

To: **Interested Managers of Merritt Island Little League Baseball/Softball Teams**

Re: 2026 Manager Application Form

The Little League manager and coach must be leaders. All must recognize that they hold a position of trust and responsibility in a program that deals with a sensitive and formative period of a child's development. It is required that the manager and coach have understanding, patience and the capacity to work with children. The manager and coach should be able to inspire respect. Above all else, managers and coaches must realize that they are helping to shape the physical, mental and emotional development of young people.

No other volunteer in MILL has a more direct impact on our young athletes than the Manager. He or she must be a leader, a teacher, a role model and an inspiration. We are looking for Managers who not only possess knowledge of baseball/softball fundamentals and the ability to teach those fundamentals, but, more importantly, individuals who will instill a sense of self-confidence, pride and accomplishment in our young athletes.

Our objective is to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens. Our fundamental priority is that children who enter the MILL program will benefit from their experience, not just in their development as ballplayers, but also in terms of their development as individuals. MILL invites you to apply to become a MILL Manager by completing the attached form.

All Manager positions are selected annually. All appointments to serve as Manager or Coach expire on December 15th annually. No Manager or Coach has any tenure whatsoever, regardless of years of service to MILL. As such, the President and Board of Directors may not provide reasons to any candidate if that person is not re-appointed or selected as Manager or Coach for the coming season.

The process for Manager selection is as follows:

1. Interested applicants must complete the following attached form manager application form. A Little League Volunteer Application form will follow.

Please note that the Little League Volunteer Application must include a copy of a government issued picture identification (e.g., driver's license)

2. Applications will be reviewed by the MILL Manager Selection Committee. The Vice President or Coaching Coordinator may contact the candidate for a phone interview and may contact references listed on the Manager Application Form for additional candidate information.

3. The President, in consultation with the Manager Selection Committee, will prepare a slate of recommended Managers and present the recommendation to the MILL Board of Directors.

4. The MILL Board of Directors will consider the recommendation of the President and approve a slate of Managers.

5. Selected Managers will be notified by the Coaching Coordinator. Notification of mandatory Manager Meetings will be communicated at that time.

Kind Regards,

Anthony Tucker

MILL Coaching Coordinator

MILL Baseball/Softball Manager Application Form

Email To: coach.coord.mill@gmail.com

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Name

Address

Phone No.

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E-Mail Address

Mobile/Text Phone No.

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Children in MILL Program (Name, Age and Division Last Played)

Are you applying for

Baseball	
Softball	

Division Applying For: (please select only ONE division/submit separate applications if applying to manage in more than one Division, Also)

Tee Ball		Minor AAA	
Minor A		Major	
Minor AA			

YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL - MANAGER/COACH EXPERIENCE

Division	Team	League	Position Held	Year

Please list other managing and coaching experience, or youth leadership activities:

Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action in any youth sports program? **Yes / No**

KNOWLEDGE OF BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FUNDAMENTALS

Please indicate your understanding of Little League baseball/softball rules:

Good		Average		Poor	
Check all baseball/softball programs in which you have participated as a player:					
Little League		Junior League		High School	
College		Professional		Other	

Have you ever umpired in an organized baseball/Softball program?	Yes		No	
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Please provide brief responses to the following questions. Attach separate pages if you need more space.

Please tell us why you want to manage a Little League baseball/softball team in this Division?

Briefly state your managing/coaching philosophy and why you would make a good manager/coach.

Describe your vision of the perfect Little League season.

Describe your opinion on the importance of winning.

How do you discipline a player?

Assume 12 players on your team and players fall into the following ability levels: 3 are outstanding, 3 are solid, 3 are average to below average, and 3 have little athletic ability or understanding of baseball/softball.

(1) How would you divide the defensive innings in a 6 inning game among the 12 players?

(2) At which positions would you play your bottom 6 players? Which positions, if any, would you not allow your bottom 3 players to play?

(3) Explain your reasoning.

Briefly describe how you organize a practice.

Please list three references that can attest to your managing/coaching abilities:

Name:		Phone #	
Name:		Phone #	
Name:		Phone #	

I hereby apply to be a volunteer Manager for MILL. In addition to this Manager Application, MILL requires all Managers and Coaches to submit a Little League Volunteer Application and to allow MILL to conduct a background investigation to evaluate my qualifications to supervise youth. I understand this evaluation is conducted solely to assure the safety of children participating in the MILL program and that all information obtained will be held in strict confidence in accordance with applicable law.

If appointed as a volunteer Manager or Coach, I agree to abide by the goals and objectives of MILL, Little League Rule Book, MILL Safety Rules, and MILL Local Rules. I agree to enter into a MILL Manager Agreement and fulfill the requirements of that Agreement, and understand that I may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal of my volunteer position at any time for failure to comply with any part of the Agreement, subject to action of the MILL Board of Directors.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____