



## VOLUNTEER SERVICE REQUIREMENT EXPLAINED

As you know, our league requires volunteers to help ensure the organization runs smoothly and to enhance the baseball experience for the children of our community. To offer the opportunity for children and families to forge lifelong memories and have positive experiences, both on-and-off the field, we need dedicated volunteers. Over the course of the season, we are asking each family to make a commitment to provide a minimum of two (2) hours of volunteer time.

That volunteer service can be fulfilled by a variety of ways which include but are not limited to: Assistant Coach, Team Manager, General Volunteer, Team Parent, Umpire, Concession Helper, Field Prep, Committee Member, Social Media Photographer, and Picture Day Assistant. No experience is required, and training will be provided for all positions as deemed necessary.

Without volunteers, Sprague Little League will either **cease** to function or will need to turn to **other methods** to prepare our fields, umpire games or perform the many other duties required to run a healthy baseball program, including **paying** for those activities and tasks to be done.

As assurance toward the completion of that commitment, **Sprague LL is implementing a \$50 Volunteer Deposit payable at Registration** for the Spring 2026 Baseball season. This deposit is refundable upon completion of ALL required steps, which are:

- Complete the mandatory [Abuse Awareness Training](#) required annually by Little League® International before applying to volunteer with us. Visit [HERE](#) for more information regarding volunteering with Sprague LL.
- A **Volunteer Application** must be completed – This is done online, either by selecting a position to volunteer when registering your player(s) or click the volunteer tab within your account page on the site.
- Complete and pass the **Background Check** – Filling out the above-mentioned online volunteer form will prompt JD Palatine (JDP) to email you their online application required for them to run your background check on behalf of Little League. Yes, this tends to be a bit redundant so please be patient with this process.
- We require a [2026 Volunteer Service Record](#) to be completed and preferably signed by Board Member before submittal as proof of your minimum two (2) hours of volunteer service. Forms should be submitted before July 1, 2026, to qualify for a refund.

The League would prefer not to charge anyone for failure to volunteer. We have numerous opportunities, and the time commitment is minimal over the course of the season. Not only is volunteering fun but when everyone “pitches” in to help, the work gets done and you might even make new friends while helping your child have a better Little League® experience!

Respectfully,

Sprague Little League Board of Directors