



SHREWSBURY LITTLE LEAGUE
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2016 season for U7 (5-7 year-old) baseball. I hope that your children are excited and ready to play.

Shrewsbury Little League has about 1,500 players which includes more than 350 at the U7 level. We are one of, if not, the largest single league in the country. Most towns our sizes (35k) have only about 800-900 players, and towns and cities that are larger typically split into more than one league. With that said, our biggest issue is field space. Every year we face problems with scheduling practices, games, make-ups, etc., because every single field is 100% booked for the entire season.

As you know, ALL of your games and practices for U7 Baseball are at the UMASS fields. These fields are on the UMASS property and are owned by UMASS. The Town of Shrewsbury has NO authority over these fields. They have been very generous over the past several years in allowing us to use the fields and make improvements such as backstops, cutting the diamonds, benches, etc. In return, UMASS asks us to adhere to a set of rules that are NOT negotiable. The rules are as follows:

- 1. Absolutely NO parking/dropping players off is allowed on the streets by the fields. This means NO parking/dropping players off for ANY reason on either street, including watching games when it is raining, waiting to pick up your children, etc. NO PARKING PERIOD.**
- 2. NO climbing in the trees along the stone wall.**
- 3. PLEASE pick up your trash. After every practice and game, there should be NOTHING left on the fields. It should be left as you would want your own yard.**
- 4. No DOGS Allowed**

Over the past couple of years, we have had a lot of issues with people violating these rules. If this continues, we WILL lose our privilege of using these fields which essentially means no more U7 baseball because there is nowhere else to play. I have told ALL of the coaches that they have the authority to deal directly with any violations. So if you are parked on the street, a coach WILL tell you to move, etc...I am asking each and every one of you to please work with us and do all that you can to make sure that we keep the use of these fields for the foreseeable future.

Again, I hope your children are ready to play and have a GREAT baseball season! If there are any questions, please feel free to call me at (508-768-5938).

Dave Walker
SSL President

CC: Bob White, U7 SLL Baseball Commissioner