



Volunteer Badge Policy

As a part of the Virginia Beach Little League's (VBLL) commitment and strategy to ensuring the safety and security and adhering to Little League International requirements all participants in youth baseball or softball programs will be required to obtain and display a VBLL-issued volunteer identification (ID) badge.

PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the issuance of an ID badge to all volunteers with direct access to players participating in any VBLL facility baseball or softball practice or game. It is the right, and responsibility, of the entire VBLL family to protect the participants. We all have an obligation to question the credentials of any volunteer at any practice or game who is not displaying a volunteer ID badge.

POLICY STATEMENT

All volunteers will be issued, and must visibly display, ID badges as provided by VBLL. ID badges must be worn in a manner so that they are easily displayed. No one will be considered above the scope of this policy and monitoring checks will be performed to test compliance.

DEFINITIONS

Volunteer: For the purpose of this policy a volunteer is defined as any Board of Directors (BOD) member, manager, coach, or parent with close contact to baseball or softball participants during practices and/or games.

REQUIREMENTS

Because the policy, which can be found on the VBLL web site, and procedures are intended to provide for the safety and security of VBLL baseball and softball participants all volunteers are expected to fully comply with all provisions of this policy. Any volunteer who is found to be in violation of this policy will be asked to leave the field of play or practice until a badge is displayed and/or obtained. All volunteers are required to wear the ID badge during practices and games. Volunteers are responsible for safeguarding their own ID. If ID badge is lost or damaged, or additional badges are needed, contact the ID badge coordinating officer via vbll.org.

PROCEDURE

All potential volunteers will submit an application to help with VBLL programs (Little League Volunteer Application form can be found on the VBLL web site). This application will be used to initiate a



background check and, once completed with no disqualifying background issues found, the volunteer will be issued an ID badge for the current year. Application must be completed in its entirety including social security number.

At least once per week (as published on vbll.org.) volunteers can obtain volunteer applications, turn in completed applications and if ready, pick up Volunteer badges. In addition, volunteer applications, may be picked-up and submitted at every league sign-up date, Managers meeting and Team Parent meeting. Team managers are encouraged to have, as a minimum, two coaches and a team parent from their team volunteers go through the volunteer ID procurement process.

New IDs will be issued at no cost to volunteers. New IDs will be issued every year. IDs that are replaced due to normal wear and tear will not be assessed a charge. Any unclaimed or found ID should be turned in to the VBLL office.

IDENTIFICATION CARD HOLDER RESPONSIBILITIES

Do not lend your ID to anyone. Any approved volunteer found violating this policy will be subject to VBLL BOD disciplinary action.

UMPIRE EXEMPTION

Paid umpire(s) will not be required to possess/display a VBLL volunteer ID badge but any volunteer filling in for, as acting as, and umpire will be required to adhere to the volunteer ID badge display policy.