



Little League Youth Umpire Agreement

Introduction

NESLL has developed a Youth Umpire Program intended to increase involvement of neighborhood youth in the game of baseball, increase participant's knowledge of the rules of the game, and enhance our community's volunteer umpire resources. Active participation in the program can result in either community service learning hours or monetary compensation, as set forth below. The ultimate goal of this program, like all Little League programs, is to give you the opportunity to learn, succeed and be rewarded in a challenging, but safe environment.

The purpose of this Agreement is to ensure that you (and your parents) understand both the benefits and responsibilities that come with participation in NESLL's Youth Umpire Program. As a participant in NESLL baseball or softball, you are responsible for your actions on the field; as an umpire you will be responsible for controlling the actions of two teams of players, managers, coaches and fans. That is a big responsibility! We want you to both be aware of this responsibility as well as NESLL's appreciation for your having accepted it.

As your sponsor, NESLL will provide you with:

- Training and support.
- Umpire hat, shirt, and rulebook.
- Payment or service learning hours credit for games completed and properly recorded.

As a youth umpire, you will:

- Attend, at a minimum, the Northeast Seattle Little League umpire rules and field mechanics training.
- Study your rulebook and dress appropriately for games.
- Show up for games at least 15 minutes before game time and behave in a professional manner.
- Properly record the games you have worked and submit your game log at season's end.
- Work a minimum of 6 games during the course of the season.

Age and Experience Requirements

Youth umpires must be between the ages of Little League 12 and 18. Youth umpires may work in the following Divisions:

Division (Baseball/Softball)	Age Requirement	Experience Requirement
American/Minor	12	NESLL Rules and Field Mechanics Training
National/Minor	13	Must have at least one year of experience or receive clearance from NESLL Umpire-in-Chief
Major/Major	14	Must have at least one year of experience and receive clearance from NESLL Umpire-in-Chief

Youth Umpires will umpire only in the field position, except by special clearance from the NESLL Umpire-in-Chief or Lead Umpire to umpire behind the plate.

Training Requirements

All youth umpires must attend NESLL umpire training each year before they can umpire games. Attendance at District 8 rule training sessions is highly encouraged, but not

mandatory. NESLL will conduct several practice games prior to Opening Day and will provide “live” field mechanics training during those practice games. The 2011 training schedule is:

Training	Date	Time	Location
District 8 Rules Clinic Session 1	Tuesday, March 8	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Shorewood HS Cafeteria
District 8 Rules Clinic Session 2	Thursday, March 10	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Shorewood HS Cafeteria
District 8 Rules Clinic Session 3	Monday, March 14	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Shorewood HS Cafeteria
District 8 Rules Clinic Session 4	Wednesday, March 16	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Shorewood HS Cafeteria
District 8 Field Mechanics Clinic	Saturday, March 12	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Loyal Heights Playfield
NESLL Rules Clinic	Tuesday, March 22	7:00 - 9:00 PM	The Brig @ Magnuson Park
NESLL Rules Clinic	Thursday, March 24	7:00 - 9:00 PM	The Brig @ Magnuson Park
NESLL Field Mechanics Training	Saturday, March 26	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Mickey Merriam #8

Note: Each District 8 Rules Clinic session covers one part of the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of baseball and softball. NESLL Rules Clinics both cover the same material, so attendance is only required at one of the sessions.

Scheduling Games

Umpire scheduling is managed on-line at the [District 8 Umpires website](http://www.d8umpires.org) (www.d8umpires.org). Umpires will receive training on how the site works. The NESLL Umpire-in-Chief will manage the umpire schedule to ensure game coverage.

Compensation

Youth Umpires may elect to receive payment from NESLL or credit for service learning hours, provided that this activity meets the requirements for Service Learning of your school. Youth Umpires will be compensated at the rates shown below or will receive 2 hours of service learning credit for each game that they complete. Youth umpires will be paid at the end of the season after submitting their games logs. Youth umpire pay begins at \$15 per game and will receive a \$1 per game pay increase for each year of experience. Note that you must work a minimum of 8 games in a season for that season to count as a “year of experience.”

1st year.....	\$15	4th year	\$18
2nd year.....	\$16	5th year	\$19
3rd year	\$17	6th year	\$20

Game Log

Use the attached sheet to record the date, division, and names of teams playing. You must also have the Home Manager and Plate Umpire initial that you worked this game. **If you elect to record your game time as service learning hours, you are responsible for obtaining all signatures on your Service Learning Agreement forms.**

Youth Umpire Agreement

I hereby volunteer to be a Youth Umpire for NESLL. If appointed as a Youth Umpire, I agree to abide by the goals and objectives of NESLL as listed herein, Little League Rule Book, NESLL Safety Rules, NESLL Problem Rules, and NESLL Local Rules.

Signature of Youth Umpire: _____

Print Name: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Youth Umpire: _____

Print Name: _____

Signature of NESLL Umpire-in-Chief: _____

