

## **Welcome to the 2024 season!**

Verona Little League (VLL) provides opportunities for all kids within and around our community who are interested in playing baseball. VLL is committed to kids learning, developing, and —most importantly—having fun playing the game of baseball. We are excited to offer a great facility and plenty of baseball action for the entire family to enjoy – We look forward to another fun summer of Little League baseball in Verona!

Below you will find valuable information on the upcoming season:

### **Online Registration, League Website, and Online Credit Card Payments**

Registration for the 2024 season will open on February 1<sup>st</sup> and will run until February 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm. Registrations after February 28<sup>th</sup> are subject to a \$25 late fee and late registrants are not guaranteed a roster spot. Refunds will be given if the league is unable to place the player on a team. Registration will be done online with the ability to pay by credit card or your bank account information. Please refer to our league's website at [veronalittleleague.org](http://veronalittleleague.org) for additional information.

### **2024 Fees**

The fee for registration for all divisions is \$300. Only the first two players in a family pay the division registration fee. A third or more players are not charged registration fees. Your registration includes a \$25.00 concessions stand voucher (this will be handed out with uniforms). You must pay online by credit card or bank account information at the end of the registration process. Verona Little League offers partial and full scholarships to a limited number of families each year based on the approved annual budget. If you are interested in exploring scholarship opportunities, please contact the VLL president at [vllpresident@gmail.com](mailto:vllpresident@gmail.com) before you register to discuss further.

### **Parent Information Meetings**

League informational meetings for parents will be held on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Sugar Creek Elementary School Cafeteria. A second session will be held on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm via Zoom. VLL Board members will provide a general league overview and discuss divisions of play, schedule, player assessments and drafts, player fees and equipment needed. Parents are encouraged to attend one of the meetings and ask any questions about the upcoming season. To sign up to attend a session, please visit this [link](#).

### **Assessments**

We plan to conduct assessments for all divisions on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> for the 2024 season. Assessments will take place at Savannah Oaks Middle School. Please keep an eye out on our website and social media pages for additional details on assessments as we get closer to the start of the season. This year we will provide an opportunity to donate used baseball equipment that your player has outgrown. We will then create a store to provide discounted equipment to families who can use the gear. For general details on what assessment day typically involves, please visit the Registration tab on the VLL homepage.

### **Important Volunteer Information**

Verona Little League is a volunteer organization, which requires the participation of its members' families to ensure its success and future sustainability. All families are required to complete four hours of volunteering per player (maximum of 8 hours per family) during the VLL regular season. More hours may be required for players participating in extended or tournament season. Volunteer

time can be counted in the following manner: coach (head or assistant), team parent, concessions, spring/fall clean-up, VLL Board of directors or subcommittee participation, or special events. If you are unable to commit to volunteering, there is an optional volunteer buy-out program which can be purchased at registration. The buy-out cost per family is \$200.00. **Anyone who does not complete volunteer hours or purchase the buy-out will be invoiced at the end of the season for the \$200.**

#### **Division Structure and Grade Guidelines**

Before registering your player, we encourage you to visit our website for a detailed explanation of our divisions and grade guidelines. Those can be found [here](#).

We do not currently have a league for players born after September 1, 2018. If your player falls in this category, please consider the Verona Recreation Department summer baseball program. You can find the link to registration on our website, or you can get to it directly [here](#).

#### **2024 Opening Day**

We plan to conduct opening day on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> for all divisions. Traditionally we parade all players (from all divisions), in their uniforms, onto the field for opening ceremonies. On Opening Day, most teams will have their team picture day and play their season openers.

#### **USA Baseball Bat Rules**

On January 1, 2018, Little League International (and many other organized youth leagues) adopted the USA Baseball bat standards. ALL bats from 2017 or earlier are no longer legal for play in VLL. All bats must comply with the USA Baseball standards. Please refer to <https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/bat-information/> for additional details and a list of approved bats for 2024.

#### **Sponsorship and Development Opportunities**

VLL is engaged this year in renewed efforts to gain sponsorships. Our league cannot operate without the generous sponsorships of our community and business partners. This includes major field donors such as Heartland Credit Union, 5th Quarter Sports Bar & Grill, and the Lund and Frank families. It also includes the many businesses you see represented on our outfield fences and team sponsors. There are many opportunities to sponsor or donate to VLL - large or small; we have needs in many areas.

If you, your business, or your employer are interested in sponsoring a team, part of a field, a new bat rack or helmet cubby or many other possibilities, please reach out to Sponsorship Coordinator, Mike Holland at [mpholland@uwalumni.com](mailto:mpholland@uwalumni.com). You can view all 2024 sponsorship opportunities on our website [here](#). Do not forget, your donations are tax deductible.

#### **Final Note**

We have the best volunteers! The VLL Board and I are working hard to continue the great tradition that is Verona Little League. I would like to thank all the board members and volunteers for their hard work and dedication and look forward to seeing all of you at one of the parent meetings in February, at assessments, or down at the complex in April.

As the season progresses, or if questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the VLL Board or you can always reach me at [vllpresident@gmail.com](mailto:vllpresident@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to a great 2024 Season!

Mike Holland  
VLL President