



Family Info Night

2025 Season

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A young girl with blonde hair, wearing a red softball jersey with "Kinkland NATIONAL" and "Hairdos of the culture" printed on it, and a black helmet with a silver face mask, is running on a grassy field. In the background, a chain-link fence and spectators are visible. The image is partially overlaid by a red and yellow geometric shape on the right side.

Agenda

- An Update from the President
- Program Overviews
 - Challenger
 - Softball
 - Baseball
 - Quickball
- Coach Readiness
- Umpire Update
- Volunteer Program
- Family Support
- Open Q&A

Kelli Beauregard League President



About Kelli



- Jackson (8) is 3rd grader at Thoreau
- 4th year volunteering with KNLL
- Started by coaching Tee Ball in 2022
- Joined BOD as Director of Outreach
 - Helped develop sponsorship program, introduce fundraising efforts, planned Fan Fest
- Passion for bringing people together, and creating great experiences for memories to last a lifetime
- Finance & Retirement Industry geek by day

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Little League Mission



Little League believes in the power of youth baseball and softball to teach life lessons that build stronger individuals and communities.

One Team. One Little League.



More information at: littleleague.org

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2024 Feedback

Year-over-year



	2022-2023 Results (55 Results)	2023-2024 Results (50 Results)
Likelihood to Return Next Season	8.7	9.2
Communication (scale of 1-10)	6.7	8.4
Registration (scale of 1-10)	8.7	8.8
Scheduling (scale of 1-10)	6.7	8.7
Interest in Summer Ball	56%	54%
Interest in Fall Ball	41%	52%



2024 Season Feedback



Program	Average Rating (scale of 1-10)
Quickball (13 Responses)	8
Rapidball (15 Responses)	9.1
Softball (11 Responses)	9.5
Baseball (23 Responses)	9.4
Umpire (43 Responses)	7.1

league or the coach
Game changer
coaches and games
managers and coaches
coaches and families
coach pitch
teammates and coaches
coach and parent
Kids
good
plays
team
year
fun
kids and coaches
Great coaches
great group
great addition
coaches more direction

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2024 Season Feedback

Areas for Improvement



- Turf, weather, rainouts
- Volunteer Engagement

Turn Off
the Rain

Already volunteering
for two teams. Can't
be in two places at
once.

The only issue is not
calling a game due
to rain.

Bellevue has
turf fields...

Turf fields for less
rainouts

Our team needed
more parent
volunteers to help at
practices and games.



2025 KNLL Board Priorities



- Grow the league
 - Challenger program
 - RapidSoftball
 - Upper Divisions
 - Tournament competitiveness
- Continue to improve the culture
 - Focus on communications and transparency
 - Volunteer recruitment
- City/County Advocacy
 - BFH agreement
 - City of Kirkland partnership
 - Long-term field improvement planning





Key Dates

Feb 1 st	Baseball Evaluations
Feb 8 th	Softball Evaluations
Feb 20 th	Managers & Coaches Meetings
Feb 28 th -March 3 rd	DICK's 20% Shopping Weekend
March 1st	Practices Start
March 2 nd	Coaches Clinic
March 4 th	Rapid Ball Training
March 9 th	Quickball Meet & Greet
March 11 th -15 th	Umpire Trainings
March 16 th	Community Cleanup Day
April 27 th	Picture Day & KNLL Day @ Aqua Sox
May 17th	2025 Fan Fest
June 1 st	Little League Day @ Mariners
June 7 th	Kirkland City Championships
June 8 th	D9 Challenger Jamboree
June 14th	Tournaments Begin

New this year for KNLL....



[Savin Hill Little League's Martin Richard Challenger Division | Little League - YouTube](#)



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Challenger

Sally Baer, Community Outreach & DEI

Erica Erickson, Family Liaison



New this Year! Challenger Division



- What is Challenger Division?
 - Adaptive ball for athletes ages 4+ (Challenger and Senior Levels)
 - Supports children with physical and intellectual challenges
 - Practice + game 1 day per week that is fun and collaborative
- How can YOU get involved?
 - Spread the word!
 - Volunteer (Coaching, Buddy Program, Equipment Assistance, etc.)
- Buddy Program
 - Suggested Buddy Ages 10 and up
 - Must complete background check and training



Softball

Courtney Klein and Adam Hughes





Adam Hughes – VP of Softball

- Volunteer with KNLL for 6+ years
- We have two girls in KNLL (2024 division)
 - Holly (Majors and 8/9/10 All Stars) (Manager)
 - Hannah (AAA & Superstars) (Managed Amy Hughes 😊)
- Joined KNLL Board June 2023
- Managed for 6 years at every SB level except Juniors/Seniors
- Goals for KNLL Softball 2025

Courtney Klein – Player Agent, Softball

- Coach/Volunteer with KNLL for 6+ years
- Two kids in KNLL (2024 Season)
 - Chloe (Coast) (Coach)
 - Jensen (RapidBB AA)
- Joined KNLL Board June 2023
- Played KNLL Softball herself back in the day!



Softball – How We Differ From Baseball



- Softball's bright yellow **BALL** size changes as you move up levels in league.
- Girls are wearing **FACE MASK** in the field.
- **PITCHING**
 - Pitching Circle instead of mound
 - Fastpitch motion is a completely unique aspect for softball that requires its own dedication to learning.
 - KNLL wants to help our players and families get right tools to learn

Pitching Clinics:

1. KNLL Sponsored Clinics with Softball University hosted starting in March.
2. KALL hosting Clinics that they are inviting KNLL players to join!
3. Working with Coaches and older players to host own practices and/or attending Team practices to help.

BE ON LOOK OUT FOR INFORMATION TO BE EMAILED OUT TO FAMILIES SOON ON THESE!

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Single A Softball moving to RapidSB



- Baseball moved Single A and AAA Levels to RapidBB in 2024 Spring Season with big success!
- Softball Single A will be moving to RapidSB Level 1 in partnership with KALL.
- Utilizes a pitching machine and a set of rules to promote a faster pace of play, with an emphasis on player development and fun! RapidSB games feature the following:
 - Time Based Innings: Each team bats for 10-minutes.
 - 3 Outs: Bases are cleared when 3 outs are recorded. Teams continue to bat until time runs out.
 - 5 Pitches: Each player will receive 5 pitches max.



Upcoming Softball Events



- **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN for all Levels**
 - Includes new SENIOR Level (Ages 13 to 16)
- **February 8th Evaluations @ FM Sports**
 - Ages 9 & Up to be evaluated for Coast and Majors Levels
 - Team Assignments for all Levels (except Quickball) to come quickly thereafter
- **February 20th Manager / Coaches Meeting**
- **March 1st Practices Kickoff**
- **March 2nd Coaching Clinics**
- **March 4th Coaching Rapid Ball Training (A Level)**
- **March - Softball University Pitching and Catching Clinics Kickoff**
- **Mid-March - Umpire Training - join the fun club!**



Softball ALL STARS



- Post Regular Season play known as All Stars is a great opportunity for continued, competitive play!
- 2024 Spring Season, KNLL was able to produce own 100% KNLL Only All Star Teams at 10s and Majors Levels. Other levels combined with KALL.
 - 10s 2024 All Star Team won District 9 Tournament and placed 4th in State Tournament!
- Junior World Series hosted in Kirkland with D9 winner getting automatic spot - Kirkland played in World Series last two years. **GREAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**
- If your daughter is interested in All Stars and is age 9 or above, please keep your summer plans flexible! All Stars is a GREAT experience for the girls.

All Stars

District Tournament Dates:

- Starting 6/21 – Softball 11s and Majors
- Starting 6/22 – Softball Juniors
- Starting 7/5 – Softball 10s

State Tournament Dates:

- Starting 7/5 – Softball 11s, Majors, and Juniors
- Starting 7/19 Softball 10s



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Baseball

Tom Holl and Josh King



Tom Holl – VP of Baseball

- Volunteer with KNLL for 5 years
- We have two boys in KNLL
 - Leo (played AAA through Majors)
 - Edward (Coast) (Dad will likely manage)
- Joined KNLL Board in 2021
- Coached or managed each season for both boys
- Family Affair – Emily is a board alumni and active volunteer!



Josh King — Player Agent Baseball

- Volunteer with KNLL for 6 years
- We have two kids in KNLL
 - Xavier (Majors- Hopeful to manage)
 - Zoe (Softball)
- Joined KNLL Board in 2022
- Coached or managed each season for Xavier



Why KNLL?



- Friendships and Teamwork
- Building Community
- Teaching life skills – communication, collaboration, leadership, etc.
- Increasing confidence and self-esteem
- Training and resources for everyone involved (players, coaches, umpers)



Important Changes



- Quick Ball is replacing T-Ball
- Rapid Baseball is replacing coach/kid pitch for A/AA levels
- Improving connectivity – GameChanger integration, field cameras



Baseball Divisions



- Quick Ball (formerly T-Ball) - age 4-6, never played
- A (Rapid Baseball) – age 7, or 5/6 if player has prior experience
- AA (Rapid Baseball) - age 7-8
- AAA (player pitch)- age 9-10
- Coast - age 10-11
- Majors - age 11-12
- Intermediate - age 13
- Juniors - age 13-14
- Seniors - age 15-16



Baseball Evaluations: AAA, Coast, & Majors Divisions



- First step in team formation: Evaluations!
- Evals required for all players AAA and above (not Intermediates)
- Skills assessment for division placement only (every child can play)
- **FM Sports on Saturday, February 1, 2025, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**
- All prospective managers and coaches MUST volunteer on Evaluation Day (and it's a lot of fun)



Team Formation AAA, Coast, & Majors Divisions



- New teams created from scratch every year
- Player Agent and VP of Baseball conduct serpentine draft based on Evaluation results (per LL and KNLL Local Rules)
- Coaches draw numbers to determine their teams
- Siblings traded to same team for comparable player
- No friend, coach, or childcare requests



Why is the team formation process important?



- LL International requires team drafts for AAA and above
- Commitment to a fair process
- Building balanced teams creates a better player experience
- Forming new teams each year builds community and strengthens relationships



Team Formation A, AA



- New teams created from scratch every year.
- VP and Player Agent of Baseball form teams based on school (per LL and KNLL Local Rules).
- Friend, coach, or childcare requests honored if possible



Exception Requests



- If you feel your child should play at a level above or below their age or grade
- Fill out Exception Request Form prior to Evaluations (during registration) or contact the Baseball Player Agent
- PLEASE NOTE: requests are granted when:
 - The player's skill matches the new Division, AND...
 - There is room on a team roster within that Division



All Stars



- Upper Levels (8/9/10; 9/10/11, LLB/Majors)
- Rosters typically limited to 12 players
- Registering for All Stars does not guarantee a spot on a team
- Teams formed/communicated in mid-May
- **If All Stars is a priority for your player, make sure to sign up at the appropriate age level for the regular season** (Coast for 8/9/10, Majors for 9/10/11 and LLB/Majors)
- Significant time commitment in June and July (5-6 days per week). **If you have family vacations or other competing sport commitments that will cause the player to miss several practices, do not sign up**
- Unlike the regular season, All Stars is a competitive environment. **Playing time is a privilege and must be earned.** Making the team is not a guarantee to start or get significant playing time



Volunteers



- League cannot function without them. **We need you!**
- Needs – managers, coaches, umpires, evaluations, Snack Shack, etc.
- Commitment to continued training and support opportunities



Upcoming Events



- Evaluations – February 1, 8:30-11:30am
- Teams announced – February 16
- Manager Meeting – February 20 – TBD, register to volunteer ASAP!
- Practices begin – Week of March 1



Quickball

Alicia Quaco (Olsen)



About Alicia



- Joined BOD in 2024 as Director of Quickball
- Caden (5) is in Preschool at Evergreen Academy
 - Will be in 2nd year of Quickball
- Adeline (3)
- 2nd year volunteering with KNLL

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Quickball is co-ed and builds a bridge to upper-level baseball and softball by teaching the basic fundamentals in a fun format!



**PAST SITUATION:
TEE BALL**

Players bored, standing around or building sandcastles

Players not getting enough reps to develop and improve skills

1-2 at bats per game and little action in the field

Coaches unsure how to run a practice or game



**SOLUTION:
QUICKBALL**

Fun interactive format keep players engaged

"Enjoyable fundamentals" teach baseball skills

Several at bats throughout game play

Coach training and curriculum to set the coaches up for success



4-6U SKILLS LEAGUE!

- ◆ Terrific Diamond Program for Entry Level Players!
- ◆ Progressive Practice/Game Structure
- ◆ Games are Fast-paced and FUN!
- ◆ Emphasis on Teamwork
- ◆ No Boring Drills



"QUICK BASEBALL & SOFTBALL" **A GREAT WAY TO LEARN ON THE DIAMOND!**

"Where's first base? What's a double? What's the right way to throw a ball or field a grounder?"

Welcome to entry-level baseball! Those questions and many, many more are asked each season by anxious youngsters who are taking the field for the very first time.

As a parent, you watch nervously, hoping your child will "get it" before the season begins. But more than anything, you just want them to enjoy the sport and thrive, not to be bored or intimidated.

PRACTICES AND GAMES FOCUS ON BUILDING SKILLS AND HAVING FUN

Welcome to EL1 Quickball 4-6U!

Focusing on instruction in a fun, inclusive way, Quickball teaches baseball basics in a stress-free environment. Players of all skill levels learn and grow. Each child contributes, is physically active and learns about the value of teamwork.



WHAT EL1 QUICKBALL 4-6U TEACHES

FUNDAMENTALS

"Enjoyable fundamentals." That is the easiest way to describe Quickball 4-6U, an exciting new youth sports program created for children who are just beginning to explore the games of baseball and softball.

Each time a player steps onto the field, he or she will learn about the game and then play a game. Skills stations focus on the proper way to execute all essential diamond skills!

HUSTLE!

Quickball literally turns our pastime into fasttime! Up-tempo skills stations and high-speed game action increase player movement and keep everyone on their toes. Each batter learns the correct way to hustle out a single, double, triple and home run.

Fielders stay active by rotating positions and handling specific fielding assignments. Team success - on offense and defense - revolves around the hustle!

ACTIVE TEAMWORK

With today's kids getting involved in sports programs earlier than ever, it's easy for them to become bored and uninterested when practices and games are slow and stagnant. Quickball 4-6U solves that problem through the use of revolutionary concepts such as rapid rotation, two way scoring and timed stations that introduce something new each week. These concepts teach the game in a whole new way.

FUN!

There is no reason to participate in a youth sports program if you're not having fun. In Quickball, fun is the top priority.

Kids of all skill levels contribute and the focus of each game is enjoyment - for the players and their parents!

Quickball Timeline



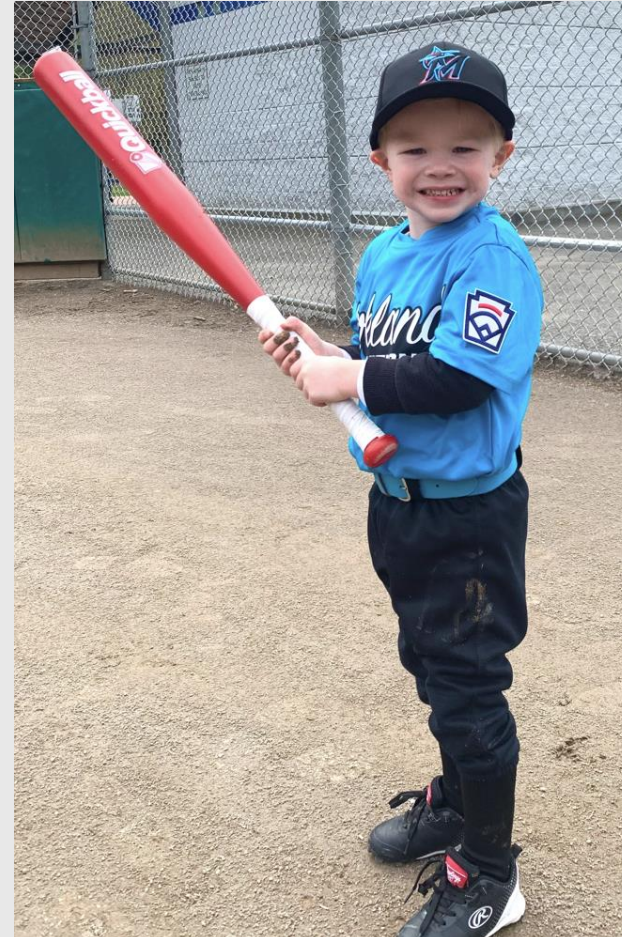
- Family Meet & Greet 3/9 (location TBD)
- Team formations 3/9 - 3/16
- Manager/coaches Training 3/22
- First Practice 4/2
 - No Practice 4/14 - LWSD Spring Break
- First Games 4/6
 - No games 4/20 - Easter
 - No games 5/25 - Memorial Day weekend
 - No games 6/1 - Little League Day @ Mariners
- Season Ends 6/8



Quickball Quick Facts



- 12 teams
- 10-12 players per team
- Every team needs a Manager
- Every team needs 2-3 Coaches
- Volunteers needed!
- Practices on Wednesdays 4:50 & 6:10
- Games on Sundays between 11am-2pm



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Coach Coordinator

Cody Rossen



Cody Rossen



- Volunteer with KNLL for 7+ years
- Married to Brittany with two boys in KNLL
 - Max, 11 (Majors)
 - Cruz, 8 (TBD)
- Joined KNLL Board April 2023
- Currently serving as Coaching Coordinator
- Managed for 5 years at every BB level
- Privileged to Manage KNLL All-Star teams in 2023 and 2024



Vision for 2025



- **Goal:** Grow the love of baseball & softball through development of skills to ensure every single player has a great experience
- To achieve this, we need to provide access to new resources for both the players and the coaches
 - Coaching Resources
 - Recruit: Managers & Coaches who will deliver on fun and development. Work with VPs and Player Agents to find a great lead for each team
 - Train the Trainers: Equip all coaches at all levels to level up. Leverage Coach Handbook on KNLL website
 - Expectations of Manager and Coaches clear
 - Player Resources
 - Participate in Coaches Clinics to learn new drills and areas to focus for development
 - Batting cage time at MTC for all upper level teams



Manager Training Plan



	BASEBALL	SOFTBALL
QUICKBALL	Manager Training Curriculum included	
A	Coach Clinic March 4th 7:00pm Curriculum included	Coach Clinic March 4th 7:00pm
AA	Coach Clinic March 4th 7:00pm Curriculum included	
AAA	Coach Clinic March 2 nd 10:00a	
COAST	Coach Clinic March 2 nd 12:00p	
MAJORS	Coach Clinic March 2 nd 2:00p	



Manager & Coach Expectations



- Provide a great experience for the players and families
- Complete background check and online training course
- Attend all Coaches Meetings and Clinics
- Clear communication



Manager Timeline



1. Register to Volunteer on KNLL website
2. Complete LL Training
3. Participate in Evaluations
4. Connect with VP and Player Agent to secure roster and select coaching staff
5. Participate in Coaches Clinics for respective levels
6. Have a great season!

Reach out to Coaches Coordinator with any support needed

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Umpire Program

Dan "The Man" Hoffman

Chris "Big D" Dwyer



About Dan & Chris



- 3rd year volunteering for KNLL
- Step-dad to Jackson B.
- Played tee ball to professional level
- Great Hair



- Umpiring for 4 years
- 2 girls in KNLL
- Better hair than Dan



Umping: It Takes a Village



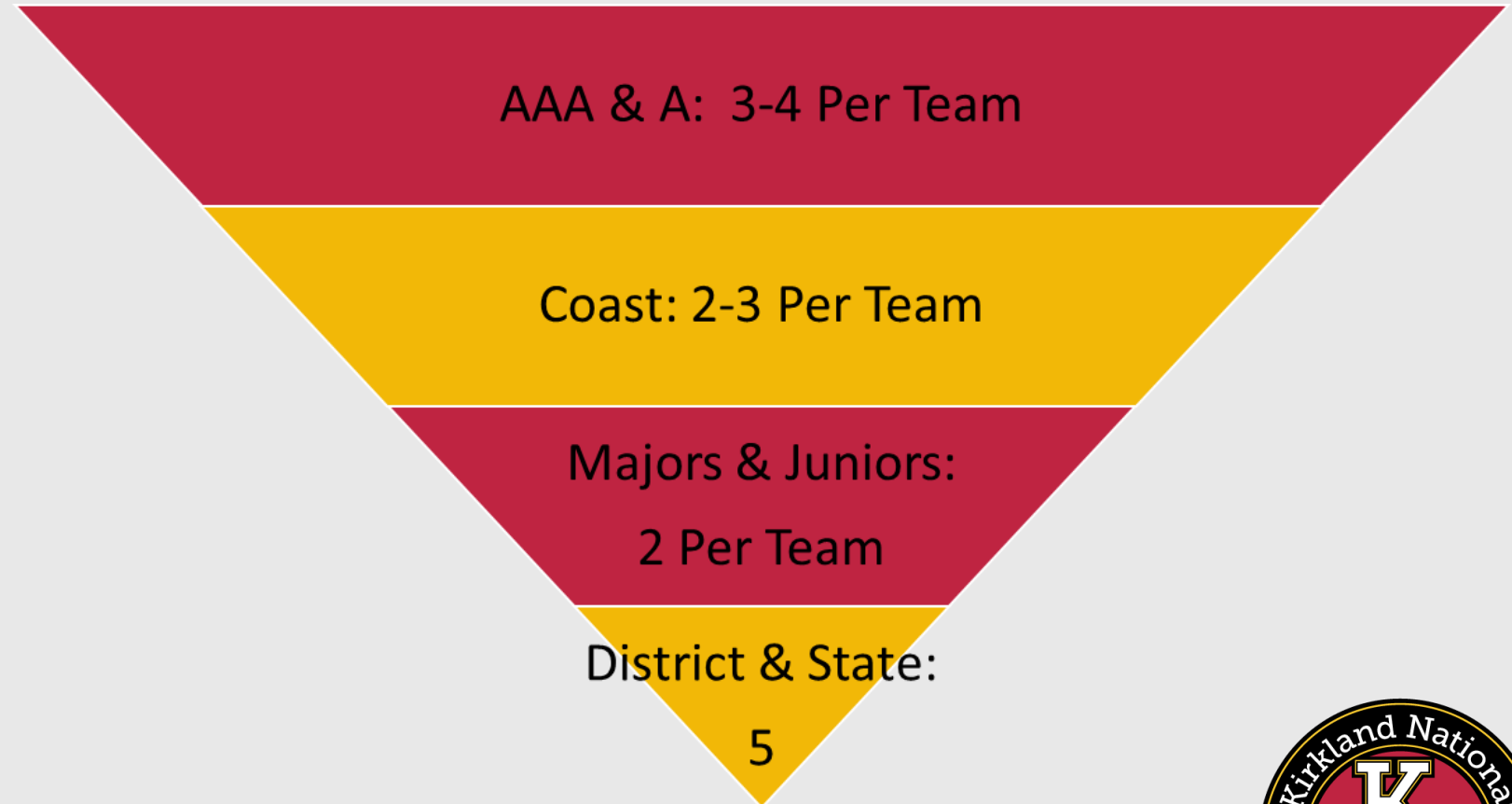
- (1) Uniformed umpire for AAA games and below
- (2) Uniformed umpires for Coast games and above
- KNLL is 100% volunteer operated
- Umpires are among the most important volunteers
- Without umpires, games can't be played



Umpire Volunteer Funnel



- More volunteer umps at lower levels – people drop off
- All you need is grey pants!



Umpiring Myths and Truths



Myths

1. People don't like umpires
2. You have to be perfect
3. Someone else will do it
4. It's hard
5. All parents and coaches expect a lot of umpires

Truths

1. People LOVE us
2. Looking the part and faking it 'till you make it goes a long way
3. YOU putting fourth minimal effort to umpire is better than the alternative
4. Basic training and support is in place
5. Little League is meant to be fun and safe



2025 Rule Changes

Umpiring just got better!



- Arm sleeves, jewelry, wrist bands – ALL OKAY NOW
- Helmet Stickers – GET DRIPPY
- Equipment Inspections - DONEZO



Volunteer Program

Yuan-Hsin YC Chen



About YC



- Joined BOD in 2024 as volunteer program director
- Yu-Hsi(8) is in 3rd at Thoreau
 - Gymnast and playing tennis
- Yu-An(5) is in Kinder at Thoreau
 - Has done Tee Ball, Quickball and RapidBaseball
- Was a manager for Quickball and rapid baseball
- 2nd year volunteering with KNLL

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Volunteer opportunities



- Team Volunteers
 - Manager
 - Coach
- Snack Shack
- Umpire
- Challenger "Buddies"
- Event Volunteer
- Board Member



Snack Shack and MVP Program



- **Support the Team**

- Proceeds from the Snack Shack directly benefit Kirkland National Little League programs, helping us improve equipment, fields, and more!

- **A Fun and Social Role**

- Meet other parents and league supporters while working in a lively, community-focused environment.

- **Flexible Shifts**

- Volunteer for short, manageable shifts to fit your schedule. No experience necessary—just bring your enthusiasm!

- **Make Game Days Better**

- Provide players, families, and fans with delicious snacks and drinks to enhance their Little League experience.



- Available for KNLL teams at BFH fields 1-3 when the Snack Shack is open
- One per team per game
- Redeemable at the Snack Shack for candy, popcorn or a soda
- Pick up at the Snack Shack before the game > hand out after the game



How to Apply



Step 1: Register

Step 2: Complete Background Check

- Check your email for the link to complete the background check.
- If you don't see it within 3 days, check your spam or contact registrar@kirklandnational.com.

Note: Background checks must be completed within 14 days.

Step 3: Complete Abuse Awareness Training

- Complete the online training: LittleLeague.org/AbuseAwareness
- You can complete this while waiting for the background check.

Step 4: Email Certificate

- Email your Abuse Awareness Training certificate to volunteer.coordinator@kirklandnational.com.

[2024-2025 Approved Volunteer List](#)

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION		
Register Now	Positions	
2025 KNLL Spring Quickball	Team Manager Assistant Coach	+ Sign Up
2025 KNLL Spring Baseball	Team Manager Assistant Coach	+ Sign Up
2025 KNLL Spring Softball	Team Manager Assistant Coach	+ Sign Up
2025 KNLL Spring Challenger	Team Manager Assistant Coach	+ Sign Up
2025 KNLL Volunteers	KNLL Volunteer ⓘ	+ Sign Up



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Supporting KNLL Families

Erica Erickson



About Erica



- Joined the board in 2024
- Colin (9) will be in Coast
- Sam played with KNLL ages 4-12
- Volunteered in the snack shack for the last few years

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Family Liaison Role



- Mediator between the team and managers/coaches, other parents, and Board.
- Answers questions regarding registration.
- Assists with player scholarships, gear, transportation, and translation services.
- Responds to any parent questions/concerns and facilitates communication with appropriate KNLL representatives.





We Need Your Help!

- Open Board Roles
- Open Volunteer Roles
- Coaching Support



Register Here!



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Thank you!

