

RWLL Parents and Players,

We are rapidly approaching the completion of another successful baseball season. I would like to thank all of the players, coaches and parents for their outstanding efforts this season. Special thanks to all of those moms, dads, players and siblings that have worked extra hours preparing the fields at all hours of the day and those who have worked in the new snack shack at Encke. Also thanks to all for your patience and flexibility with this season's terrible weather.

Playoffs will soon begin in International, Minors and Majors leagues. I wish all of the teams good luck and hope they all enjoy the experience. The playoffs will culminate on Saturday, June 11, with Championship games for each of these leagues. I would encourage all players and parents to come out to support these games. The schedule of games is as follows:

Majors Championship Game	3:45 PM at Encke A
Minors Championship Game	1:30 PM at Encke A
International Championship Game	12:00 PM at Encke B

## Summer Ball

As the regular season draws to a close, we will offer "summer ball" for Rookie and International Leagues. This program requires no registration and is more like sandlot games where the players will show up on a specific night, pick teams, and play baseball. Coaches will be there to monitor the games and assist the players as needed and to ensure that the games are played in a safe manner. Look for an email announcing the dates, time and fields near the completion of the season.

## Tournament Season

Also, as the regular season concludes, tournament season begins. For those not familiar with tournament play, these games are highly competitive and selective level of play. Games will be played against other District 27 Little League teams and requires a strong commitment to the team during the period of the tournament. Players should have availability from the start of tryouts to the completion of the tournament. If a player will be unavailable during this period, please ensure the coach is made aware at the tryouts of the unavailability, as this will factor in the selection process. All players must be residents of Radnor Township or attend school in Radnor.

For the 2016 tournament season, RWLL will field the following teams with tryout dates as follows (PARENTS ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE TWENTY (20) MINUTES BEFORE THE FIRST TRYOUT DATE WITH BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND ANY OTHER REQUESTED INFORMATION):

Age	DOB	Tryout Dates	# of Teams	Tournament Dates/Name
9 YO	9/1/2006- 8/31/07	June 3-- Donna Lane June 5 - Donna Lane	6-8PM 4-6PM	2 June 10-26 --9 YO All Star

10YO (9-10)	5/1/2005- 8/31/2006	June 5-Encke A/B June 8-Encke A/B	12-2 PM 6-8 PM	1 1	June 27-July 14--District Tournament July 16-July 27 --10 YO Special Games
11 YO (10-11)	5/1/2004- 4/30/05	June 5- Encke A/B June 9 -Encke A/B	3-5 PM 6-8 PM	1 1	June 29- July 17-- District Tournament July 15-July 26 John Klein Tournament
12YO (11-12)	5/1/2003- 4/30/04	June 3-Encke A/B June 5 Encke A/B	6-8 PM 6-8PM	1 1	June 23-July 12-District Tournament July 15-July 26 John Klein Tournament

-- 9 year olds— All players with DOBs between 9/1/2006 and 8/31/2007, regardless of league placement (Minors, Int'l or Rookie) are eligible to tryout for these teams. Also 8 year olds (DOB 9/1/2007-8/31/-2008) are eligible to tryout.

-- 10 year olds—There are two separate tournaments with a total of two teams. The Little League Tournament where play can extend beyond District is June 27-July 14 (one team) and a District 27 Special Game tournament which is July 16-July 27 (one team). Players trying out must indicate which tournament or both that they have availability to participate in at the beginning of tryouts. Players not selected for the District team will be considered for the Special Game Tournament teams.

--11 year olds- There are two separate tournaments with a total of two teams. The Little League District Tournament where play can extend beyond the District is June 29-July 17 and the 11 YO John Klein Team which will play July 15-26. Players trying out must indicate which tournament or both that they have availability to participate in at the beginning of tryouts. Players not selected for the District team will be considered for the Special Game Tournament teams.

--12 year olds- There are two separate tournaments with a total of two teams. The Little League District Tournament where play can extend beyond the District is June 23-July 12 and the 12 YO John Klein Team which will play July 15-26. Players trying out must indicate which tournament or both that they have availability to participate in at the beginning of tryouts. Players not selected for the District team will be considered for the Special Game Tournament teams.

If your player is interested in attending tournament tryouts, players MUST sign up at Team Snap <https://go.teamsnap.com/divisions/14696/registration/30445/register/new> . Also understand that all players attending tryouts may not be selected to a team due to the limitations on roster size and number of teams entered. Any player attending tryouts must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Meet the age requirements specified above (no exceptions- Little League eligibility rule)
- Have unlimited availability during the tournament dates –no planned absences
- Played in at least 60% of the regular season games
- Must be able to attend 80 percent of the practices (nightly, two-three weeks prior to tournament start)
- Must be a resident of Radnor Township or attend school in Radnor Township
- Must attend at least one tryout to be eligible, both tryouts are strongly recommended
- Players must bring a copy of their birth certificate to tryouts

- Parents must commit in writing to the player’s availability or known absences for the tournament dates (on Team Snap sign up form)
- Parents/Guardian must check in with the League staff at the beginning of the first tryout.

Teams will be selected based on the player’s regular season performance, tryout performance, input from the coaching staff and prior commitment and performance on previous tournament teams if applicable. Ten, eleven and 12 year old players not selected for the District 27 teams will be eligible to play on the Klein tournament teams. No player can play on more than one team.

Under certain exceptional circumstances, players may be invited to “play up”, i.e., play for an “older” team.

Cost: the cost for players selected to the teams will be \$75 which will cover the cost of uniforms and tournament expenses.

Parent involvement: parents of players selected to the teams **will be required** to assist the league in hosting games at RWLL when your player is not playing games. This will include announcing games, scorekeeper, food service and field watering and field prep. **THIS IS A CONDITION OF YOUR CHILD’S PARTICIPATION ON THESE TEAMS.** ALL PARENTS WILL BE ASKED TO HOST 2-3 TIMES DURING THE TOURNAMENT SEASON. FOR THOSE WHO FAIL TO HOST, ELIGIBILITY FOR PLAYING THIS SEASON AND NEXT SEASON WILL BE COMPROMISED FOR YOUR CHILD. Parents will also be required to make a deposit of \$100, which will be refunded if all hosting obligations are fulfilled.

If you have any questions concerning tournament play or tryouts, please contact your player’s League Director for further information. Contact information is listed below:

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## Fall Ball

Lastly, as the season concludes please keep in mind the RWLL also offers a Fall Ball program. Registration will open at in late July and the slots fill up very rapidly. Please make every effort to sign up as soon as the registration opens to ensure a slot is available for your player. The Fall Ball program will begin in early September and conclude in late October. Games will be played on Sunday’s with travel to various Little League fields in the area.

For the graduating 12 year olds the Fall program will provide the opportunity to get a jump on the transition to the 90’ field. This Juniors league will play games beginning in September through October against various District 27 teams. Games will be played on both Saturday and Sunday.

Thanks for your support of RWLL!

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