



VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS & TRAINING

Thank you for your interests in volunteering at Walter “Pop” Smith Little League, Inc. (WPSLL).

Volunteers have been the lifeblood of Little League since its inception, and millions of children each year rely on the selfless dedication of adult volunteers to donate their time and talents to bring the Little League experience to their hometown.

WPSLL is always looking for responsible and enthusiastic individuals to support our kids and the continuing operation of our league. **NO BASEBALL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.** We welcome all adults who simply have a keen interest in the safety, well-being, and overall development of children.

Engaging and discovering the many benefits and endless joys of being a little league volunteer starts by completing the:

1. [Little League® Volunteer Application](#) which is also used to conduct annual background checks through J.D. Palatine (JDP) on all volunteers; and
2. [Little League® Abuse Awareness Course](#), free online-training for all volunteers, coaches, team managers, board members and umpires to help recognize, prevent, and report child abuse and misconduct. This 20–25 minute course covers topics such as physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, bullying, and hazing.

Both #1 and #2 are required under applicable state and federal child protection laws as well as Little League Regulation I. They are mandatory (required annually) and integral to the [WPSLL Zero Tolerance Policy](#) and the [Little League® Child Protection Program](#) before commencing volunteerism roles or activities at WPSLL.

Once completed, all volunteers are appointed by our league president, Wayne Morrison, and approved by the Board of Directors. All appointed and approved volunteers also become voting members under Article III of the [WPSLL Constitution](#).

During your exciting and worthwhile volunteer experience, you’ll be supported by league officials and other fellow volunteers.

The [Little League® Safety Awareness Course](#) (mandatory for league officials) and the [Little League® First Aid Awareness Course](#) are available to explore a host of topics on player safety and creating a fun and safe experience for kids.



Focused on ensuring children have a positive, well-rounded experience on and off the field, the [Little League® Diamond Leader Training Program](#) is also available (required for District All-Stars Tournament coaches). The program is a **FREE** educational resource that provides coaches with an understanding of the impact that mental, social, and emotional well-being has in youth sports through detailed information, interactive scenarios, and a variety of additional resources.

Little League, the world’s largest youth sports organization, is committed to providing numerous videos, resources and training opportunities to support and equip volunteers with the knowledge and skills needed to positively impact the youth of WPSLL and every local little league through the [Little League® University](#).

Welcome! Play safe, have fun and thank you for your volunteerism.