



MAY 1, 2017

# Happenings @ Hampton



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## Pitch Hit & Run is Coming

This year's competition will be held on May 7th and will be a family event so come on out, watch the kids compete and try the Pitch Hit & Run special at the concession!

5:30 to 7PM

Pitch Hit & Run Concession special!  
Beef Dip, Fries & a pop/water for \$10

## Marty Hall Coaching Clinics!

Hampton is bringing in Marty Hall, who will be running coaching clinics for all Hampton Coaches. Hampton wants to provide all our coaches with as much support and access to training and resources as possible so please make sure to take advantage of this great training! Keep an eye on our park calendar for dates.

## Have you signed your Code of Conduct? Has your player?

All parents/guardians and players are required to sign a Parent or Player Code of Conduct. If you haven't signed one already please either see your team parent, or you can download a copy of our website on the [Team Parent Info/Resource page](#) or on the [Registration Info page](#). and give your signed copy to your team parent.

## Picture Gallery!

We have added a picture gallery to our website! We are adding pictures all the time so feel free to send us any good ones. You can find a link to our photo gallery at the bottom left of our new [website!](#)

## Eye Glasses

If your player needs glasses on the field, please ensure they have a safety coating on them to prevent any breakage/shattering if they are hit with a ball.

For more details, information on games and practices and to stay up to date with what is happening at Hampton by checking our online calendar at

[www.hamptonlittleleague.com/hampton-park-calendar](http://www.hamptonlittleleague.com/hampton-park-calendar)

Divisions have their own calendars on their Divisional Page under "Our Programs"



## During the Games...IMPORTANT INFO!

Please read below for some important information about rules for players during games.

### 1) DRINKS

Water bottles are allowed in the dug-out

Powerade/Gatorade etc. are allowed in the dug outs BUT they MUST have no spill lids (all those purchased from HLL concession meet this criteria

### 2) FOOD

Food must be eaten prior to game (during regular season food can be eaten between warm-up and start of game outside of field of play -

NOTE: During tournament play NO FOOD once player takes field -this is a Little League Rule

Food can be pre-ordered from concession for pick-up at end of

game

### 3) WASHROOM

Manager/Coach grants permission for player to leave to go to bathroom ONLY (no eating visiting playing or player may miss a substitution - Managers/Coaches cannot be held to ensuring players are put into line up if they are "missing" under these circumstances (please make sure your players and parents know these rules.) During tournament play the Umpire ONLY can give this permission.

### 4) JEWELLRY & WRIST-BANDS

It is a Little League rule that ALL players must remove any jewelry (earrings, bracelets, rings, etc) or wristbands (unless it is a medical alert bracelet) before they

may take the field.

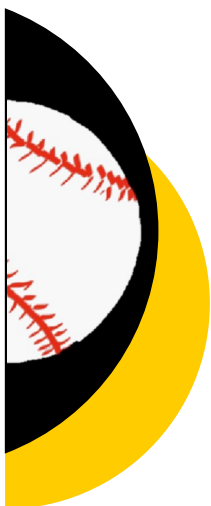
### 5) PARENTS

Unless there is a medical emergency no parents are to be in the field of play unless they are authorized coaches by the Manager and have completed the necessary CRC and paperwork. This is a safety issue. Thank you.

ALL of these rules are to acclimate your player to Little League rules so there is not a big change come tournament time.

## Blastball Fields and Green

Some of you may have noticed near the Blastball fields there appears to be a bit of a swamp. And you may now be noticing some florescent green water in that swampy area! We have been informed by Saanich that the water works department is adding some green dye to the adjacent buildings to determine the source of the water and if the water leaking into our fields is coming from their building. If you do happen to see some florescent green water its important to note it is not harmful to people or plants, but it may turn clothing and kids green!



## Divisional Practices—Why They Are Important

This year Hampton's BOD is introducing Divisional practices for ALL Divisions. The intention of these practices is to demonstrate to players that they are team Hampton first and Team 1, 2, 3, etc. second. As they grow up together through the divisions, players will have the opportunity to play on tournament teams and the more the players know and trust each other from a personal and skills and abilities perspective the better they will play at tournament time (and at away games against other parks.) There will be times when teams may need to borrow players for away games-this won't be nearly as difficult if everyone knows everyone already!

In my experience, having been around Hampton for more than a decade, the park has moved away

from divisional practices and come tournament time the players have to acclimate to a new team and coaches, which results in lower performance and fewer wins-even though as individuals they are highly skilled they have not bonded with their coaches and other teammates (by the time they do the tournament is over.)

Why is this an issue at the early divisional level? Because it is all about player and coach development. Presumably none of us stop learning and we all have something to teach each other. Especially coaches! As you move up through divisions there will be differences and the task becomes more involved and demanding (and awesome and exciting too.) Divisional practices build relationships as well as knowledge for the coaches too-

again enhancing the player development experience for the players and yielding better results.

Players won't always have the same coaches each year; however, it is a faster start-up if all the players know the coaches and vice-versa. Come tournament time they know your coaching style and what to expect.

*Hollis Hodson, President*

## Burger & Beer Adult Only Fundraiser with Silent Auction

**Come on our and have fun at our biggest fundraiser!** Hampton Little League will be hosting a Burger & Beer adult-only Fundraiser with Silent Auction @ Redds Roadhouse Pub starting @ 7PM on Saturday, May 13th, 2017. Tickets are \$20 per ticket and will be available at our Hampton concession. You will have a choice of a veggie burger/beef burger with fries and a beer. All proceeds will be given back to Hampton Little League to purchase items for our park such as new uniforms/baseball equipment/grounds equipment etc.,

As we do every year at Hampton Little League, every team will work together to provide a raffle basket. Teams will collect \$5 - \$20 from each player or items can be donated from your respected teams and put together a themed raffle

basket to be auctioned off at our Beer & Burger Fundraiser on Saturday, May 13th.

### DOOR PRIZES

I am requesting a small committee is formed by Hampton parents and I will lead the group. Please email me for further details of what is involved

at [Treasurer.Hamptonll@gmail.com](mailto:Treasurer.Hamptonll@gmail.com) you would like to help, it would be greatly appreciate :)





## SHOUT OUTS!!!

Thank you to everyone for a great Opening Ceremonies!



## Concession—What You Need to Know

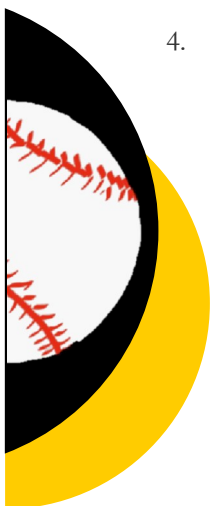
The Concession is one of our main fundraisers, and the money raised through Concession goes into paying for uniforms, equipment, taking care of the park—it all goes back into the park and the players.

Not everyone wants to volunteer, so to encourage volunteering, when you sign your player up for Baseball or Softball, you will have paid a Concession fee. You can earn back most of this fee by volunteering in the concession! Easy right? All you need to do is :

1. Go to the [Concession](#) page on our [website](#)
2. Find out which week your division has been assigned to,
3. Click on that week and you will be taken to the sign up page
4. Pick a shift and add your name—you can either work the front counter, prep cook, or cook
5. At the end of your shift you will receive back \$40 of your fee.

We need to keep the Concession open and cooking in order to raise money! So if you decide you are unable or unwilling to complete a volunteer shift, your fee will be used to give a student an honorarium for volunteering in the concession.

On the [Concession webpage](#) you will also find our Concession menu!





## A Step by Step on Selling 50/50

If your team is playing on Diamond 1 and you are the Home team, you are responsible to sell 50/50 tickets.

Hampton has a license to sell 50 / 50 and as such, we have to follow the rules set out by the Provincial Gaming Branch.

### Step 1 —Get the stuff

Tickets are located inside the concession; you will find the tickets, recording book, envelopes etc.

### Step 2—Get Organized

Obtain a \$15.00 float from the cash register (ask the counter staff)

Write down the beginning numbers in the book

Make sure you have 2 different coloured rolls of tickets

Tickets are 3 for 2.00 and 20 for

5.00

### Step 3—Get Selling

Start selling at beginning of the game - make 2 sweeps of the park. Make sure to go to all the Diamonds that are busy!

### Step 4—Draw the Ticket!

During a break in the game, get the umpire on Diamond 1 to pull the ticket

Take the winning ticket to the score booth to get the number announced, typically during the 4th inning

### Step 5—Recording & Money

Record the ending numbers of the tickets in the book

Split the money into 2 envelopes, write on each envelope the amount

Return the float to the register

Hamptons envelope goes in the safe in the concession

The winnings envelope goes to the front counter to be given out when

claimed

When the winner claims their prize, staple the winning ticket to the page in the book and have them sign it

Sign it yourself You are done!

### Some notes

While selling the tickets – the winner does not have to be present to win - the number is recorded, and if it is not claimed - a note will be put up on the bulletin board. You just never know, one year a sizable pot was won and the winner claimed it a week later.

## Slow Pitch For Grown Ups (formerly Coaches vs Managers)

You may have heard people referring to the “Coaches versus Managers” games. At least 3 times during the ball season, Hampton hosts a slow pitch game for the adult volunteers. But we have found that many people believed because they were not a manager or a coach that it wasn’t open to them—but it is! (Hence the name change). If you enjoy playing ball (and you do not have to be a major league player!), or enjoy being a spectator, and enjoy listening to Curt’s music (that he likes to blast on the sound system!) bring yourself, a snack to share, your own beverage and get ready to have some fun and be part of the Hampton Community!

**First Game of the Season!!!! May 6th 6:30 PM Diamond 1**



## Complaints, Discipline & Process

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Providing a safe environment for all players and all community members is a priority for Hampton.

Hampton's Discipline committee is hard at work on revising and improving the Discipline policy and process to ensure it is a fair process that is also designed to support players to develop into responsible community members and maintain a high degree of safety in the park.

Once the policy and process has been finalized, it will be shared among the teams and posted on our website so that it is easily accessible to everyone.

In the meantime—what do you need to know now?

### Issues

Sometimes there may be decisions or actions that you may not agree with or may make you unhappy. It happens to all of us at one time or another. If there is a decision or action that you are unhappy about, here are the steps to follow!

# ISSUE

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#### TALK TO:

- 1** Your Team Parent or Manager
- 2** Your Division Director (you can find their contact info on your divisional webpage, under "Our Programs")
- 3** Barb Buchan, Player Agent - [playeragent.hamptonll@gmail.com](mailto:playeragent.hamptonll@gmail.com)
- 4** Jason Nisula, Head Coach - [headcoach.hamptonll@gmail.com](mailto:headcoach.hamptonll@gmail.com)
- 5** Board of Directors

## Complaints, Discipline & Process (cont.)

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### Discipline

The Managers and Coaches are empowered and responsible for ensuring a high level of sportsmanship and safety with their teams, and when appropriate may take disciplinary action such as benching a player.

There may be times where some behaviours are serious and need to be referred to the Discipline Committee for follow up and action.

The Discipline process is used when there has been behaviour that is considered unsafe, aggressive or violent, swearing or inappropriate language in front of children/youth, consistently disruptive behaviours in the dug out, on the field or in the stands, or violates the Hampton Code of Conduct. This process can apply to both players and adult community members.

# DISCIPLINE

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### STEPS:

- 1** Incident report is submitted to the Discipline Committee describing who was involved and what happened.
- 2** Report is reviewed by the Discipline Committee members.
- 3** Parents/guardian of player are advised about concerns.  
Adult is advised of concerns.
- 4** Discipline meeting:
  - review and discuss what happened and consequences
  - develop strategies and plan to prevent future issues
- 5** Parents/guardian of player are given a written copy via email of any disciplinary actions and plan  
Adult is given a written copy via email of any disciplinary actions and plan