

Volunteer Requirements and Procedures

Thank you for considering a volunteer opportunity with the South Durham Little League (SDLL). SDLL is a 100% volunteer-led organization, and all league functions—from team parents to the league President—rely on support from our community. While not everyone can commit multiple hours per week like coaches or board members, many can contribute some time to make this a great environment for our children to grow.

Above all, SDLL and Little League International are committed to providing a safe environment for our children. To ensure this, there are two important steps that must be completed before volunteering:

Steps to Volunteer

1. Complete an Annual Mandatory Background Check

- All volunteers must undergo an annual background check to comply with Little League Regulation I(c) 8 and 9. This is required **before** assuming any duties for the current season.
 - The background check must include:
 - A nationwide criminal search
 - A national sex offender registry search
 - A review of the U.S. Center for SafeSport's Centralized Disciplinary Database
 - A check against the Little League International Ineligible/Suspended List
 - **How to Complete the Background Check:**
 - Send an email to sdll.safetyofficer@gmail.com with the subject line: **SDLL Background Check and ID**.
 - In the body of the email, include your full name and best email address.
 - Attach a copy of your driver's license or other picture identification (required to verify your identity).
 - Within 48 hours, you will receive a request to complete the background check from JDP.
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2. Complete Abuse Awareness Training

- **Abuse Awareness Training** is required to ensure the safety and well-being of our children. This training is compliant with the **US Center for SafeSport** and must be completed annually.
- **Training Details:**
 - The training takes approximately **45 minutes** to complete.
 - The training is provided by the league at **no cost** to the volunteer.
- **How to Complete the Abuse Awareness Training:**

- o Go to the Little League International [webpage](#) for the Abuse Awareness Training Course
- o Scroll down and select “Create An Account”



The safety and well-being of all participants in the Little League® program continues to be paramount, and it is on all of us to do our part to provide a fun, memorable, and safe experience each year. **With the requirement of all volunteers to complete Abuse Awareness training each year**, we are proud to announce the launch of the new Little League Abuse Awareness Course.

This course, which serves as a replacement for the programs previously available through third-party organizations like USA Baseball, is custom to the Little League program and provides an easier learning experience for our volunteers. **Required to be completed by all volunteers each year**, this course is available as part of the training and education courses at LittleLeague.org/Training, making signing up for the course even easier for our volunteers.



- o Complete the linked form to register for a Little League Training Account - be sure to select South Durham LL

Create A Little League® Training Account

Please fill out the form below with your information to register and complete the Little League® training courses.

I am a: (Select all that apply)	☐ Coach ☐ District Official ☒ League Official ☐ Umpire ☐ Other Volunteer
First Name	Michael
Last Name	Essa
Address	999 Harry Potter Ln
Address 2	
City	Durham
Country	United States
State/Province	North Carolina
Postal Code	27713
Email	sdll.safetyofficer@gmail.com

Your Associated League

Please select the league name or ID with which you are associated.

To find a league, enter part of the league name or league ID in the search box below. To select a league, click it in the list of search results. Please type three (3) or more characters to begin your search.

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The information collected here is stored and processed in accordance with Little League International's [Privacy Policy](#).

Submit form

- o Check your email for login information and click on the [link](#) to access the Little League University login page
 - Note that it could take 5-10 minutes to receive this email



2025 Little League® Training Enrollment

Thank you for enrolling in the Little League® Training Program. Our courses are designed to equip you with the skills to maximize the positive impact you will have on the players and your league throughout the season. To begin training, please visit <https://littleleague.smarteru.com/> and login using the following credentials:

Username: michael.essa@duke.edu

Password: [REDACTED]

Upon your initial login, you will be prompted to reset your password.

Thank you for your continued volunteer service to your community!

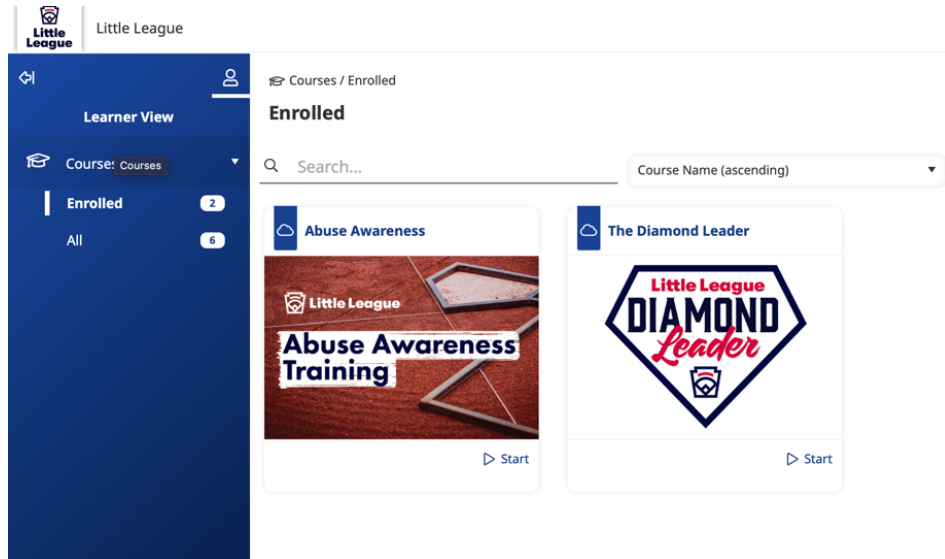
Sincerely,
Little League International

This email was sent by: Little League International
539 US Highway 15 S, Williamsport, PA, 17702, US

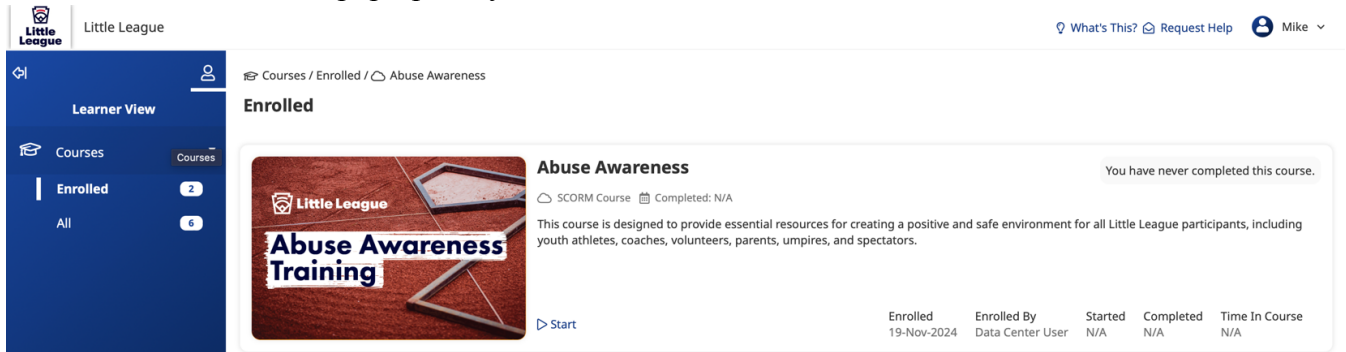
- o Login to Little League University and change your password, as prompted

The image is a screenshot of a web form for resetting a password on the Little League University platform. At the top, the Little League University logo is displayed. Below the logo, a message reads: "Welcome, Mike Essa. Please reset your password." followed by "All fields are required." The form contains two password input fields. The first is labeled "Password:" and the second is labeled "Verify Password:". Both fields show masked characters (dots). The "Verify Password:" field has a small key icon with a dropdown arrow on its right side. Below the input fields is a large blue button labeled "Save". At the bottom of the form, there is a footer with the text "LMS © 2024 Neovation Corporation All Rights Reserved" on the left and "powered by: SmarterU" on the right, accompanied by the SmarterU logo.

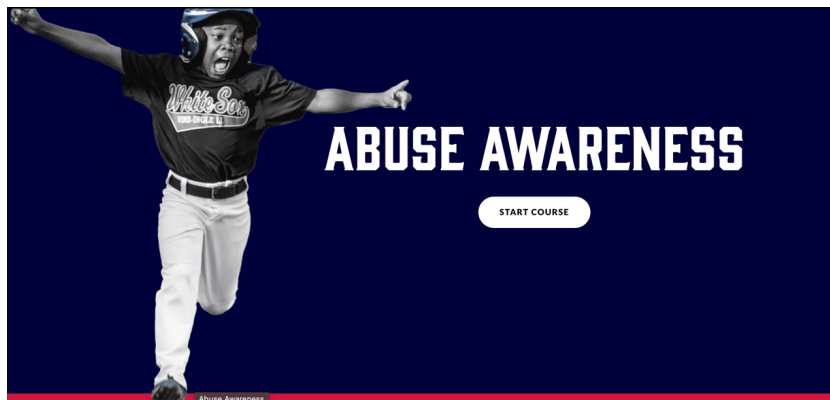
- o Select Abuse Awareness Training by clicking “Start”
 - Note: If the Abuse Training is not visible, click on All (located under Enrolled on the menu on the left) and click on the Abuse Awareness icon



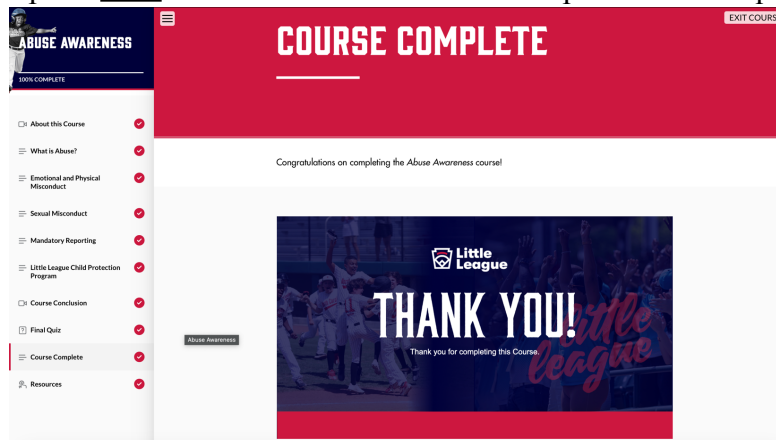
- o Click “Start” again
 - Note: If the training does not open, you may need to enable pop-ups on your internet browser



- o Select “Start Course”



- o Complete ALL sections of the course and complete the final quiz



- o Exit the course

Abuse Awareness

You will be emailed a copy of your Certificate of Completion for your records. You can also access your certificate from your learner dashboard.

YOU MAY NOW EXIT THE COURSE OR CONTINUE TO THE RESOURCES SECTION TO REVIEW ADDITIONAL MATERIALS.

EXIT COURSE

- You will automatically be added to a report confirming you have completed the course. Make sure to keep the email with your certificate of completion for your records



Next Steps

Once you have completed both the background check and the abuse awareness training, you will be cleared to begin volunteering with SDLL.

Thank you for your support in helping create a safe and positive environment for our players. We appreciate your commitment to making SDLL a great place for our community!