



2020

Sunset Little League
Parent Handbook

2020 Spring Season



Understanding Our Registration Questions

Our league continues to work to provide an optimal experience for all of our players, and the information we request helps us ensure your player is in a situation to be successful. Here are some simple explanations on how to answer our questions accurately and appropriately. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of your board members on site.

Sport Requested: Simple and straight-forward, is your player interested in playing baseball or softball?

Division Requested: Although your player's age may dictate the division, if you feel that they should be playing in a higher or lower division due to certain circumstances, we want to know to ensure they are successful.

Property Player: In our Major Division and above, the property player rule allows players to return to the team they played for during the previous Spring Season. If your player falls under this rule, we need to know what team they played for and if they are electing to return to that team, or if they would like to be inserted into the draft to be selected to a new team.

Uniform/Hat Size: We do our best to have uniform samples available at our in-person registration events. If you need to try on a sample, please let us know so we can ensure sizing for your player is correct. Most often, the player hat size coincides with the shirt size; however, in some instances your player may need a youth size shirt but an adult hat. We want to get this information correct.

Pairing Request: This request cannot always be guaranteed, but we do our best to accommodate to provide a more comfortable environment, especially for many first-time players coming in to join a friend or family member.

Team/Coach Request: When possible, we want our players to continue to build relationships with their coach or coaches, and although there is no guarantee, we will to support your request to the best of our abilities.

Coaching Exclusion: We never want a player to give up the game because of a bad experience, and we provide an option for you to ensure your player does not play for a particular coach prior to the season ever starting. This option is available for all divisions but cannot exceed 50% of the available coaching options.



Dates to Remember

District Umpire Clinic:

Saturday, January 25th, 2020 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Location: Rio Rancho South Sports Complex

Major Baseball Tryouts:

Saturday, February 8th, 2020 at Rio Rancho South Sports Complex
Check In: 10:00am Begins: 10:30am

All Softball Tryouts:

Saturday, February 8th, 2020 at Rio Rancho South Sports Complex
Check In: 12:30pm Begins: 1:00pm

Minor Baseball Tryouts:

Saturday, February 15th, 2019 at Rio Rancho South Sports Complex

9-10yr old players, last name A-M
Check In: 10:00am Begins: 10:30am

9-10yr old players, last name N-Z and all 8yr old
Check In: 12:30pm Begins: 1:00pm

Safety Meeting / Roster Release:

The week of February 17th, 2020
Location: TBD

Team Meet & Greet / Constitutional Balloting:

February 26th, 2020 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Location: Santa Ana Star Center

Practices Begin:

February 29th, 2020

Opening Day Ceremonies:

March 21st, 2020 at Rio Rancho South Sports Complex

Season Games End:

May 22nd, 2020



Divisional Tournament Games:

May 23rd through May 30th

All-Star Announcement:

June 1st, 2020

All-Star Tournaments:

June & July

Location and Facilities

Sunset Little League leases five fenced fields from the City of Rio Rancho. Our facilities are located at 3501 High Resort Boulevard in the City of Rio Rancho South Sports Complex. Upon entering the complex, the fields are located at the east end of the complex.

Website

<http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/sunsetbaseball>

How to Contact Sunset Little League

505-249-0838

Email: littleleagueinfo.sunset@gmail.com



Organization and Administration

Sunset Little League is overseen and administered by a volunteer board of directors. The members of the league elect the board each September. League members are parents and volunteers who pay a membership fee and agree to support the league policies and goals. Any member in good standing may vote in the election or run for a position on the board. Directors serve from October 1st until September 30th. After the board election, directors meet to elect officers from among themselves.

The 2020 board of directors meet once each month. Meetings may be cancelled or rescheduled depending upon the availability of the board or other conflicts. The Board adopts procedures and policies for the league, authorizes the expenditure of money, and addresses problems or issues that arise throughout the year. Board meetings are open to members. Any person wishing to address the board at a meeting must notify a board member in advance in order to be placed on the agenda. Anyone who would like to become a board member or volunteer should contact Sunset Little League.

Sunset Little League is governed by various sets of rules, regulation and guidelines, some of which are mandated by Little League International or the Regional Little League District Administer and other that are adopted locally.

The Various rules and regulations can be found in the following publications: Sunset Constitution; Little League International 2020 Operating Manual; the Official 2020 Little League Rulebook, local rules adopted for each division; other rules or policies and procedures adopted by Sunset Little League board of directors.

Board of Directors

President: Leon Paboucek
Director of Softball: Ashlee Cushing
Treasurer: Josh Schaeffer
Information Officer: Angela Paboucek
Chief Umpire: Stephen Castillo
Equipment Manager: Debbie Bowen
Upper Division Player Agent: Eric Halvorsen

VP / Coaches Coordinator: BJ Gagne
Secretary: Jennifer Castillo
Concession Manager: Casey Gagne
Safety Officer: Gerald Segura
Fundraising / Event Coordinator: Isaac Deleon
Purchasing Agent: Heather Rinaldi
Lower Division Player Agent: Warren Lopez



Dues and Costs for Members

In addition to being called upon to donate time as a concession volunteer or Umpire, parents will incur a registration fee in order for their child to participate in the Little League program.

There will be NO REFUNDS for the 2020 Spring Season except for relocation or a medical condition that prohibits play prior to March 28th, the start of the season.

The Costs are the following:

2020 Spring Registration Fees and Dues

\$150 Per Player

\$140 for Tee Ball

\$10 off multi-child discount available

Dues are paid at the time of Registration

Tee Ball Division uniforms consist of a shirt and a hat. Rookie Division and above uniforms consist of a shirt, hat, belt and socks. **NO UNIFORM PANTS WILL BE PROVIDED.** In addition, the league will **NOT** provide player's gloves, protective cups, rubber or hard plastic cleats (**NO METAL**). Parents will be responsible for the purchase of these items in addition to any team party/awards costs associated with his/her child's team. The purchase of bats is optional, since the league provides these to each team. The league will also provide catchers equipment, baseballs, batting tees, and scorebooks and lineup cards, as well as the use of pitching machines (**ROOKIE DIVISIONS**). The league will also pay for the use of practice fields for the 2020 spring season.

Return Check/Refund Policy

There is a return check policy at Sunset Little League. A fee of \$50 will be added for any check returned to Sunset Little League.



Volunteers

Little League Inc. Require background checks for all volunteers. As a result, ALL volunteers for Sunset Little League must complete the background check form and be approved before being allowed to volunteer.

Selection of Manager and Coaches

The League President with the approval of the board of directors will appoint all managers and approve all coaches. Each interested manager or coach will be required to fill out and submit an application and a signed volunteer (background check) form. Only those who successfully pass the background check will be considered for manager and/or coach. If for any reason you know of or become aware of a manager or coach engaged in the abuse of children, please notify the league immediately.

