

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

Dear Minor C Division Parents and Players,

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 the 8 year old level. 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 Team

The Tournament Team participates in competitive tournaments at locations in the Philadelphia area. The team typically practices 3-5 times a week and plays 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 most practices and games throughout the tournament season. The minimum playing time in most tournament games is 3 innings and 1 at-bat.

The selection process for the Tournament Team is via a tryout to determine which players will be chosen to play. *Please be aware before having your child tryout that it is possible that some players who tryout will not be selected for a team.*

Select Team

Select Teams **practice together starting June 15** and participate in the annual tournament hosted at NELL. **The date of this tournament for 8 year old players is July 5, 2012 to July 15, 2012.**

As such, **the time commitment is shorter for a select team than for 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 team, the minimum playing time in games is 3 innings and 1 at-bat. The number of NELL Select Teams depends on the number of interested players and the number of parents willing to serve as managers and coaches.

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.

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Summary

While the demands 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, and complete the sections below if the player is interested in being considered.

All Minor C players who are **interested** in playing on a post-season team should complete the form below and e-mail to Bob Nipon (rlnipon@aol.com) by Wednesday May 30th, in order to be assigned a tryout day and time.

While it is our goal that all players have the opportunity to play post-season baseball, **expression of interest and commitment is not a guarantee that the player will participate in post-season baseball.**

Questions

All questions should be directed to Bob Nipon @ rlnipon@aol.com

Expression of Interest and Commitment

Player Name: _____

Regular Season Team: _____

Division: Minor C

I would like to be considered for:

* Tournament Team _____ Select Team _____

* Players indicating interest in playing for Tournament Team should also select a tryout time:

Saturday, June 2nd at 4:00 PM _____ Sunday, June 3rd at 1:00 PM _____

Either day is OK _____ (Player will be assigned to one or the other).

Parent - I will be willing to serve as a Select Team Manager or Coach: Yes No

I have read the information pertaining to the Newtown Edgmont Little League post-season teams and understand the commitment required of the players. I also understand that the commitment will extend to the parents of all players on Tournament and Select teams. I understand that submitting this Expression of Interest and Commitment does not guarantee that the player will participate in post-season baseball.

Player Name: _____

Parent Names: _____

Primary E-Mail Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____