

Blackwood Kiwanis Little League Tournament Policy

To all Parents:

We at Blackwood Kiwanis Little League offer an in-house, regular season baseball program to all children. At the conclusion of the regular season, we offer a competitive, tournament program. All players in the Minors – AA, Minors - AAA, Majors, Juniors, and Seniors divisions are eligible to tryout for a roster spot on a team provided they meet eligibility requirements.

One of the eligibility requirements for playing tournament baseball is that the player resides within the Blackwood Kiwanis Little League boundary as defined by Little League Baseball Inc.

Additionally, the ability to fulfill attendance commitments is paramount in being considered for a roster spot. All players are expected to make a 100% commitment for all games. Practices may be missed with prior approval from the manager ONLY up until a tournament begins. Once a tournament begins, 100% attendance for practice is required. Any unexcused absences may result in dismissal from the team.

Another commitment is a parental commitment. During post season tournament play, Blackwood Kiwanis Little League may organize an Invitational tournament and/or host district tournament games. Each parent will be required to assist in the hosting of these games by performing such tasks including but not limited to snack stand operator, scorekeeper, field prep, field cleanup, pitch count operator, PA announcer, etc.

There are two types of tournament teams – district teams and invitational teams. Little League District tournaments begin at the age of 9. The teams are broken down into the following age groups – 9/10, 10/11, 11/12, 13/14, 15/16. If a child is selected to a tournament team, the child may only play for that team during the tournament play. Invitational teams have a wider range of age categories, beginning with 7U. Players may play for more than one team provided that they meet eligibility requirements and that they are not playing for a Little League District team during a Little League District tournament. Additionally, if a player is selected to more than one team, the player has allegiance to his/her age group first. For example, if an 8 year old is selected to both a 9U and an 8U team, the player is obligated to play for the 8U team if there is a scheduling conflict for both teams whether practice or games. However, if the conflict is for a game versus practice, then the game takes precedence.

Finally, playing time requirements for tournament team varies drastically from the regular season. During the tournament season, players are required by Little League Baseball to receive one at-bat and play three, consecutive defensive outs in the field. Invitational tournament rules may vary. Whatever the case, playing time is determined by the manager of the tournament team. The BKLL Board of Directors will not intervene with the manager's decision.

Parent Tournament Policy Agreement

I, _____ am the parent/guardian of _____. I hereby acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. I have confirmed my residence in relation to the Blackwood Kiwanis Little League boundary and understand that my child is (league official circle) eligible or ineligible to tryout for a Blackwood Kiwanis Little League tournament team.
2. I understand that the attendance commitment and the consequences of not adhering to it.
3. I understand the parental commitment of performing one duty per tournament child during a Blackwood Kiwanis Little League hosted tournament game.
4. I understand that the manager is responsible for setting the lineup, determining playing positions, and allotting the amount of playing time for each player.
5. I understand that the Regular Season Blackwood Kiwanis Little League Code of Conduct applies to and shall continue to be in effect through tournament season play as well and that the Blackwood Kiwanis Little League reserves the right to have me and anyone associated with me, including but not limited to my child/children, spouse, grandparent, friend, etc. to be suspended and/or permanently banned from attending games as a spectator due to my/their inappropriate behavior. I further understand that my child may be expelled from Blackwood Kiwanis Little League due to the violation of the code of conduct agreement. I understand that Blackwood Kiwanis Little League when necessary reserves the right to file formal charges with the Police Department against me for the violations of the above terms and conditions, which is supported by Township Ordinance.

I understand and agree to the above policy.

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

Date _____