MLL Team Parent Resource

2023

THANK YOU!

vol·un·teer·ism

the use or involvement of volunteer labor, especially in community services.

MLL is 100% wholly operated by volunteers. We rely on volunteers to make this league, each season, a success.

THANK YOU for taking on this very important role!

Overview

- Volunteer Signup and JDP Background Checks
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Volunteer Signup

- All volunteers must sign up through Sports Connect
  - Login to your Account
  - Choose VOLUNTEER on the left side panel
- After signup, volunteers will receive a link from JDP
- JDP is the company designated by Little League International® to complete background checks. This is required by Little League International®
- Volunteers are not allowed to participate in League activities until a background check is complete.

Volunteer Signup

- There is only a 14-day window to provide information through the JDP link – do not delay. A new link will have to be provided if you miss the 14-day window
- Volunteers must sign up for the appropriate program/role/division to be allocated appropriately in Sports Connect.
- Volunteers must sign up for multiple roles, if applicable, to be placed on the appropriate volunteer list/email distribution.

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Team Management

- Communicate all League/team information
  - Send welcome email once roster is received
  - Clearly communicate all information/deadlines; several reminders may be needed
    - Fundraiser
    - Uniform (Online)
    - Hat back embroidery
    - Trophies
    - Pictures
    - End of season celebration
- Collect and submit all team orders/monies
  - Organize order forms and payment
  - Consider using Venmo, PayPal, Zelle for money collection

Team Management

- Collect and manage signed Medical Release forms
  - Electronic form
  - Found HERE and at INFORMATION RESOURCES > VOLUNTEER RESCOURCES > TEAM PARENTS

Team Management: *End of Season*

- Don’t forget to collect money for:
  - End of Season celebration
    - Pizza, drinks, treat
    - Please see Jimmy Richardson at the concession for Papa John’s pizza orders! (optional)
- TIP: Include this monetary contribution in your correspondence so you are not asking for additional money throughout the season

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Fundraising Orders

- Fundraising orders and money DUE Saturday, March 18 at the Bingo Hall. Drop off between 9AM and 12PM
- Fundraising orders should be picked up on Wednesday, April 12 between 6PM and 8PM at the Bingo Hall
- Reminders will post to social media before each deadline but please remind your team!

Uniform Orders
(Softball and Baseball)

- New online order form launched this year!
- Players in the following divisions receive a full uniform with registration:
  - Majors, Intermediate 50/70, Juniors & Challengers
- All other divisions receive a hat & shirt
- Items purchased through the online store will be distributed with team uniforms.
- Orders due by **Friday, February 24 @ midnight**

Hat Back Embroidery

- $4.00 per hat
- Hat back embroidery orders (typed form preferred) and payment DUE March 22 or April 5 depending on division
- Submit order and payment to Chuck Boyle at Bingo Hall at the time of uniform pick up
- First Name OR Last Name OR Nickname (no combo) on form
- One check payable to Chuck Boyle
- Hats to be picked up from 6371 Yellowrose Lane in the Courtyards of Pebble Creek

Trophy Orders

- Visit www.crowntrophy.com/store-111
- $6.00 – $10.00
  - Don't present an option to the team – just pick! The kids will love whatever trophy you choose
- Money and order form DUE Saturday, March 25 at the Bingo Hall. Drop between 9AM and 12PM
- One check per team payable to Crown Trophy

Pictures

- All pictures will be held in the Bingo Hall on Opening Day - Saturday, April 22 rain or shine
- MLL will work to align picture schedule with game schedules
- Please provide your team with the picture form in advance of Opening Day

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TEE BALL AND BASEBALL DIVISIONS

Uniform

Uniform
Tee Ball/Coach Pitch Baseball

Included in registration:

- Tee Ball and Coach Pitch
  - Jersey and hat
    - NOTE: Players are able, but not required, to purchase pants, socks and belts through MLL's new online ordering system.

Uniform
Baseball

Included in registration:

- MINORS
  - Jersey and hat
    - NOTE: Players are able, but not required, to purchase pants, socks and belts through MLL's new online ordering system.
- MAJORS, Intermediate 50/70, Juniors, & Challengers
  - Full uniform: Jersey, pants, hat, socks, belt
    - NOTE: Players may submit additional orders for pants/socks/belts through the online ordering system.

Uniform
Baseball

BASEBALL TEAM BELT AND SOCK COLORS	
TEAM	**COLOR**
ATHLETICS	GREEN
BRAVES	NAVY BLUE
DIAMONDBACKS	BLACK
METS	ROYAL BLUE
ORIOLES	BLACK
PIRATES	BLACK
RANGERS	ROYAL BLUE
RAYS	NAVY BLUE
ROCKIES	BLACK
WHITE SOX	BLACK
YANKEES	NAVY BLUE
CUBS	RED
GIANTS	ORANGE
MARLINS	TEAL
RED SOX	NAVY BLUE

Uniform

- Size Charts

YOUTH APPAREL

	CHEST SIZE	WAIST SIZE
XXS	22-24	19-21
XS	24-26	21-23
SMALL	26-28	23-25
MEDIUM	28-30	25-27
LARGE	30-32	27-29
XL	32-34	29-31
2XL	34-36	31-33

ADULT APPAREL

	CHEST SIZE	WAIST SIZE
XS	32	26
SMALL	34-36	28-30
MEDIUM	38-40	32-34
LARGE	42-44	36-38
XL	46-48	40-42
2L	50-52	44-46
3XL	54-56	48-50
4XL	58-60	52-54

SOFTBALL DIVISIONS

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Softball

Included in registration:

- Coach Pitch and Machine Pitch
  - Jersey and visor
    - NOTE: Players are able, but not required, to purchase pants, socks and belts through MLL's new online ordering system.

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Softball

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- MINORS
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- MAJORS
  - Full uniform: Jersey, pants, visor, socks, belt
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GIRLS' APPAREL

	BUST	WAIST	HIP
XS	22-24	20-21.5	22-25
SMALL	24-26.5	21.5-23	25-29
MEDIUM	26.5-29	23-25	29-32
LARGE	29-32	25-27	32-35
XL	32-35	27-29	35-37

WOMEN'S APPAREL

	BUST	WAIST	HIP
XS	31-33	24-26	34-36
SMALL	33-35	26-28	36-38
MEDIUM	35-37	28-30	38-40
LARGE	37-39.5	30-33	40-43
XL	39.5-42	33-36	43-46
2XL	42-45	36-40	46-49
3XL	45-48	40-44	49-52

Uniform
Softball

SOFTBALL TEAM BELT AND SOCK COLORS		
TEAM	**COLOR**	
VIRGINIA TECH - HOKIES	ORANGE	
CLEMSON - TIGERS	PURPLE	
MICHIGAN - WOLVERINES	YELLOW/GOLD	
GEORGIA - BULLDOGS	RED	
UVA - CAVALIERS	ORANGE	
FLORIDA - GATORS	ORANGE	
GMU - PATRIOTS	GREEN	
ARIZONA - WILDCATS	RED	
JMU - DUKES	PURPLE	
UCF - KNIGHTS	BLACK	
TEXAS - LONGHORNS	ORANGE	

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Parent Volunteers

- Concession
  - Each team is required to work 1 – 2 concession shifts per season
    - 2 hr shifts ; 4 – 5 volunteers at least 13 years of age
    - To be scheduled before or after your team's scheduled games – NOT DURING
    - We ask that parents help out with this volunteer responsibility (versus team parent and coaches)

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Season Schedule

Baseball and Softball

- MINORS AND OLDER
  - Practices begin **February 24**
- COACH PITCH SR./MACHINE PITCH SOFTBALL
  - Practices begin week of **March 13**
  - MLL is working on the practice/game schedule. More information to come!

Season Schedule

Baseball and Softball

- TEE BALL
  - Practices begin week of **March 20**
  - Games begin **April 22**
- COACH PITCH JR. BASEBALL & COACH PITCH SOFTBALL
  - Practices begin week of **March 20**
  - Games being **April 22**

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General Complex Rules

- No pets, bicycles, skateboards, scooters
- No throwing balls against fences or buildings- can use wall ball stations at field 3 and 7
- Help keep the complex clean by picking up team and fan areas before you leave
- MLL is a tobacco free complex, this includes vaping
- Help maintain our rule of "*If there is a bat in your hand, there is a helmet on your head*"
- Lightning- Upon hearing the alarm, everyone is to go to their car and wait 30 minutes. This time will be extended after each lightning strike. An announcement will be made from the concession when play can resume

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How do I communicate all of this information?

- Email
  - Tonight! Please pump out all of this information, particularly deadlines – INFO OVERLOAD
- Meet
  - At the first scheduled practice, don't be shy. After the team manager has made introductions, meet briefly with parents to introduce yourself, go over deadlines, answer questions
  - You are not alone! If you have questions regarding a deadline, a communication, any issues, please email
  - info@mllball.org

MLL Communication

- mllball.org
  - Latest News; Resources; MLL Events Calendar
- Facebook
- Email
- Text Messaging

MLL Communication

- Email
  - If parents do not already receive MLL email communications, please instruct parents to update their accounts online – be sure at least one email address has been provided on the account
- Text Messaging
  - MLL is working on a new league text messaging group for 2023, stay tuned to email for more information
- Complex/Field Closure
  - If weather causes field/complex closures, MLL will send notifications via text and email, post to all social media platforms, and update the field status at mllball.org
  - Information on closures will be posted at 4:00 p.m.

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TIPS

- Provide all deadlines now
- Collect all money up front
  - Accept checks; use apps like venmo, paypal, zelle
- Keep a log to track order/money/documentation
- Monitor Facebook, website and email for MLL communications

NOTES

- Tee Ball, Coach Pitch Jr. Baseball & Coach Pitch Softball
  - Player baskets in the dugout assist with equipment organization (check out the Dollar Store)
  - Team Parents are allowed in the dugout for these three Divisions only
  - These Divisions typically organize post-game snack/drink
    - Ask about allergies
    - Send out a snack/drink schedule

NOTES

- Coach Pitch Sr./Machine Pitch Softball and Older
  - Team Parents are <u>not</u> allowed in the dugout for older divisions
    - Review proper dugout etiquette with parents
    - Machine Pitch Division players may need to be reminded; Manager/Coaches may wish for assistance from outside of the dugout
  - Team Parents and other parents will be requested to assist with pitch count and scoreboard for older divisions