

# North Boise Little League



2009 Season

## Information Guide

Baseball and Softball

### *Little League 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.*

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# 2008-2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Executive Board

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Player Agent – Softball _____	Margaret Anderson
Safety Officer _____	Kelly Showalter
Umpire in Chief _____	Walt Seale
Coaching Coordinator _____	Mike Dingel

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T-Ball _____	Shelley Armstrong
Rookie (Pitching Machine) _____	Open
9-10 Minor Baseball _____	Chris Mickelson
AAA Minor Baseball _____	Marco Alcalde
9-12 Major Baseball _____	Louis Haggerty
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Softball _____	Sondra Thornton
All-Star Coordinator _____	Riley Jones

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Fall/Summer Baseball _____	Gwen Lethcoe
Pictures/Opening Day _____	Brenda Siegrist/Tara Duplessie
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Fundraiser _____	Open
Sponsors _____	Jamison Chochrek Dan Ozuna Chris Mickelson
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Uniforms _____	Gwen Lethcoe
Fields – Coordinator _____	Open
Mailings _____	Robin Zickefoose

## Welcome to the 2009 Little League Baseball and Softball Season

As members of the Board of Directors of North Boise Little League, we welcome you to the new season. As our season gets underway, the boys and girls of our league are looking forward to getting out on the fields, working together, putting forth their best effort, and enjoying the spirit of the game. Just as they expect to get a hit each time they step up to the plate, we hope to do the same as we organize and administer the Little League program.

2008 was a successful season for our league. We are proud of all of our players and coaches and would like to congratulate our 11-12 Major All-Star Team, Idaho 2008 State Champions! Great Job!

The objective of our league shall be to firmly impart upon the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, character, loyalty, courage and respect. Our hope is that this leads to well-adjusted, stronger and happier children who will grow up to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens. By learning the skills of baseball and softball, our youth gain valuable lessons to help carry them through life.

We have written this information guide to help familiarize parents and fans with the rules, regulations, and policies of our league, and to answer the most commonly asked questions. If additional questions or concerns arise, please call our message center at **327-8409**, or check our website at **[www.eteamz.active.com\northboise](http://www.eteamz.active.com/northboise)**. Messages are checked regularly, and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Thank you for your interest and participation in North Boise Little League.

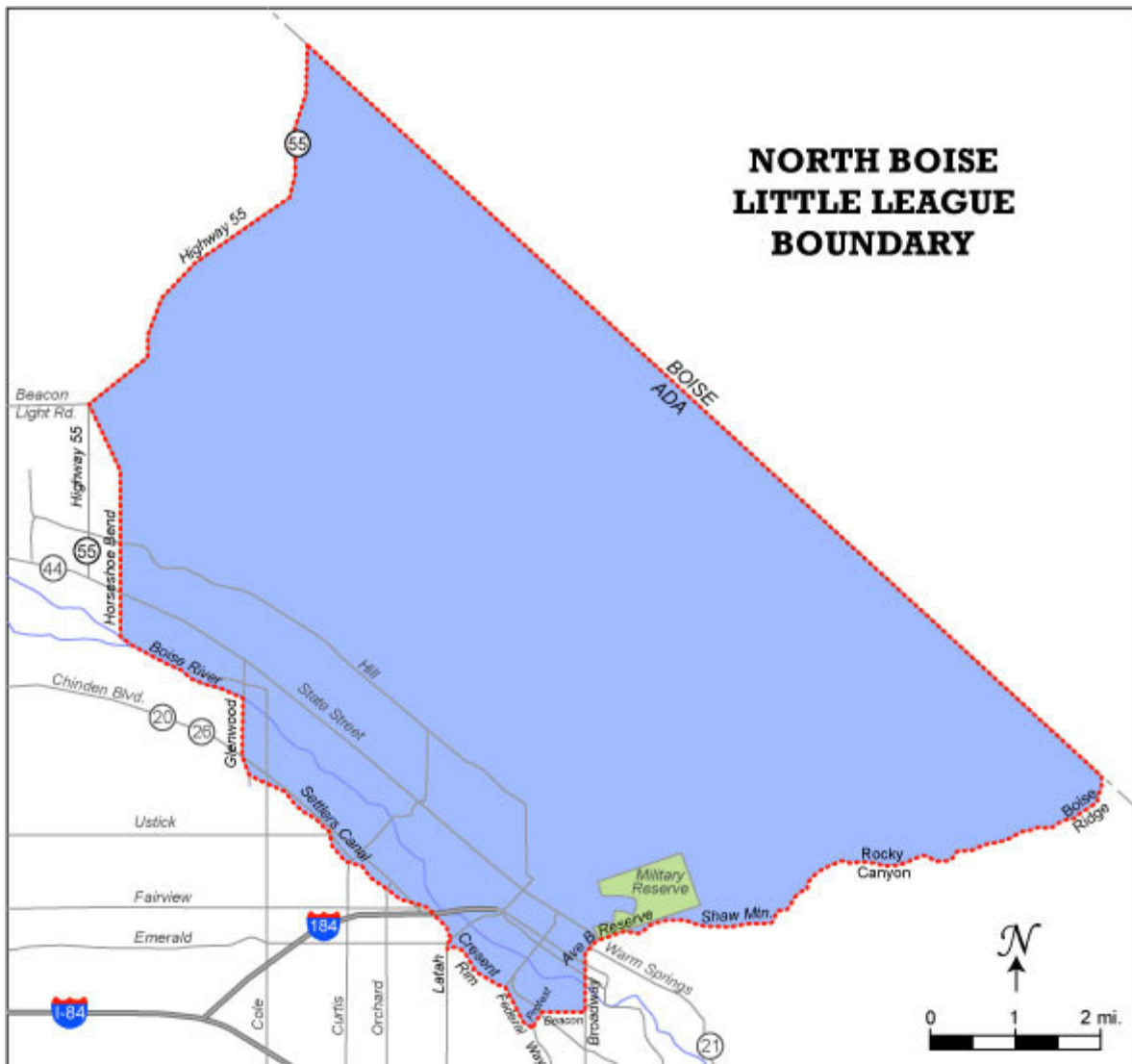
## Dates at a Glance

<b>Registration:</b>	Saturday, January 17 <sup>th</sup>	9 – 12 noon
	Tuesday, January 20 <sup>th</sup>	6 – 8 pm
	Thursday, January 22 <sup>th</sup>	6 – 8 pm
<b>Late Registration:</b>	Saturday, January 31 <sup>st</sup>	9 – 12 noon
<b>Manager Selection:</b>	February 1 – 15 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Assessments:</b>	Saturday, Feb. 21st & 28th	13-14 Junior Baseball 9-12 Minor/Major Softball 13-16 Junior/Senior Softball
	Saturday, Feb. 28th & March 7th	9-12 Major/Minor Baseball
	Note: Senior Baseball Assessment and Draft will be after Boise & Capital High Varsity and Junior Varsity Draft.	
<b>Team Drafts:</b>	Sunday, March 1st	13-14 Junior Baseball 9-16 Softball
	Sunday, March 8th	10-12 Major Baseball
	Monday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>	9-11AAA Minor Baseball
<b>Field Day:</b>	Saturday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Opening Day:</b>	Saturday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>All-Star Tournament:</b>	June 15 <sup>th</sup> - July 27 <sup>th</sup> (approx).	9/10 All Stars 10/11 All Stars
	June 15 <sup>th</sup> - August 25 <sup>th</sup> (approx.)	11/12 Major/JR/SR All-Stars
<b>Summer Ball:</b>	Mid-June through Mid-August (approximately).	
<b>Fall Ball:</b>	End of August through end of October (approximately).	

# North Boise Little League Boundaries

The boundaries for North Boise Little League (“NBLL”) have been set by the Idaho District 2 administration and approved by Little League Baseball, Inc., our national organization.

Starting at Horseshoe Bend Road at the Boise County/Ada County border along Boise County/Ada County border to Boise Ridge Rd., south to Rocky Canyon Rd., west/southwest to Shaw Mountain Rd., west to Reserve St., to Avenue B, to Broadway Ave., to Beacon, to Protest, to Federal Way, to Crescent Rim, S. Latah to the Settlers Canal, following the Settlers Canal to N Glenwood, N Glenwood to the Boise River, to Horseshoe Bend Road, to point of beginning.



## Who is Involved?

### **Board of Directors**

Little League Baseball, Inc. is located in Williamsport, Pennsylvania and sets policy, procedures, and rules that guide NBLL. NBLL's Board of Directors is responsible for making decisions regarding our local league. The Board meets monthly on the third Thursday at 7:00 pm at Hillside JHS. These meetings are open to the membership of the league, and you are always welcome to attend and share ideas. **THIS IS YOUR CHILD'S LEAGUE.** If you are requesting to be on the agenda, please call the message center and leave a message for the President or Secretary so appropriate time will be allotted. Nominations for NBLL's Board will take place from May through August. The annual meeting of the league shall be held each year on the second Monday in September at 7:00 pm for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors. We welcome any and all volunteers to serve on the Board. There are both voting positions, which require meeting attendance, as well as committee positions. You may contact the Board by leaving a voice message at our message center (327-8409). A Board member will contact you at our earliest convenience. Most Board members may also be contacted by email, which are listed at NBLL's website.

### **Team Managers and Coaches**

Little League seeks to appoint managers and volunteers who are a positive influence on the players at all levels of league play. Managerial selections are based on guidelines established by Little League Baseball, Inc. Parents or adult community members who wish to apply for a position as a manager or coach should make a notation on the registration form, or call NBLL's message center. All those applying must fill out an application and will be subject to a complete background check. Applicants may be required to be interviewed by representatives of NBLL's Board. Managers run the practices, establish team batting order and player positions, and facilitate a positive atmosphere for teaching baseball or softball. They are also responsible for communications with parents and players and working with the various parent volunteers during the season. Coaches assist the Manager in the capacity mutually agreed upon.

**The only managers appointed prior to assessments are those for the following divisions: 9-11 Minor Baseball, 10-12 Major Baseball, Junior/Senior Baseball, Major Softball and Junior/Senior Softball.**

### **Parent Volunteers**

Our Little League is strictly a **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM.** There is not one paid person involved, from the President to the Umpires. Activities provided would not be available without the help of volunteers. We trust that each and every participating family will contribute two to four hours to team or league activities. **Please indicate on**

**your registration form the area in which you will volunteer, or let the coach know your willingness to help your team.**

Not every person has the time to be a manager, coach, board member or team parent. However, there are plenty of areas where everyone can contribute in some small way. **JUST ASK!!!** Before you say, “Why don’t they...” and follow it with a complaint, remember the “they” is really “YOU”! Ask yourself, “What have I done to make it better?” **IF EVERYONE DOES A LITTLE, NO ONE HAS TO DO A LOT.** Remember, our league is for **YOUR** child.

### **Umpires**

Parent volunteers are trained to be umpires by District Little League personnel. They give their time to ensure games are administered safely and fairly to the best of their abilities. Parents and spectators need to bear in mind that these umpires do their best to be fair and impartial while umpiring Little League games. Remember, without them there is no game! If you are willing to umpire, let your coach know. Every umpire must attend the umpire clinics the District Staff conducts, even if you attended last year. There are two (2) evening classes, offered over a two-week period and a Saturday field clinic. You must attend a session “A” and a session “B” **and** one of the field clinics to receive your certification. To ensure fairness and safety to all, you will not be allowed to umpire without the certification. T-Ball umpires only need to attend session “A”. Upon completion of the class, you will also receive a shirt and rulebook.

### **Scorekeepers**

Those parents or siblings of players who decide to be a scorekeeper for the team are also a very valuable part of Little League. To help prepare you for your job, there are clinics offered through the district. The scorekeeping clinic is a one-night only class.

## Assessments

### **\*Mandatory for all baseball and softball players age 9-16 years**

- Softball players who will be 9 to 16 years of age as of December 31, 2008
- Baseball players who will be 9 to 16 years of age as of April 30, 2009

### **\*T-Ball and Pitching Machine (Rookie) players are not required to be assessed.**

### **KEY POINTS:**

- The purpose of assessments is to form balanced teams within each division, resulting in a safe, positive, learning environment for all levels of players.
- Little league participation is based on timely registration, not player skill. If you registered your child on time he or she will play on a team.
- Players should be at the designated field 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time.
- Please have the players dress warmly and in layers. Wearing a heavy jacket is not advised, as it is difficult for the player to move freely.
- Players will be assessed on basic fielding, batting and running skills. Practicing prior to the assessment will greatly enhance their performance.
- If, on the day of assessments, the weather is determined to be too bad to conduct the assessment, a sign will be posted at the fields. Please understand that this is the only form of notice we can give, due to the number of players who will be assessed.

### **SOFTBALL ASSESSMENT DATES: FEB. 21 & 28**

\*All Softball Assessments will take place on the Majors Softball Field, Hillside Complex on 36<sup>th</sup> St., as follows:

***MINOR/MAJOR SOFTBALL (9-12 yrs) 11:00 am***

***JUNIOR/SENIOR SOFTBALL (13-16 yrs) 1:00 pm***

### **JUNIOR BASEBALL ASSESSMENT DATES: FEB. 21 & 28**

\*All Junior Baseball Assessments will take place on the Juniors Baseball Field, Hillside Complex on 36<sup>th</sup> St.

***JUNIOR BASEBALL (13-14 yrs) 10:00 am***

### **9-12 BASEBALL ASSESSMENT DATES: FEB. 28 & MARCH 7**

\*All 9-12 Baseball Assessments will take place on the Majors Field, Hillside Complex on 36<sup>th</sup> St., as follows:

***9 YR OLD MINORS 10:00 am***

\*Request to be assessed for Majors needs to be submitted in writing to baseball player agent by February 8<sup>th</sup>.

***10 AND 11 YR OLDS (Not returning majors) 11:30 pm***

***12 YR OLDS and ALL RETURNING MAJORS 1:30 pm***

# Player Drafts

During the end of February and early March the player drafts are held under the supervision of the President, Vice President and Player Agents. Drafts are held in strict adherence to the rules outlined in the Little League Operations Manual. Every effort is made to form balanced teams, and provide competition, safety and an enjoyable learning experience for the players. After the draft, the managers will call their players to introduce him or her and provide information regarding the team meeting.

## **How are teams assigned for those players not required to try out?**

The directors for T-Ball, Rookie, and AA divisions sort the registration forms, dividing them into teams, using the following criteria:

- Parents wishing to coach or manage
- Parents wishing to umpire
- By school
- Parents volunteering to help the
- Player count
- Player or coach requests

If the player count in one school exceeds the team limit, some players from that school will be combined with players from another school. After the teams are formed, managers are given their rosters. Coaches and managers are encouraged to attend training prior to having practice. They are then on their own in deciding when and where practices will be held. This entire process is usually not complete until late March.

***If a team does not have a volunteer(s) willing to manage, the team will be dissolved and registration fees will be refunded.***

## Field Day

NBLL Field Day will be Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. All work on our fields is done by volunteers. Your help is greatly needed. Although field maintenance is required throughout the year, a lot of volunteer effort is needed to get our fields in shape prior to the start of the season. The league will provide materials and tractors. Please bring your own shovel, rake, and gloves. Remember, if enough people turn out to help with Field Day, it will be a short day for many rather than a long day for a few. Fields are located by divisions as follows:

### LOCATIONS:

- **T-Ball:** Volunteers are not required for our T-Ball fields; however, your help would be appreciated at any other field.
- **Pitching Machine:** Two fields at Cynthia Mann Elementary School
- **9/10 AA Baseball:** Two fields - one at New Creation Fellowship, Church of the Nazarene, located on Castle Dr.; and one field located at Hidden Springs Charter School, Hidden Springs.
- **9-11 Minor Baseball:** One field at Lowell Elementary School.
- **10-12 Major Baseball:** Two fields – one field at the Hillside Complex; and one field at Riverglen JHS
- **Junior/Senior Baseball:** Two fields – one field at the Hillside Complex; and one field at Riverglen JHS
- **7-8 Rookie Softball:** Lowell Elementary School (field nearest school).
- **9-11 Minor Softball:** Lowell Elementary School (field nearest school).
- **9-12 Major Softball:** Middle field at the Hillside Complex.
- **13-16 JR/SR Softball:** Middle field at the Hillside Complex.

## Opening Day

Opening Day takes place on the first official day of the season (although some divisions may start league play prior to Opening Day). It is our jamboree. Team and individual photos are taken and a competition is held for the teams. The competition, which all teams are encouraged to attend, will consist of running, throwing and hitting. Opening Day is an event enjoyed by all who participate.

# The League Season

## How to enjoy a Little League Game

To enjoy a Little League game at its best, bring a comfortable chair, cushion, or blanket to make the stands more comfortable, your wallet to support the concession stand, team spirit, enthusiasm, comfortable clothes, and the soft voice of encouragement for youngsters who are trying their best. Managers and coaches give hours and hours of time and also do their best – not only for the individual player but for the team as well. Umpires, too, are human. They will make mistakes on occasion, but remember they are doing their best. Don't be quick to find fault in the work of others unless or until you have walked in their shoes. It is easy to be on the outside looking in, you really don't know how much an unkind word or action can hurt a player, an adult volunteer, or the team.

Remembering at all times that these players are children and are trying to do their best, please leave any trace of obnoxious behavior or personality at home. Youth sports have been criticized for years and many of the reasons have centered on "overzealous" parents. Don't have anyone label YOU as one. If a problem arises on the field, let your manager handle it. If you find it necessary to discuss a problem with the coach, do so in private or over the phone.

**PLAY TIME:** There is NOT equality of play time. Minimum play time is governed by the *Official Regulations and Playing Rules* published by Little League. Managers for AAA/ Majors/ Junior Baseball and Minor/Major Softball are required to play children at a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and one (1) at bat.

## The following are prohibited at NBLL fields:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Any item that might pose a danger to fans or players
- Tobacco products of any kind

## Schedules

The season is roughly seven weeks in duration – from April 14 through the first week of June. Some divisions participate in tournament play, which is held the week after the end of the regular season.

## Uniforms

Uniforms are distributed before Opening Day. Each team's Team Parent is responsible for distributing a uniform to each team member. Players in all divisions provide their own pants, socks, and cleats. Players will receive from NBLL a hat and uniform shirt, which they may keep at the conclusion of the season. Baseball-style pants should be white (for baseball) or black (for softball). Socks may be a solid color or striped.

## **Equipment**

North Boise Little League provides the following equipment for players in all divisions:

- Bats
- Balls
- Batting Helmets
- Catcher's Protective Gear and Catcher's Mitt (excluding T-Ball)
- Pitching Machines
- Tees and Bases

The cost of providing this equipment is tremendous. Roughly half of our annual budget is spent purchasing equipment. All players are required to use the equipment properly and care for it as though it was their own.

## **Snack Stand**

The North Boise Little League snack stand is instrumental in providing funds for fielding our baseball and softball teams. It is located at the Hillside Field Complex at 36<sup>th</sup> Street, above Hill Rd. Throughout the season, every effort is made to keep our stand appealing. A variety of items are offered for sale at very affordable prices during the games. **Parents are the key to making the Snack Stand a success. It is maintained by volunteers and manned by parent workers. Your team will be assigned a date and time to work at the Snack Shack.** If the volunteers from the assigned team do not show up to work, the Snack Stand will not be opened and the League (your players) misses that fundraising opportunity. When assigned to snack duty, volunteers should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to game time and need to remain until their relief arrives, or all games have concluded and players have had a chance to purchase snacks. The concession manager is in charge of opening and closing the stand. They may also assign a team parent to perform this task.

**PLEASE support your league's Snack Stand!**

## **Insurance**

The Little League accident insurance program provides insurance benefits to eligible participants while traveling directly, without delay, to and from the field as well as during practice sessions and games. The benefits include provisions for accident, death or dismemberment and also for medical expenses. Coverage also extends to volunteers involved in authorized activities. If an eligible participant sustains injury during an authorized Little League activity, please immediately advise your team Manager and, if at a game, the Umpire. Please also contact NBLL's board, either by leaving a message (327-8409), email, or letter. It is important to promptly report any accidents to the league if you plan to seek insurance benefits, as our insurance policy has a deadline for the reporting of claims. Additional information available at the little League Website: [http://www.littleleague.org/Assets/forms\\_pubs/asap/WhatParentsShouldKnow.pdf](http://www.littleleague.org/Assets/forms_pubs/asap/WhatParentsShouldKnow.pdf)

**IMPORTANT** -- The information provided in this section is only intended to generally inform league participants of the possible availability of insurance benefits under certain circumstances; it is not a guaranty of insurance benefits. The availability of insurance benefits is governed exclusively by the terms and conditions set forth in our insurance policy documents. If you have further questions about Little League insurance, please contact a NBLL board member.

### **Safety**

The batting cages at various fields are for the use of Little League. Players ***must*** wear a batting helmet and use the “L” screen when using the cage. If there has been vandalism to the cage, please contact a board member and refrain from using the cage. If your child is abusing the cage, i.e. climbing on it or using it in an improper manner, we will not be responsible for injury. If you see an unsafe condition, or witness an unsafe act, please notify the board IMMEDIATELY. Help us take care of our facilities and equipment. This helps keep your child safe.

### **Comments and Suggestions received at the season’s conclusion**

A questionnaire may be sent to the registered player’s households at the end of the season asking for ideas and comments. The responses received are discussed at the board meetings and action taken as determined by the board. Call the message center 327-8409 if you have additional input and thank you for your time in completing and returning the questionnaire. *We especially appreciate your positive comments. It makes the many, many volunteer hours put in by the Board of Directors more enjoyable!*

### **Teams Sponsors and Fundraising**

League fees paid at the time of registration only partially cover the cost incurred by the league. To ensure that our league continues to maintain and improve a quality program, additional funding is necessary. We do this through fundraising and sponsor activities.

Financial donations and much-needed gifts are always welcome. Each team needs a sponsor. Individual families, patrons, or business owners wishing to sponsor a Little League team should call our message center (327-8409) or email our Sponsorship Coordinator. Team sponsorship is \$300.00. The sponsor’s name is advertised on shirts or banners, depending on the division sponsored. Each team sponsor will also receive a commemorative plaque from the league at the conclusion of the season. Teams without a sponsor are invited to sponsor themselves. Additionally, we are continually putting funds aside for the development and improvement of our playing fields. Any individual or business wishing to give financial assistance toward any of our capital projects should contact the Sponsorship Coordinator, the President or Vice President, or the message center. We also encourage players to put forth their best effort in our annual fund raising campaign. This year, we will again be asking our players to sell raffle tickets. The raffle packets will be distributed to our players once teams are organized. Prizes will be raffled at Opening Day.

## Post Season All-Stars

### **All-Star Teams – An honor and a privilege!**

**All-Star Teams are competitive.** The goal of All Stars is to form competitive teams at each level. This is generally accomplished by selecting the best players who try-out for All Stars. Selected players are required to attend practices and games and to put forth their best effort during the entire All Star season. All Stars is a competitive program and there is no equality of playing time. Minimal play is governed according to Little Leagues rules.

All selected players must provide **a certified, original birth certificate or other LEGAL proof of age,** along with three separate proofs of residency, within one week after selection, or risk losing their spot on the team. There will be additional expenses for players on the All-Star teams, in addition to the All Star fee. Additional information for All Stars will be distributed in early May. Commitment letters will be collected with the All Star fee the first week in May and voting will begin by May 18<sup>th</sup>. **All Star practice starts no earlier than June 15.** The dates for the All-Star Tournaments and practices are roughly mid-June through the end of July (through the middle of August for teams advancing to the Regional Tournament and Little League World Series). If a team wins the District Tournament, it will participate in the State Tournament followed by the Regional Tournament. (9-10 year old and 10/11 year old All-Stars do not advance past the state level.) The winners of the Regional Tournaments go on to the Little League World Series. Travel may be required for the State Tournaments. Travel is required for the Regional Tournament and Little League World Series. **Attendance at practices and games is required.**

Please contact the All Star Coordinator should you have further questions concerning All Stars.

## Summer Baseball

Summer Baseball is for players who would like to continue playing baseball, but who either have not been selected to an All-Star team or who did not wish to make the commitment to an All-Star team. There will be fewer games and practices than regular season, so families can vacation. Summer baseball will begin in mid June and will run through the middle of August. Registration will be held beginning of June at Hillside's North Field. A notice will be distributed to all qualified players. Summer softball is not currently available, but we highly encourage softball players to play summer baseball.

## **Fall Baseball**

Fall Baseball is an instructional league that practices and plays in the fall, beginning around the first of September and continuing through the month of October. All 9-10, 11-12, Junior, and Senior baseball players are invited to play. There will be one practice per week and games are held on Saturdays. The Fall Ball season is especially advantageous to those players moving up to the larger Junior/Senior field (those players who will be 13 years old in the spring). These players will have the opportunity to practice and play on the larger field and we have found they have a head start and performed better in the following season. Registration will be held at the Hillside North Field sometime around the middle of August. A notice will be mailed to all qualified players. If you have further questions with summer or fall baseball, or wish to coach, please contact Fall/Summer Baseball Coordinator.

### **Remember**

**“If everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot.”**

We hope this information is helpful to you in understanding the various aspects of the league operation. Please plan on attending our board meetings whenever possible. Again, they are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 7:00 pm. We meet at Hillside Junior High School, usually in one of the science rooms. We hope to see you there!

**Thank you for your part toward making the 2009 season  
a great success!**

## SPORT PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the *North Boise 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.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

### **Preamble**

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness,
- Respect,
- Responsibility,
- Fairness,
- Caring, and
- Good Citizenship.

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

### ***I therefore agree:***

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting;

refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.

7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one’s best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

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Parent/Guardian Signature