Important Information For The Upcoming Spring/Summer MLL Season

Please review prior to registering your child.

<u>Who Can Play</u> – Any child between the age of 4 and 12, based on the 2025 Little League Age Chart (see below). To be eligible for the MLL, your child must be a resident (proof of residency required) or attend a school located within the Town of Munster (a Little League School Enrollment Form will need to be completed).



What Your Child Will Need To Play

- Glove Players will need to have a glove.
- Athletic Supporter All male players will need an athletic supporter(cup).
- Cleats Players should utilize a pair of cleats during practices and games.
- Helmets Helmets are provided by the MLL, however, players should choose to wear their own helmet provided it has a protective mask.
- Bats Bats are not provided by the MLL. Players may choose to use their own bat or borrow a teammates bat. Approved Little League bats can be found at: http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/baseballbatinfo.htm

<u>Uniforms</u> – The MLL provides a uniform shirt and hat. Uniform shirt sizing is generally in line with normal athletic t-shirts. We generally recommend that a player chooses a uniform size shirt that is one size larger to accommodate for a sweatshirt or jacket during cold weather play. Samples of uniform sizes are available to be tried on at in-person registration.

Uniform pants, socks and belts are not provided. After your child is drafted to a team, the respective team manager will contact you to advise of the recommended colors to purchase.

<u>Evaluations</u> – Evaluations are required for players in the Major, Minor and C-League Divisions. The evaluation will consist of throwing, fielding and batting. The 2022 evaluation will be held on Saturday, March 5th at the MHS Fieldhouse. Scheduling will be done via email and you will receive that email after the registration period has ended. The actual evaluation takes about 20 minutes.

<u>Games Times and Information</u> – Games are typically played in the evenings during the week and throughout the day on Saturdays. <u>Please note that during the school year, there will be night games played within our Major and Minor Divisions (timing rules will apply for the Minor <u>Division</u>). By rule, games are allowed to commence on April 15th. Generally, our younger leagues begin games in early May to avoid the extreme cold weather. Games typically last between 60 minutes and 120 minutes. There are no Sunday games and the MLL generally will not have any games played on Mother's Day weekend or Memorial Day weekend.</u>

- Major Division Games begin in April Typically 2 games during the week (M-Th; 5:30pm/7:30pm) and 1 game on Saturdays. Games end by mid-June.
- Minor Games begin in April Typically 2 games during the week (M-Th;
 5:30pm/7:30pm) and 1 game on Saturdays. Games end by mid-June.
- C-League Division Games begin in April Typically 1 game during the week (M-Th;
 6:15pm) and 1 game on Saturdays. Games end by mid-June.
- Prep Division Games begin at the end of April Typically 1 game on Saturdays.
 Additional weeknight games may be played after school ends. Games end by mid-June.
- Tee-Ball Division Games begin at the end of April Typically 1 game on Saturdays. Additional weeknight games may be played after school ends. Games end by mid-June.

<u>Practice Times and Information</u> – By rule, practices can commence following the respective drafts in March. Practice times and location will be addressed by the respective manager. Generally, practice times are held in the early evening during the week and on Saturdays. In March, the MLL may provide indoor practice facilities. Information will be provided by the respective manager prior to the commencement of practices.

<u>Weather</u> – Be prepared to play in cold weather. By rules, games may commence when the temperature is 40 degrees or above. Notification of games postponements or cancellations will be made via email/text. Members are advised to expect to play scheduled games unless otherwise notified.

<u>Birth Certificates</u> – For new players to the MLL, a birth certificate will need to be provided during the registration process.

<u>Proof of Residency</u> – For all players, proof of residency will need to be provided during the registration process. If your child does not reside within the Town of Munster, a Little League School Enrollment Form will need to be completed by the school administrator to verify that your child does attend a school located within the Town of Munster. Proof of residency is required each year.

<u>Volunteers</u> – If you wish to volunteer for a position within the MLL (e.g., manager, coach, scorekeeper, team parent), you must complete the volunteer portion within the online registration system. In

addition, a volunteer application will need to be completed to enable Little League International to complete a background check (required by Little League International). In early March, a link will be emailed out to all prospective volunteers and must be completed as soon as practicable.

<u>Forms</u> – Required forms (e.g., School Enrollment Form; Medical Form) can be found on the MLL website in the Forms tab.

<u>Website/Facebook/Twitter</u> – The MLL website contains important information concerning the league and season. Please continue to monitor the website. You can also like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.