

Call for volunteers

As we draw near to the end of the season and look towards next year, we can already see that a shortage of managers and assistants threatens to limit the number of teams and children that we can serve within our league, which is entirely run by volunteers. Next season is the 50th anniversary of Sutton Little League, which began in the 1974/75 season, and we want to ensure it is still thriving as we hit this impressive milestone.

Volunteering at Sutton Little League

Managers and Assistants

Sutton Little League exists to provide football for children of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds in a safe and nurturing environment. A successful team is one that encourages and develops their players – not one that wins at all costs.

Being a manager or assistant means being a role model for the children in your care and making sure that they enjoy their experience. As such, there are two important formalities that must be completed:

1. We will need you to complete a DBS application to ensure that there are no issues preventing you from being a suitable candidate to work with children. The league will organise and pay for this.
2. You will need to complete the FA's Playmakers Course. This is an excellent, free online course provided by the FA that introduces you to all of the important issues you need to be aware of when volunteering for youth football. The course can be completed at your own speed and at a time that suits you.

During the season, there are simple obligations that you will need to adhere to. These include helping to set up or pack away the pitches on match day, communicating with your team's parents regularly via WhatsApp, and keeping in touch with your division's League Rep. The Rep will ensure that you are fully informed on everything to do with the league.

Team training is not compulsory at Sutton Little League. Many managers do undertake regular training sessions. If you choose to do so then you would also need to organise training venue hire with your team's parents.

Other roles

We also rely on volunteers to help run the league itself, which encompasses a wide variety of roles on the Executive Committee. Many of those on the committee have been volunteering in their roles for a decade or more and are reaching the end of their time with us. We are very keen to bring in the next generation of leadership to the league to shadow our existing committee and learn what is involved.

How do I volunteer

If you are interested in helping to run a team, or if there is another role you think you can fulfill for the league, then please contact us at info@suttonlittleleague.co.uk