



2009 GLL Team Mom Responsibility

Thank you for offering to help your coach and your team this year. The main role of a team mom, is communication. The coach is preparing the kids for the game and the team mom is helping to make sure everything outside the fence runs smoothly. We are excited this year to have both Timmons (1 field) and Butler Springs (field #1 and #2) for our GLL games. Since we now have 3 fields this season, we will only have to play 2 games on each field a week night to get all the games in this year! This does change a few things for GLL since Timmons has a Press Box/Score Board/good size concession stand and Butler Springs has none of that. The concession stand at Butler is much smaller and there are no score boards. We are going to have to work with what we have and make them work. The best news is Majors games will end earlier on school nights! So this season is a work in progress. If you have any suggestions for improvement... let us know, we will be happy to look into them. But, thanks in advance for your help! GLL could run with you offering to volunteer!

We will have concession stands at BOTH Timmons and Butler Springs. Nancy Strausbaugh is over the Timmons concession stand and Harry Stephenson is over the Butler Springs concession stand. Both Concessions stands will have chic fila sandwiches delivered during the week. But, not on weekends. (only on Opening Day) If the weather is questionable... we have to make a judgment call by 4pm to cancel the sandwiches. So if the weather is questionable and there are no sandwiches... we might have canceled them. At Timmons there is a press box that will keep the score... at Butler Springs, there are no score boards. But, there will be a MANUAL flip score board for each field. We will provide a small table to set up behind home plate OUTSIDE the fence to keep score. We are not sure how this will work... but we will try it and see.

Your Responsibilities-

Item #1

Once you get your team's game schedule, please look and see when your team plays and whether your team is **home or visitor**. If your team is the **Visitor** (at Timmons or Butler Springs #1), you are in charge of the Concession Stand. (if you are Visitor at Butler Springs #2 – there are no assigned duties) If your team is the **Home team**, you are responsible for the Press Box at Timmons and the flip board at both Butler Springs fields for that game. These responsibilities consist of the following:

Concession Stand (Visitor Team) – If you are the first game of the day, you will need to get the key from the coach to open up the concession stand. (First game will be responsible to open the concession stand and the last game will be responsible for closing the concession stand) We ask that someone responsible (at least 10 years old) be in charge of the money. The money box will be kept in the drink cooler when the concession stand is not opened. After your game, if the next person is not there, just put the cash back in the cooler and close the door. (this way you are not stuck waiting for the next game) We will try to make sure that the food is properly stocked and not running low, if you see something is out...just email Nancy Strausbaugh (Timmons) and Harry Stephenson (Butler Springs). This way we can get it replenished as soon as possible. There will also be a price list posted. We are going to have Chic-fila delivered to both fields during the week around 5:15ish. We will sell them for \$3 each. They will be kept in a warming cooler. When the last game is closing up the concession stand, please make sure that the cooler is unplugged at the end of the night. The Umpires are welcomed to get free drinks. For the second year, if you buy more than ten drinks from the concession at one time, the drinks will cost only \$1 each.... Help promote this for the drinks after the game! Plus this could help the parents out... one less trip to the grocery store.

Press Box at Timmons (Home Team) – Timmons is the only field with a Press Box. The first game will need to get the key from the coach and open up the press box, turn on the score board (instructions will be up there) and set-up the PA system. This team is responsible for keeping the score board accurate and announcing the players at bat. In the past, this was a great opportunity for the older kids to help out. **The umpires will NOT allow ANY horseplay or playing around on the PA system**, so use your best judgment. Also, there can be **NO cheering from the press box**. But, at least one adult should be responsible for who is in the press box. The coaches for the first game will turn the score board on out at the pole to start the evening and the coaches for the last game will turn it off at the pole.

OR

Score Keepers at Butler Springs (Home Team) – Since there are no score boards at Butler Springs, we are providing a manual, table top, flip score keeper for EACH field. There will be 2 small tables and 2 manual score keepers kept in the concession stand. This table needs to be set up OUTSIDE the fence behind home plate. This is so that everyone can see the score. We are not sure how this is going to work... but we want to try it. So the home team will be responsible for keeping this accurate. After the last game of the night, please put these items back in the concession stand.

Item #2

Drinks/Snacks for during/after Game – The team mom will assign a parent to bring drinks for each game. Most teams will not opt to have snacks.... that is up to each team?!?! The umpires do NOT want you to be throwing or passing drinks to the players during the game!!! Remember, there are Gatorades in the concession stand, if you want to buy them there and support GLL!!! (if you buy more than 10 drinks from the concession at one time.... They will cost you only \$1!)

Item #3

End of Year Party - Toward the end of the year, your team needs to decide what type of party you want. Some go to Frodo's, at someone home, or some do a party at the shelter above the park with pizza after one of the last games or whatever works for your team.

Item #4

Coaches Gift - Before this party the team mom collects money from the team parents for a group gift for the coaches. Do not forget your assistant coaches.

Item #4

Chevy Tahoe Sweepstakes - For the second year, we are participating in the **Chevy Youth Baseball Traverse and Malibu** Sweepstakes. Each player will be given **five** \$5 raffle tickets to sell by **May 1st**. Contact your team mom for more tickets. The player that sells the most tickets will win a prize. Also, if you sell 5 tickets, your name is in a drawing for a bat bag! So sell those tickets And win a new **Traverse or Malibu**. Check out the website for more details www.chevyyouthsports.com. **ALL** proceeds go to GLL!!!! What a great fundraiser! For information or questions on this fundraiser, contact Barbara Hall.

Item #5

GLL Night at the Greenville Drive! Mark your calendars for **May 17th**. As the Team mom, you will need to pre-sell tickets for the game to your team. More details will follow!

For Your Information...

Opening Day is Saturday, March 14 – New this year, on Opening Day all teams will play a game. (since there is an odd number of majors teams.... One majors team will NOT be playing) But, we have coordinated to have a photographer at both Timmons and Butler Springs on Saturday for group and individual pictures. We are excited to offer this opportunity and hope it works well. Once you find out when you are playing on Opening day, you need to report to the field ONE HOUR before the game dressed for pictures. This should give the photographers time to get the team and individual pictures taken. There is information in this packet for you to give to your parents.... But the order forms will be picked up from the photographer on Saturday. So bring a pen and your wallet to the field.

Pitch Count – For Minors and Majors, this is the second year we are going to have pitcher “pitch counts”. Minor’s pitchers will be able to throw 75 pitches per game, majors 85. Days of rest will be based on the number of pitches up to the maximum number. For instance, if a kid throws the max in a game, 3 days of rest is required before the next game. Therefore, if he pitches the max on Monday, he would not be available again until Friday. Each team will have a designee to keep the pitch count for **BOTH** teams. They can then compare counts between innings with the other team. Hopefully discrepancies will be minimal and can be agreed upon between coaches.

*Coaches pitch does NOT have pitch count because the coaches are pitching to the kids. Each batter gets 7 pitches and a foul ball can not be the players last pitch. There are 10 batters max per inning. To end an inning on the tenth batter, the out must be made at any base of the ball must be thrown to home and the plate must be touched.

End of Season Tournament This is a double elimination tournament to determine WHO will play in the final game at Championship Saturday. Once the schedule is released, the team mom will need to assign the concession/press box for these games. Don't forget to also assign a parent to bring drinks to the game.

Championship Saturday will be Saturday, May 30! (Stay tuned for more information!) Again this year the trophies will be given out once a team is knocked out the tournament! After the game, their trophies will be handed out on the field that day/night. (each players name will be announced over the PA system at Timmons and we will figure out how to do it at Butler Springs) This way everyone will not have to wait for Championship Saturday. We still hope that everyone comes out for a fun day of games and events on Championship Saturday! Hopefully we will have the 3rd annual GLL Ball Drop on this year. We are waiting to hear about the donated helicopter. Stay tuned...

GENERAL Information...

***GLL Hotline 250-2211 -** During the spring weather, be sure and call to see if games are rained out or not. It could be beautiful at Timmons and raining at your house. Always call to be sure. Program it in your phone now!

***Rain out....** If the game is rained out and rescheduled... the team's responsibilities remain the same on the new day.

*GLL has wonderful umpires! Please show them the respect they deserve. Let's be an good example for our children!

*There is a first aid kit in each concession stand, if needed.

*Jerseys- They have asked us not to dry the jerseys again this year.

*If you see that we are running low on anything in the concession stand, please let Nancy or Harry know.

*The GLL board asks that parents do NOT let their kids play Wall Ball against the concession stand at Timmons!

*The bathrooms out at Timmons might not be opened yet and will not be opened by the City until the threat of freeze is gone. This should be soon. Please apologize for the inconvenience and send them to the Pumpers or the coin laundry on East North Street.

*No one is allowed in the batters cages at Timmons while the games are being played. In between games, a parent/coach MUST be in the cage with their children.

*The GLL directory will be ready for everyone in the next couple of weeks.

That is really it on the responsibilities!! The main thing is to get your teams schedule and assign your parents their responsibilities. We have our first games starting SATURDAY, March 14.

Please remember to explain the responsibilities to the new parents in the league. It can seem overwhelming the first season. I hope this all makes sense, I know it is alot of information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me, Laura Lynn Luce, Barbara Hall or Nancy Strausbaugh! If we don't know the answers, we can find them out! Thanks in advance for all of your hard work and time! Without each one of you, GLL would not run smoothly!!

GLL is a wonderful organization.... because of all the amazing coaches, volunteers and parents like you! Thanks for all you do to help make GLL a great organization for our kids. Hope everyone has a safe and fun season!!!!

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