



## How to Run an Effective **EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The Education Program consists of two components:

- Round the Bases Reading Program
- Harmon & Sue Burns Scholarship Program

### **ROUND THE BASES READING PROGRAM**

Every Junior Giants league is expected to participate in the Round the Bases Reading Program. This activity encourages all players to read during the summer months and earn Giants prizes along the way. In addition to it being a fun way to learn outside of school, this program can help strengthen the bonds between parents and children through their active participation.

Below are the steps to take to implement the Round the Bases Reading Program:

- During your First Pitch Meeting explain the Round the Bases Reading Program rules as listed on the scorecard in the Handbook.
- Recruit team parents or community members to help lead the program. They can be responsible for encouraging players to read, collect the scorecards and distributing prizes.
- Ask all parents to play an active role in encouraging their kids to read and participate in the program.
- Have all coaches start the season by using the first practice to have their players read through the Handbook and receive the 1<sup>st</sup> base prize.
- Distribute incentive prizes on a weekly basis and display the other prizes they can earn.
- Set aside 10-15 minutes before a practice or game to read as a team.
- For the older players who might not be as motivated to read, allow them to read to younger players to attain their minutes for prizes.
- For players who can't read, encourage their parents to read to them.
- Develop a connection with the local library.
- Encourage FULL teams to reach the Home Run level and get the opportunity to play at AT&T Park at the Junior Giants Festival.

## **HARMON & SUE BURNS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Each year, the Giants Community Fund inducts 10 new Junior Giants into the Harmon & Sue Burns Scholarship Program. All Junior Giants entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to apply for a for a \$2,500 scholarship to support their further education upon high school graduation. Once selected, the Harmon & Sue Burns Scholars are honored at an on-field ceremony at AT&T Park

Players don't need to be a straight A student to apply. Scholars are selected on the basis of leadership, character, academic potential and Junior Giants involvement.

Harmon & Sue Burns Scholars are tracked throughout their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year and high school and are required to:

- Maintain involvement with Junior Giants as a coach/mentor or participate in another community volunteer program with a minimum of 30 hours of service each year
- Maintain satisfactory high school attendance
- Maintain an annual minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a four-point scale\*

*\*Must annually provide a report card to confirm this requirement is met*

### **Below are the steps to take to implement the Harmon & Sue Burns Scholarship Program:**

- Identify any players/teams in your league that are entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Print scholarship application and distribute to applicable players and coaches.
- Offer help or resources for Junior Giants that might need assistance completing their application.
- Send completed applications to:
  - Giants Community Fund  
ATTN: Harmon & Sue Burns Scholarship Program  
24 Willie Mays Plaza  
San Francisco, CA 94107
- Application deadlines change yearly, but are generally due in late July. Please check Player/Parent Handbook for specific deadline.