



Weekly Update

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OPENING DAY CEREMONY-2007

Congratulations on a wonderful Opening Day. Despite the delay everything else went smoothly. Thanks to our emcees, Assemblyman Keith Wright and Dwight Raiford for doing a wonderful job moving the ceremony along so that the children would begin the game on time. Thanks to all for their cooperation in conducting another wonderful Opening Day.

Please take a moment to complete the attached Opening Day Survey and return them to your the Division Coordinator. The survey is also available online at: www.harlemll.org

ABOUT THE ARMORY

Many of you asked us about more information about the Armory, Opened September 2, 2006, the Harlem Armory is a multi-purpose athletic, educational and cultural center for children. The \$6.4 million reconstruction project, administered by the PAL, was made possible by a combination of City, State and Federal contributions. The renovated facility houses six modern tennis courts, two multi-purpose courts, three classrooms, a computer room and office space. It will offer children numerous hands-on, after-school activities such as track and field, Volleyball, Basketball, Batting cage, Tennis, Rock Climbing, Martial Arts, Boxing and Gymnastics, as well as enrichment programs, such as Tutoring, Mentoring, Computer Training, SAT preparation and Public Speaking.

Currently in place are the PAL and Harlem Junior Tennis and Education programs. To join the PAL, there is an application form to complete and a one-time \$5.00 fee. This entitles the child to the Center's basic After-School Programs during the school year. For more information, please call 212_281-5431. To join the Harlem Junior Tennis and Education Program, please call 212-491-3738.

SOFTBALL

There are still spaces available on the Girls Softball teams. Interested persons may contact Softball Coordinator, **Gwendolyn Scott** at (917) 592-6817.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Managers, Coaches, Team Parents and Players should refrain from utilizing cell phones or other electronic devices on the field of play during the conduct of their games.

ROOKIE DIVISION RULES

There is some confusion about the Rookie Division rules. Every member of a team who is present for a game should be placed in the batting order. However, only nine (9) players should be on the playing field, the other players should be substituted for their mandatory two (2) innings in the field, but the batting order remains the same. The substitutes need not be placed at the end of the batting order, but can be dispersed throughout the batting order (i.e. the 11th batter can be the 3rd baseman, the 2nd batter can be a substitute and the 15th batter can be the right fielder).

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

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 good effort despite the outcome of the game

DIVISION COORDINATORS

The Division Coordinator's mission is to have the Division operate smoothly so that children and their families have a safe and enjoyable season. The Division Coordinator works in partnership with the managers, team parents and volunteers to achieve this mission. The Division Coordinator is a vital information link between the Division and League Officials. You will recognize them at the fields as the Volunteers in purple or gray shirts and purple hats with the name "Division Coordinator". Our Chief Division Coordinator is Jeanette B. Spencer. If you would like to Volunteer for your Division, please call **Jeanette B. Spencer at 212-665-7586**.

UMPIRES

All Managers and or their Coaches are required to umpire two (2) games during the season. All Managers must contact the Umpire Coordinator, **Brynne Clarke at 917-860-8695** or they will be assigned to umpire games without their input.

RULES & SAFETY REMINDERS

All volunteers of Harlem Little League are required to undergo a background check subsequent to working with players or teams. League officials will conduct spot checks at all fields to ensure that all volunteers are authorized to be there.

Mandatory Play - Every player who shows up on time (within 15 minutes of start of game) shall play at least 2 consecutive innings in the field and bat at least once.

All Male Players must wear athletic supporter/cup at all times during the game. Player will be removed from the game if cup is not worn.

Only players, managers, coaches and umpires are allowed on the playing field during a game and practices. Parents should not be in the dugout at any time. This area is for the use of the managers and players during games and practices. Parents should remain outside the fences and off the fields. Managers, coaches and players shall remain on the field or in the dugout until the end of the game.

All Players are required to remove all jewelry or other metallic items while playing the game.

NON-LEAGUE PLAYERS

No Managers should have players who are not registered with Harlem Little League, practicing with their teams. Such an action leaves Harlem Little League vulnerable to legal action if the non-registered individual sustains an injury during practice.

TEAM STANDINGS

All Managers, Division Coordinators, Division Directors should ensure that the results of the weekend games are provided to **Iris Raiford**, Information Officer; **Trevor A. Reid**, President for posting on the Website and in the New York Amsterdam Newspaper.

FIELD PREPARATION

The home team of all 9:00 am games is responsible for field preparation. This means arriving at the field by 8:30 a.m. (not at 8:55 am) to line and sweep the fields. Remember that if it rains the day before a game then both teams are responsible for the field preparation.

UNIFORM PANTS EXCHANGE

Those players whose uniform pants are either too large or too small should contact **Trevor A. Reid at 718-402-8127** to effectuate an exchange of pants.

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