



“YOU’RE A HIT!” PROGRAM

Lakeside Little League (LL) would like to recognize and develop the character of our youth baseball community. As such, we have developed a recognition program where League Officials can identify players/youth community members that exemplify outstanding acts of character, sportsmanship and integrity. See the below guidelines:

- Each manager and board member will be given 5 tickets for the season which they can award to Lakeside youth. These tickets can be redeemed for a snow cone at the snack shacks.
- For each ticket handed out, please send Lakeside LL president, Erika Braccialini, a quick email or text (lakeside.erika@gmail.com, 530-521-5266), saying who you gave it to and why. We can possibly share some of the clips in periodic league communications.
- If managers/board members are handing out justified tickets and run out, the league can give out more.
- Just being a good kid, with a good attitude, saying “good game” to your opponent, etc., is expected behavior. These rewards are for players/youth taking initiative and without adult prompting to give back to and support their peers and the league, or demonstrate an exceptional example of sportsmanship.

Worthy examples (and experiences that have actually happened this season) of “You’re A Hit!” Character Awards are:

1. Farm: “We had a kid struggling at the plate and she was playing pitcher – without any prompting on his 3rd at bat, she was more encouraging than I’ve saw any other opposing player during the several games I watched on Saturday. “You’ve got this”, “Keep your eye on it”, etc.”
2. Sister of a Rookie player: “Her brother plays for the Rookie Padres. She found \$120 (not a typo) by the snack bar – she gave it to her Mom. We tried to track down the owner (without saying “Has anyone lost \$120?”), but ultimately gave it to the snack bar. I don’t know if anyone has claimed it yet.”
3. Majors: “A top Majors player hit two rockets at our 2nd baseman, the lone girl in Majors, who fielded both and got him out. While she deserved kudos for the play, what I would have handed out some recognition for was when the player hit the second line drive and she snagged it, his first reaction out of the box was to smile and give her a thumbs up. It was such a great moment.”