

## **LE MARS LITTLE LEAGUE PARENTS/GUARDIANS PARTICIPATION POLICY:**

As most of you are well aware, the Le Mars Little League is a volunteer organization. We survive each year because you (most of you) volunteer either as a board member, coach, work the concession stand on your team night schedule or as a base umpire/scoreboard operator. That is what makes the Le Mars Little League program so successful - your willingness to help out where needed. The problem is that each year more and more parents have decided that it is the board's responsibility to provide the manpower to operate the program. Some of you have refused to do your part even after being reminded that you agreed to by signing your registration forms. Many of you have let us know -- in no uncertain terms -- that these duties are not your responsibility but ours as board members. Of course, that is not true. Just because some of the parents have volunteered to do a little more by becoming a board member, coach, work in the concession stand or base umpire/scoreboard operator - does not mean they are willing or even have the capability to do it all.

When you register your children for the upcoming season, you as parents/guardians are agreeing to attend your son/daughter team's scheduled parent meeting. If your son/daughter is in the junior & major division, you must fill out your team base umpire/scoreboard nights and work the one night your team is scheduled in the concession stand. If everyone cooperates and does what they say they are going to do by signing this form, then everything should work out.

However, if this does not solve our parent/guardian participation problem, there is a good chance that we will be forced to make a significant increase to the registration fee for all or be forced to cancel leagues due to not having enough managers and coaches. We would prefer not to increase fees for this purpose or to cancel leagues but we need to have managers, coaches, base umpires, scoreboard operators and concession stand workers. If we are forced to hire people to do those jobs that we are asking parents/guardians to help by participating in their children's program, then we will be forced to substantially raise registration fees.

Again we prefer not to have to make significant increases to registration fees but we are a volunteer organization and to keep fees in line we need the parent/guardian participation. To those of you who have always done your part in the past - Thank you!!! What you do is very much appreciated!

## **JUNIOR & MAJOR LEAGUE ALL-STARS:**

The junior boys & girls, and major boys & girls will be playing in the Little League All-Star Tournament. They will compete for District 6, State, Regional and hopefully Little League Championship. In order to be eligible for the Le Mars Little League All-Stars, a player must **NOT** miss more than **TWO** games of the **ENTIRE SEASON**. Certain exemptions may be individually granted upon further review by the Appeals and Discipline Committee. The players, coaches and managers must be in good standing with the Le Mars Little League Program as determined by the Appeals and Discipline Committee.