1904 N. Shaffer Orange CA 92865

Shaffer Park serves as the “Home field” of Olive’s Junior League Division (ages 13-15).

OLIVE LITTLE LEAGUE RESOURCES

Important Information is and will continue to be posted during the season at WWW.OLIVELITTLELEAGUE.ORG including;

- District clinics (rules/scorekeeping) and Ceremony information
- New Little League Bat regulations (PLEASE READ BEFORE BUYING A BAT!)
- Game schedules
- Local League Rules
- All Star Selection process

Visit www.olivelittleleague.org to join our new email distribution list and receive important updates via email.

Our “Mudline” number is (714) 998-4835. Call after 3:00 p.m. on weekdays and 7:00 a.m. on Saturdays for cancellation information.

SNACK BARS/SPIRIT WEAR - Please visit the Olive/Shaffer snack bars! There is great food at reasonable prices. Purchases of Spirit Wear can be made at the snack bar including – t-shirts, decals, blankets, hoodies, hats and more!!

Credit Cards now accepted!

OLIVE LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of the Olive Little League Board preside over the needs of the league for a term of one year. Each board member volunteers their personal time to ensure fields are maintained, uniforms are purchased, vendors are managed, communications are published, registration is taken care of, rules are established, teams are created, managers and coaches are selected, and sponsorships are secured. The board formally meets each month throughout the year, and informally in subcommittees as needed.

The 2012/2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS needs you!!!

Please consider volunteering your time to help the kids have the best LITTLE LEAGUE experience!!!! To apply, please contact us at: email@olivelittleleague.org



OLIVE LITTLE LEAGUE 2011-2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

First	Last	Email	Board Responsibility
Amanda	Lucio	amanda@olivelittleleague.org	Co-Treasure-Bookkeeper, Angel Day Rep
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SAFETY

Our children's safety is our highest priority. We will only allow regulation-approved equipment. We will not tolerate behavior that is reckless, which will put any of our players in a potentially harmful situation, or any situation that does not abide by Little League rules.

We require good sportsmanship and respect towards others. We strive to provide our children a safe environment and facility to have fun and learn baseball skills to improve their abilities and self-esteem.

PLEASE NOTE: We at Olive Little League do not have exclusive use of the park, it is a public park. For that reason, certain safety precautions must be taken.

- Please use caution when allowing your child to use the public restrooms. The coaches are instructed not to let any player leave the field or dugout during a practice or game without being accompanied by an adult. Please follow this same practice for all of your children.
- Children like to play or hunt for baseballs in the bushes. Unfortunately in the past we have found many undesirable objects in these same bushes. Please keep all children out of the bushes surrounding Olive and Shaffer Parks.
- The City of Orange has posted signs prohibiting skateboards at the park (this includes scooters). Severe injury may result from an out of control rider. We ask that these items be left at home. Also, per City regulations all animals brought to the park must be on a leash.

PARKING AT OLIVE PARK

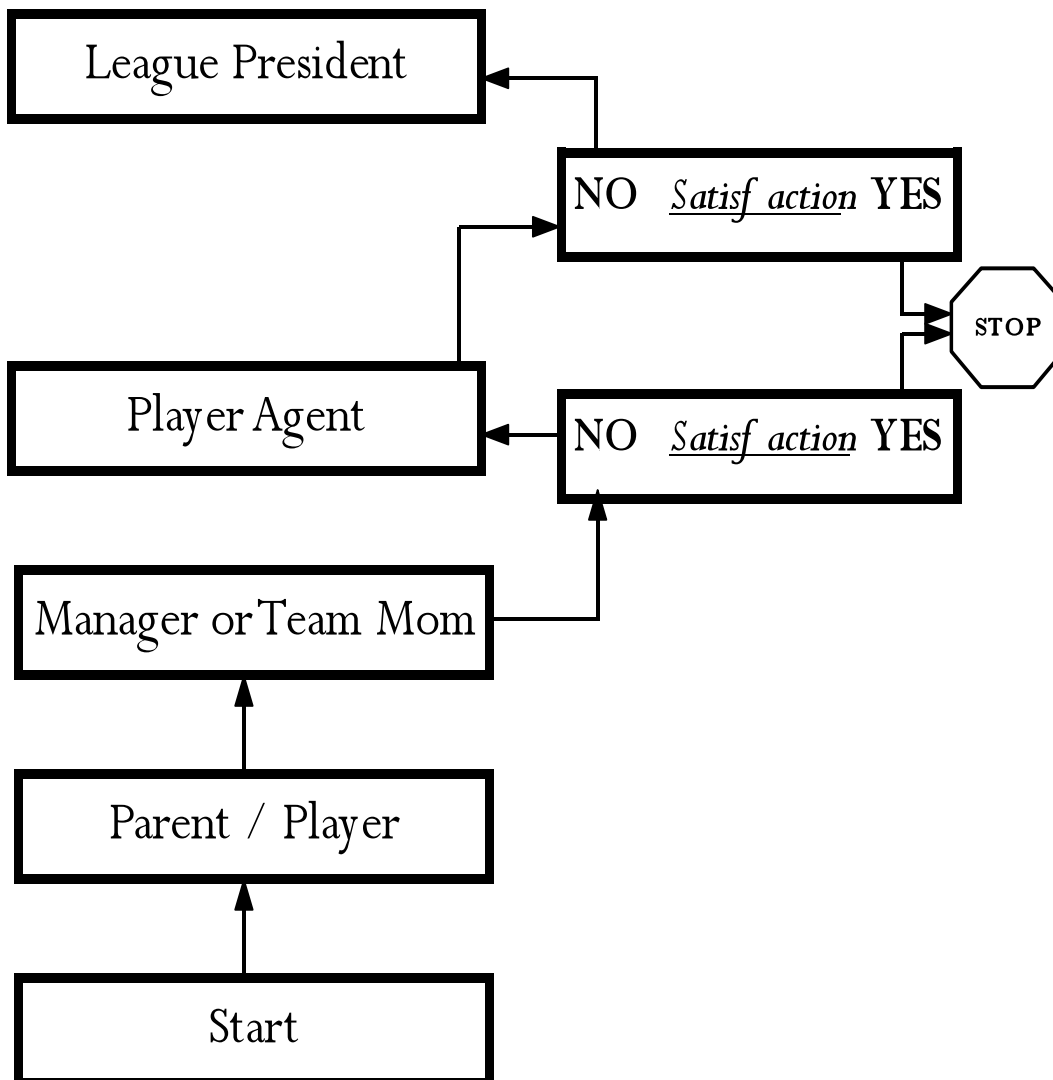
The circle in front of Olive Park is for DROP-OFF and PICKUP only. There is absolutely NO PARKING in the circle or in unmarked stalls in the parking lot. Also, parking on the sidewalk and grass areas is prohibited. The police will ticket and tow those cars illegally parked. Please keep in mind that there is also NO PARKING in the church parking lot across the street from Olive Park. When you park in the surrounding neighborhoods, be a good neighbor and do not block driveways or trap cars.



CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Our goal at Olive LL is to resolve issues at the lowest level possible, and as quickly as possible. Resolution of issues related to managers, coaches, players, and parents must begin at the team level. Resolution of issues related to league level decisions must begin with the responsible Olive LL board member.

Listening to and trying to understanding the concerns of others are the most important parts of the resolution process, and is expected of everyone at Olive LL.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please visit our website at <http://www.olivelittleleague.org> for a full list of Spring dates and times for the season.

LITTLE LEAGUE PLEDGE/PARENT PLEDGE

Player Pledge

I trust in God
I love my country and will respect its laws
I will play fair and strive to win
But win or lose
I will always do my best

The Parent/Volunteer Pledge

I will teach all children to play fair and do their best.
I will positively support all managers, coaches and players.
I will respect the decisions of the umpires.
I will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the game.

OLIVE LITTLE LEAGUE FINANCIALS

2011-2012

Please visit our website at <http://www.olivelittleleague.org> for the 2011-2012 financial statements.

PARENT PLEDGE/CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the **OLIVE** Little League, have implemented the following Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in our league. Managers will pass these out and collect them, and the form is available for download on our web site.