

2010 Season Manager & Coach Prerequisites

Hey Coach! Here's what you need to do to serve as Manager or Coach in NESLL.

Step 1 - Register Online

- Register online at www.nesll.net.
- Select "Volunteer" from the red bar at the top of the page.
- Note - be sure to register for your appropriate division

Step 2 - Obtain League Approval

- ALL Managers (aka Head Coaches) must be approved by the League President and Board of Directors.
- Review the Manager Selection Criteria, complete and sign a 2010 NESLL Manager Application Form and submit it to the League President.
- Assistant coaches may be selected by Managers, but are subject to approval by League President and Board of Directors.
- **Managers selected for positions will be notified by the appropriate Division Coordinator.**

Step 3 - Background Check

- ALL Managers and coaches must submit to a background check process and receive clearance prior to first practice.
- Managers must also ensure that all adults that are regularly working with your players in practice or are regularly in contact with your players for any reason also submit to NESLL background check.
- Complete and sign a 2010 Little League Volunteer Application and submit it along with a photocopy of your drivers' license to NESLL Safety Officer.
- You will only hear back from the league if follow up is necessary - otherwise you can assume your background check is complete.

Step 4 - Sign Manager & Coach Agreement

- ALL Managers must sign a 2010 Manager & Coach Agreement. Submit the completed agreement to your Division Coordinator no later than February 28, 2010.

Step 5 - Attend Training Clinic

- Each year, a Manager or Coach from every team must attend one NESLL-approved coach training clinic.
- Approved clinics are Big Al Coaching Clinic and Tom Dedin Coaching Clinic. Dates and locations are posted at www.nesll.net under the "Coaches Corner."
- Notify your Division Coordinator when you have completed your clinic.
- There is no cost for this training.
- Coaching resources, including tips, practice drills and other great advice is available at www.nesll.net under the "Coaches Corner."
- NESLL's Coaching Coordinator will be happy to assist and advise.

Step 6 - Attend Safety Training

- ALL Managers and coaches must attend NESLL Safety Training, including both first aid fundamentals and concussion training.
- This safety training is provided by NESLL at no cost at the Mandatory Manager & Coach Meeting, Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7:00 pm, Sandpoint United Methodist Church.
- Review first aid fundamentals and concussion information at www.nesll.net under the "Safety Corner."

Step 7 - Attend Pre-Season Division Meeting

- ALL Managers are **required** to attend. Coaches are encouraged to attend.
- The pre-season Division meetings are hosted by your Division Coordinator, and will help establish the basic requirements for the season.
- Date/Time/Location will be communicated, and typically occurs in late January for Minor Division and above and in early March for coach pitch and t-ball divisions.
- Additional meetings are required for some Divisions, including attendance at the player assessments, player selection, tournament team selection, and mid-season meetings. These requirements will be communicated by your Division Coordinator.

Step 8 - Read, Understand and Abide by NESLL Rules

- Take the time to read and understand the rules of the game.
- Review the NESLL Baseball Manager's Guidebook & Local League Rules available at www.nesll.net under "Forms and Documents."
- Read the Little League *Official Regulations and Playing Rules* - a copy will be provided to every Manager.
- Read the Manager and Coaches Code of Conduct available at www.nesll.net under "Forms and Documents."
- Division Coordinators are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Step 9 - Have Fun!

We want to compete, but even more importantly, we want our children to learn life lessons and have a positive experience while playing the games of baseball and softball. We will compete with honor and integrity.