

Youth Umpire Program – Umpire FAQ's

Who's eligible to be an umpire?

Anyone age 12 and up who shares a love of the game, attends the CLL-led umpire training session, and has a commitment to learn the Little League rules.

Why should my child be an umpire?

Many of our kids "age-out" of CLL, but still love the game and want to play a part in our CLL community. It's a paying job, and it teaches them responsibility, discipline, commitment, and a very public sense of community service that they can be proud of.

What is the commitment?

As much or as little as you would like. You can sign up for umpire assignments that work best for you. Keep in mind if you sign up, you must show up.

Can I umpire for Continental Little League if I live outside the League boundaries?

Yes.

Do I need to register?

Yes, all youth umpires need to go through a simple online registration process on the CLL website: www.continentalbaseball.com. Please click on the "Volunteers → Umpires" page to find the registration link.

How do I get trained to be an umpire?

Continental will offer training for all interested youth umpires. There will be two different clinics offered:

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- **Mechanics Clinic** (mandatory to attend to become a youth umpire): Led by Continental, this clinic goes over basic umpire mechanics and is tailored for Continental. This is being held Sunday, February 25th from 1pm – 5pm at Ygnacio Valley Elementary, Major Field.
- **Rules Clinic** (optional): Led by the District, this clinic discusses the rules of Little League. This clinic is being held Wednesday, February 21st from 6:15pm – 9pm at WC Intermediate Multiuse Room.

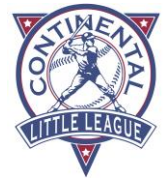
In addition, during the season youth umpires can request an umpire mentor to be present at a game for additional training.

When and where are games played?

Baseball games typically around 2 hours. Monday through Thursday games start at 5:30 PM. Saturday games start at 8:30 am and are played throughout the day. Games are at Ygnacio Valley Elementary in Concord, either on the Major or Minor field. The playing season is March to early June.

What equipment/uniform does the league provide to umpires?

CLL provides the umpire's protective equipment, which is located inside a bin at each of the fields. Also, the league will provide an umpire shirt and hat, as well as a Little League Rulebook.



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How do I sign-up for games?

Both adult and youth umpires can sign-up for games on the CLL website: www.continentalbaseball.com, clicking on the “Dibs” top-menu option. Dibs is an online scheduling program for handling umpiring assignments. Information on how to use Dibs will be on the website on the “**Volunteers → Umpires**” page.

Can I sign-up for any game?

Pretty much, but with these stipulations:

- Youth umpires may umpire AA, AAA, and Majors baseball games, with the following age restrictions:
 - AA: 12 years old, as of January 1st 2018
 - AAA: 13 years old, as of January 1st 2018
 - Majors: 15 years old, as of January 1st 2018
- Umpires cannot work games in which they have a relative on the teams, either as player or coach.

Am I compensated for my time?

Yes, youth umpires may be compensated in one of two methods:

- **Community Service:** Each game is worth 2 hours of community service credit
- **Payment:** Payment is based upon the division and type of umpire
 - Majors: \$30 per game for home plate umpire; \$20 per game for base umpire
 - AAA: \$25 per game for home plate umpire; \$20 per game for base umpire
 - AA: \$20 per game for home plate umpire; \$15 per game for base umpire

Also, youth umpires will also receive a free meal voucher for after their game.

What are the rules about un-assigning yourself from a game?

If it is more than 48 hours before the game, just “unclaim” yourself the same way you signed up for it and the assignment will become available to the other qualified umpires. If it less than 48 hours, please send an email to the CLL Umpire Coordinator (UmpCoordinator@continentalbaseball.com) to inform us ASAP. Please try to arrange your own substitute and include the name of the substitute in the e-mail.

What happens if the game is rained out?

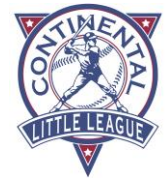
If a game is rained out where you have signed up to umpire, the Umpire Coordinator or home team manager will contact you as soon as possible to inform you. You will be given first opportunity to umpire the game once it has been rescheduled.

Can two youths umpire the same game?

If only youth umpires (age 17 or younger) are assigned to a game, there must be an adult present at all times serving as the **Game Coordinator**. While this adult will not be called on to make calls, the adult will serve as “umpire in chief” in resolving disputes and maintaining order. If there is no Game Coordinator selected, the game cannot be played. Please see the link for more information regarding the [Game Coordinator role](#).

Can parents be umpires?

Yes! And we still need you! The Youth Umpire program will supplement the existing Adult Volunteer Umpire Program. Please note that as Little League is a volunteer organization, we cannot compensate Adult Volunteers.



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I am having trouble with the website, who do I contact?

Please contact the CLL Information Officer, Jake Spurlock: whyisjake@gmail.com

I have an umpire SCHEDULING question, who do I contact?

Please contact the CLL Chief Umpire, Tony Puente: UmpCoordinator@continentalbaseball.com

I have an umpire RULE question, who do I contact?

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