



Union Little League
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December 2021 Newsletter

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League Message

It is an exciting time of the year. We have holidays to celebrate, school activities and performances, family get-togethers, and so much more. Registration for the 2022 season closes in 15 days for the 2022 little league spring season. We have 207 (195 boys / 12 girls) players registered for the season and are hoping to surpass 300 as we have in previous seasons, but the COVID season has impacted our younger division enrollments. Please register if you haven't done so yet and spread the word.

This season is exciting because it is a return to an expected full season unlike the prior two years. We want to get kids on the field and bring families together to reinvigorate the excitement we all feel from being together at the ULL fields. Our facilities have been improved in the off season and we are excited for the kids to enjoy the hard work from our facilities and parent volunteers.

Happy Holidays and New Year to our ULL families!

Winter Baseball Clinic - Dec 29-30

To prepare for the Spring 2022 season, ULL will be offering instructional clinics during Winter, Ski week, and Spring Breaks. The Winter Break Clinic will be a 2 day clinic on December 29 and 30 and you can register on the ULL website for [Winter Baseball Clinic](#). These clinics will be run by Professional Instructors & top ULL coaches. This is a great opportunity to work on some skills before the Jan 8 evaluation day. Additional information can be found on the [info page](#).

Dates: Wednesday, December 29th – Thursday, December 30th

Times: 9:30 - 12:00 (ages 7 - 9)

1:00 - 3:30 (ages 10-12) (half hour break time included)

Location: ULL fields – Majors field

Cost: \$75.00 for 2 day clinic

Spring 2022 Registration - Open Now

[Registration](#) is currently open until December 31, 2021. Register now to ensure you are ready for the Spring 2022 season. The registration fee is fully refundable until the drafts the week of Jan 17.

Evaluation Day - January 8 - ULL Fields

Evaluation day is an opportunity for all players to demonstrate their skills to the team managers. The team managers will use this day to evaluate players and to appropriately place them on a team. This is not a try out per se, all players will be on a team and this evaluation allows the skills to be equally spread across all teams for a fun and competitive season. All divisions participate except T-ball

Snack Shack - We need help

The snack shack is a major part of Union Little League. We have several parents interested in helping manage the snack shack, but are still in need of a volunteer to manage or co-manage the snack shack. This board position is responsible for ensuring we have volunteer and paid workers for shifts when games are being played, supplying the snack shack on a regular basis, and maintaining the point of sale system. It is a management role and does not require someone onsite at all times. Please reach out to president@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com if you are interested in managing.

Information Night

ULL hosted an information night via Zoom on December 9. The presentation covered details of ULL, the division streamlining, the registration and verification process, and other opportunities in the league for volunteering, fundraising, and field maintenance. Please check out the [presentation](#) for quick access to important information, contacts with the Q&A from the meeting at the end.

Fundraising

There are many ways you, your business, or your favorite business can help. Please check if your employer offers a company match or will even pay for the hours you volunteer. We also need some parent volunteers to help with fundraising! If you can help, please email the fundraising lead Holly Child at fundraising@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com

- How we raise funds:
 - Registration fees
 - Donations
 - Sponsorships (Banners)
 - Family Fun Day
 - Hit-a-Thon
 - Company Match

- Examples of how we use the funds raised:
 - Uniforms
 - Field Maintenance and development
 - Umpires

League Sponsorship Opportunities

Description	HOMERUN \$100	MVP \$500	GRANDSLAM \$750	ALL-STAR \$1000+
Business card on the Snack Shack bulletin board	🇺	🇺	🇺	🇺
Name and link on the ULL website	🇺	🇺	🇺	🇺
Name and/or business card in the official Opening Day Program		🇺	🇺	🇺
If child in league, credit for volunteer hours for one child.		🇺	🇺	🇺
3' X 5' Vinyl Banner on <u>one</u> ULL field fence for entire calendar year*		🇺	🇺	🇺
Onsite display at Family Fun Day (sponsor provides their own table)			🇺	🇺
3' X 5' Vinyl Banner on <u>two</u> ULL field fence for entire calendar year*				🇺

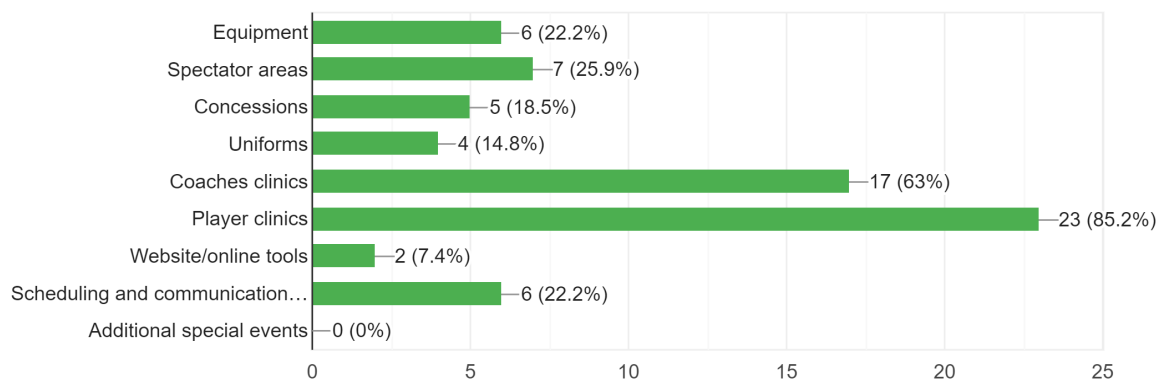
Survey Results

A survey was sent out to all fall ball 2021 participants. The summarized feedback is provided below. Families were satisfied with the registration process, fees, schedule, ULL facilities. The majority of players enjoyed fall ball, would recommend it, would play again, and are coming back for spring 2022. Areas of improvements are in playing time/number of players on each team, more frequent and higher quality practices, coach training, improved coach/league communication.

The general comments reflect on how the ULL coaches really focused on having fun and getting the kids into baseball and it wasn't about "winning". Having their kids play multiple positions without the pressure made it fun for them. Parents would have liked more practice and batting cage time. Parents requested more player clinics, coaching clinics, and spectator area improvements.

In what areas would you like to see Union Little League invest money to improve our program (select your top 3)?

27 responses



Actions ULL can take to address these comments are the need for more volunteer coaches to help with practices and skills development. Providing more assistance to coaches to help them develop

their skills better and to provide off season opportunities for paid skills camps. More communication from coaches and ULL and receiving schedules earlier so they can plan better.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond. Please look out for future surveys which we can use to help shape the league.

League Communication

Subscribe to the league calendar on the ULL website to have automatic reminders for key events. You can also subscribe to text alerts from the league by Texting **ULLBASEBALL** to **84483** to receive alerts from **Union Little League**. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) to stay informed of happenings in the league and to help share and support our league. The [ULL Calendar](#) is updated regularly with important events. Please subscribe to always have the latest information. The [ULL website](#) news section also has important notices.

Thank you!

- Union Little League