

**2012 NELL
Post-Season Baseball
Commitment Letter**

Dear Parents and Players in Majors and Minor A, B, Divisions,

It has been a great 2012 season. We want to communicate the opportunity for you to continue enjoying Little League baseball after the end of the NELL in-house season.

NELL fields post-season teams at each of the 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 year old levels. Our goal is that every player interested in playing post-season baseball has the opportunity; delivering on this commitment is largely dependent on overall player interest and the availability of parent volunteers. Below is a brief overview of the Tournament and Select teams and other information related to the NELL post-season program.

Tournament Teams

Tournament Teams participate in extremely competitive tournaments at locations in the Philadelphia area, including our own NELL tournament. The teams typically practice 3-5 times a week and play 2-4 games a week. The **tournament season runs from June 15 to the end of July**, and the players are expected to be available for all practices and games throughout the entire tournament season. The minimum playing time in most tournament games is 3 innings and 1 at-bat.

Select Teams

Select Teams **can be formed based on parent availability to manage teams. Select Teams practice together starting June 15 and participate in the annual tournament hosted at NELL.** The dates of this tournament are as follows:

12's June 22, 2012 to June 30, 2012

11's June 24, 2012 to July 6, 2012

9's July 7, 2012 to July 15, 2012

10's July 5, 2012 to July 15, 2012

Select teams may also play in one additional tournament in the immediate area if the coaches and players' families are able to coordinate.

As such, **the time commitment is shorter for a select team than on a tournament team.** The teams practice several times a week and play 3 – 5 games during the tournament week. After the tournament week, the team's season is complete. Similar to tournament teams, the minimum playing time in games is 3 innings and 1 at-bat.

The selection process for tournament and select teams is as follows:

Each team will include 11-13 players. Nine to ten players are selected by a vote of the same age players and regular season team managers at the end of the regular season, with the remaining players selected by the manager that will be coaching the team.

Based on commitments of parents to manage and coach the teams, Select team positions will be offered by to as many players and parents that express interest and can be accommodated. Any parent interested in coaching or managing at summer Select Team should contact League Ambassador Bob Corsi at bob.corsi@ncogroup.com asap.

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NELL Tournament

All NELL Tournament and Select Teams will participate in the NELL Tournament, which is held from mid-June to mid-July at the NELL complex. The NELL Tournament includes over 50 teams from other Little Leagues at the 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 year old levels. During the NELL tournament, parents of both Tournament Team and Select Team players are required to help out and perform the following duties:

- Work at least four (4) 2-hour shifts in the snack bar during the tournament.
- and**
- Provide “field support” for at least four (4) games during the tournament. “Field support” includes field preparation, announcing the players as they come to bat during the game, and clean up of the field after the game. Each game lasts about 2 hours.
- and**
- Perform field maintenance duties two to three (2-3) Sunday mornings from mid-June to mid-July.

The snack bar and field support times are assigned. It is up to the parents to switch with another parent or hire an approved substitute for \$20 if there is a conflict. It is possible that one or more of the assignments could take place during your child’s game.

Summary

While the expectations on the players and parents are higher than the regular season, many families have found post-season baseball to be a rewarding experience. Parents and players should review this letter carefully, as the communication of team selections will come up quickly and rapid commitments will be needed once positions are offered.

Looking forward to a great summer season!

Thanks,

NELL Board of Directors