

How do I become a Team Manager or Coach?

When registering your child online for the season, complete the Little League Volunteer Application form [here](#). Prospective Team Managers need to complete a Manager Application Form which can be found under the Coaching Corner section of the FOVLL.com website or by clicking [here](#). Selection is based on number of teams in the division, your coaching experience/background and your application.

Do I need a lot of baseball experience to manage a team?

No! Especially in the younger divisions, no experience is required. If you are patient, organized and a good communicator, you are perfect for the job! All FOVLL managers and coaches are required to attend a coaching clinic where you learn how to teach the game of baseball and run an effective practice. Also, on most teams, there is no shortage of parents willing to serve as assistant coaches and help. It's recommended that you utilize your team parents. This increases everyone's involvement and generally leads to more fun. This is a volunteer league and it is encouraged to engage as much parent support as you can during practices and games.

What is the difference between a Team Manager and a Coach?

At Fair Oaks Orangevale Little League (FOVLL), a Manager is the head coach. He or she is the "parent volunteer" responsible for the entire team i.e., safety, planning and coordinating practices, creating the batting order/line ups, fielding positioning/strategies. Team Managers are responsible for knowing Little League rules (referred as the green book) as well as FOVLL supplemental playing rules for the team's division, and for creating a safe environment for the kids to learn baseball. Team Managers must ensure all players are treated fairly, provide the opportunity for the kids to learn and play different positions and promote good sportsmanship.

The Coaches assist the Team Manager at practices and games. When the Team Manager is absent, an Assistant Coach is delegated the Team Manager's role for the practice or game. From through Majors, each team is allowed 2 Assistant Coaches. In the Tee Ball and Coach Pitch Divisions, teams may have as many approved Assistant Coaches are needed to effectively run a game or practice.

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New to coaching or don't know where to turn with your questions. The FOVLL Coaching Coordinator is your main resource to turn to for answers. In addition, the internet provides a wealth of resources to help you. Here are few great resources to get you started.

[Little League University](#)

[QC Baseball](#)

[Youth Baseball Info](#)

[YouTube.com](#)