

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF
MARPLE TOWNSHIP LITTLE LEAGUE



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ARTICLE I - THE LEAGUE

- A) This organization shall be known as Marple Township Little League (MTLL).
- B) Marple Township Little League boundaries (**Attachment A**) are as approved by District 19 in 2010.
- C) The fiscal year runs from October 1 – September 30.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

- A) The primary objective of Marple Township Little League shall be to instill in the boys and girls of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be finer, stronger, and happier children, and will grow to become, healthy and trustworthy citizens. This objective will be achieved by providing a supervised competitive and non-competitive Little League Baseball program. All members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary. MTLL will provide an atmosphere that allows each child to develop their basic physical and social skills, and to foster sportsmanship and team play.
- B) MTLL Board of Directors Objectives – 2018-19* Fiscal Year
 - Capital Improvement Plan – Begin to plan implement major improves to league facilities
 - Sportsmanship:
 - o Kids: Learn how to win and lose with dignity. Learn how to contribute in a team environment in all situations.
 - o Administration: Create fair competition through strong set of rules and evenly balanced teams.
 - o Coaches: LEADERSHIP. Positive attitudes. Make every player feel valued.
 - Everyone: Follow the MTLL Code of Conduct!
 - Increase # of registered players (focus on youngest ages).
 - Improve and maintain MTLL fields and facilities.
 - Maintain and improve positive image in the community. Each BOD member is a representative of MTLL.

ARTICLE III - GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS

- A) Marple Township Little League shall be under the supervision and direction of the Board of Directors. The management of the property and affairs of Marple Township Little League shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Directors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected.
- B) Prior to September 1 of each year, the President will ask the Board for nominations for all Board positions for the following year. All Board positions will be elected by a majority vote of all in attendance at a meeting prior to September 30th.
- C) If a Board member should step down or be removed during the year, their position shall be filled by another member of the Board until the following year.
- D) Board of Director Positions and Responsibilities – 2018-19 Fiscal Year
 - 1) **President**
 - Preside over all operations of the league.
 - Ensure that all BOD activities support MTLL objectives.
 - Delegate and assign responsibilities to complete all MTLL priorities.
 - Manage & support the following BOD positions: Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Player Agent, Treasurer, Head Groundskeeper, and Division Directors.
 - Lead discussions & voting at BOD meetings.
 - Manage and foster relationships with owners of property used by MTLL.
 - Enforce MTLL by-laws and governing rules of Little League.
 - Nominate in-house team Managers for ultimate BOD vote and approval.
 - Manage Tournament Committee. Oversee selection of tournament & select team players and managers.

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- Represent MTLT within the District 19 organization.

2) Vice President

- In the absence of the President, preside over operations of the league.
- Manage and support the following BOD positions: Chief of Umpires, Sponsorship Director, Scheduling Director, & Tournament Director.
- Manage and foster strong relationship with Marple Township and other applicable governing organizations.
- Update and enforce MTLT Sportsmanship Policy - organize and manage Sportsmanship Committee.
- Approve rules of play as determined by Chief of Umpires.
- Handle special assignments and projects as delegated by the President.
- Pursue and prepare requests for Government grants.
- Participate as member on Tournament Committee and participate in selection of postseason teams for each Division.
- Organize & manage Phillie Phanatic night.

3) Secretary

- Manage and support the following BOD positions: Information Officer, Special Events/Volunteerism Director & Safety Director.
- Provide electronic communication of meetings, e-votes, and other BOD issues.
- Publish and distribute General and BOD meeting agendas and minutes.
- Record BOD voting (electronic & at meetings).
- Make changes to MTLT by-laws, rules, policies & procedures.
- Set calendar of events for MTLT season. Schedule meeting rooms and other venues (as needed) based on calendar.
- Handle insurance, charter, and other LL administration.
- Assign snack bar staffing responsibilities and communicate weekly key box codes.

4) Player Agent

- Manage player registration: set dates, solicit & assign volunteers, public notification, etc.
- Confirm birth records and player eligibility.
- Create and maintain player and family database with e-Mail distribution list.
- Oversee preseason player drafts and provide last year's player evaluations to Division Directors.
- Obtain player evaluations from team Managers at year end for ages 6-11.
- Participate as member on Tournament Committee and participate in selection of postseason teams for each Division.

5) Treasurer

- Manage all financial aspects of MTLT: account reconciliation, revenue collection, expense payments.
- Develop and track annual budget.
- Issue checks for all approved expenses in a timely manner.
- Handle payments for MTLT operational expenses: Little League dues, insurance, leases, etc.
- Provide monthly income & expense statement and balance sheet at BOD meetings.
- Support Snack Bar Manager: operations & financial accounting. Review withdrawals and deposits made against monthly bank statement for accuracy.
- Obtain, review and approve snack bar revenue & expenses (including umpire fees paid upon completion of game)
- Complete annual tax return and file with IRS.

6) Scheduling Director

- Obtain permits to use Marple Township practice fields.
- Prepare pre-season practice schedules.
- Prepare in-house and inter-league regular season game schedules.
- Prepare in-house playoff schedules.
- Prepare post-season tournament practice schedule.
- Communicate all schedules to Information Officer for dissemination to website and other medium.
- Coordinate with Complex Directors, Chief of Umpires and President to determine game cancellations.
- Communicate game cancellations, as necessary, to Division Directors and Information Officer.

7) Facility Managers: Thomas & Marple

- Conduct off-season facilities survey to identify and prioritize needs of the complex.
- Complete off-season projects and improvements.
- Jointly coordinate pre-season field maintenance. Renting of sod cutter, large tiller, etc. Securing Dimatex and other materials necessary for ongoing maintenance of fields.
- Organize and manage field day participation and assignment of work to teams.
- Organize and manage Sunday field clean-up activities.
- Get water turned on preseason & drained and turned off postseason.
- Hang sponsors signs and take down for storage after the season.

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- Keep garages, field sheds, and job boxes stocked and organized.
- Insure equipment and materials (bases, chalk, etc.) are available for games.
- Conduct periodic inspections of facilities and respond to in season maintenance needs.
- Prepare facilities for Opening Day, All-Star game, Baseball Day, and MTLL hosted District 19 tournament games.

8) Chief of Umpires

- Manage umpire communication, scheduling, and payment: both in-house and Tri-County umpires.
- Recruit and train in-house umpires.
- Work with VP to update Managers & Coaches Interaction with Umpires Code of Conduct.
- Develop and interpret all in-house rules of play. Resolve any rules disputes and modify rules with appropriate approval.
- Communicate Little League rules & policies and research any questions about MTLL implementation.

9) Sponsorship Director

- Maximize local sponsorships of MTLL.
- Recruit MTLL team of volunteers to solicit sponsors.
- Put together target list of local businesses and assign responsibility for contacting every target.
- Send out letters to all targets outlining sponsorship options.
- Get sponsors for all MTLL teams.
- Ensure property owners are appropriately recognized for their generosity.
- Increase signage sponsorship for all fields.
- Get sponsor for MTLL coaches' shirts.
- Obtain "special" sponsorships for scoreboards, snack bars, sheds, etc.
- Obtain and provide plaques and team photos to all MTLL sponsors.
- Publish a sponsor thank you advertisement in the local newspaper.

9) Equipment Manager

- Conduct equipment inventory and determine needs to purchase new equipment for the upcoming season.
- Put together expense budget for the upcoming season.
- Put together equipment bags and keys for all teams and schedule pick up by team managers.
- Order team uniforms and distribute to team Managers.
- Respond to in-season needs for equipment replacement or additions.
- Purchase and distribute trophies and medals for Baseball Olympics, in-house playoffs, Sportsmanship Award, and participation.
- Order uniforms for tournament & select teams and distribute to postseason team managers.
- Collect equipment bags and keys from in-house team managers after the season is over.
- Collect tournament & select team vests, equipment bags, and keys from postseason team managers.
- Repair and maintain hitting & pitching screens.

10) Tournament Director

- Select, register, and arrange payments for post season tournaments.
- Work with Minor C division director and Player Agent to organize player evaluation day with Division Directors for 7 year olds.
- Confirm collection of postseason commitment forms for all eligible players.
- Solicit local leagues to participate in the MTLL Summer Sluggers Select Tournament.
- Handle communications with Summer Sluggers participating teams.
- Support postseason team selections as needed by the Division Directors.
- Provide managers with schedules and requirements for participation in tournaments.
- Participate in District 19 tournament meetings.
- Oversee MTLL preparation and solicit volunteers to host any District 19 tournament games.
- Collect reimbursement \$ from team managers for post season tournaments.
- Participate as member on Tournament Committee and participate in selection of postseason teams for each Division.

11) Special Events/Phillies Night Director

- Participate in all registration dates and encourage volunteerism among league members.
- Identify any parents that have experience (trade skills, computer, etc.) that could be utilized by MTLL.
- Organize and manage Opening Day parade and ceremonies.
- Plan and manage Picture Day with volunteer staffing.
- Provide volunteer staffing to Vice President for the All-Star Game.
- Organize and manage Baseball Day, including the execution of the Baseball Olympics.
- Organize and execute Majors Graduation game with help from Majors division director.

12) Safety Director

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- Obtain background forms and driver's license copies from all MTLL Board of Directors members, team managers & coaches.
- Update and provide copies of MTLL Safety Manual as needed.
- Complete 2018-2019 Qualified Safety Program Registration to qualify for insurance rebate.
- Conduct managers & coaches' preseason safety clinic.
- Insure first aid kits and cold packs are stocked and available at both MTLL complexes.
- Periodically check lightning detectors and AEDs at both facilities.
- Respond to all opportunities to improve safety of MTLL.
- Investigate and record all reported injuries. Communicate steps to prevent re-occurrence.

13) Division Directors: All Divisions

- Key MTLL communication link to team managers & coaches.
- Promote broad participation in MTLL events, including volunteering for snack bar staffing and Sunday Field clean-up activities.
- Participate in the development of rules of play (stealing, bunting, pitching, etc.) pertinent to your Division and meet with managers and coaches to review. Refer any disputes or proposed modifications to the Chief of Umpires.
- Organize and manage pre-season player drafts, provide team rosters to Player Agent.
- Review and discuss pre-game field preparations and post-game maintenance obligations with all managers and coaches.
- Put together call-up player list and manage call-up procedures.
- Coordinate equipment and uniform distribution and return with Equipment Director.
- Collect all signed Code of Conduct forms from parents, managers, and coaches.
- Conduct mid-season Managers meeting to review in-house play and initiate post-season team discussion.
- Manage Baseball Olympics for your Division at Baseball Day.
- Distribute and collect postseason commitment forms.
- Organize and oversee selection of tournament and select teams. Solicit nominations for tournament and Select team managers.
- Distribute trophies and medals at the end of the in-house season (as appropriate).

14) Majors Division Director

- Partner with Vice-president to coordinate Majors All Star Game.
- Coordinate Home Run Derby on Baseball Day.
- Coordinate season ending awards ceremony, including Sportsmanship award voting.

18) Snack Bar Director

- Responsible for managing all aspects of Snack Bar administration.
- Ensure snack bar facilities at Thomas and Marple complexes are in clean and operational order prior to all games, practices etc. when MTLL will be opening the snack bar.
- Ensure all items to be sold are stocked and available for snack bar volunteers.
- Work with the Treasurer to coordinate with MTLL vendors to secure their products at the most reasonable prices available.
- Work with Special Events Director to ensure proper snack bar supplies are available to support Baseball Day, Graduation Game, and other special events.

19) Snack Bar Financials

- Work with Snack Bar Director on accounting for Snack Bar purchases and receipts
- Deposit Snack Bar funds each week.

20) Fund Raising Director

- Responsible for coordination of non-sponsorship and registration fund raising activities.
- Responsible for fund raising activities at baseball day.

21) Information Director

- Update MTLL website
- Send out emails and alerts from the MTLL email address
- Update MTLL Social Media Page(s)

E) Directors may hold multiple offices. Refer to **Attachment B** for current year assignments.

F) Immediately upon his election, the President shall appoint an Executive Committee consisting of five (5) seated Directors. The President shall fill the chairmanship. Any committee member(s) closely related to any dispute in question, shall remove him/herself from the proceedings. The Player Agent shall cast the tie-breaking vote on any decision. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for resolving all MTLL issues not covered in these by-laws.

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- G) The Board shall have the power by a two-thirds vote of those present at any special or regular meeting to discipline, suspend or remove any director, officer or committee member of the League. Notice of any potential disciplinary action must be given to the individual(s). Any meeting to determine disciplinary action must be held at least five days from notification to the individual(s).
- H) The President throughout the year will schedule regular meetings. Additional meetings may be called by the President or upon written request of at least three members of the Board of Directors. General meetings may be called upon written request of at least 10 League members (parents or guardians of registered players, Board members, managers and coaches, or any interested party approved by the Board).
- D) Board members are required to attend 75% of scheduled league meetings to maintain their voting privileges/eligibility.
- J) A quorum of 5 members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.
- K) Notice of all meetings shall be given not less than Five (5) days in advance.
- L) Any MTLL member may move to have a policy of the Board of Directors overridden. A vote to override the Board shall be taken at the next general meeting; a two-thirds vote of the members present is required to override. At least thirty (30) members must be present for a vote.

ARTICLE IV - FINANCIAL POLICY

- A) The Board shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the League. It shall be a permanent policy to place all income in a common League treasury, directing the expenditure of same in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over the others as to equipment, training facilities and tutors, awards, etc.
- B) The Board shall prohibit the contribution of funds or equipment to individuals or teams and solicit the same for the common treasury and use of the League. The above regulation is to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of the League. Any conflict with this provision is to be examined and ruled upon by the Executive Committee.
- C) All purchases by Marple Township Little League paid out of the general operating account for major expenditures must be paid for by check through TD Bank. All purchases must be supported by a receipt. The President and Treasurer are authorized to sign checks and are on the TD Bank account. The Board of Directors must approve (with majority vote) non-recurring purchases and expenditures over \$500. The President may authorize expenditures of up to \$500 without approval of the Board.
- D) If deemed necessary, the Board may select two (2) members to audit the books of the League. The auditors cannot be an authorized check signor. The auditors shall report the correctness of the books at a regular general monthly meeting.
- E) Expenses must be submitted to the Board of Directors for purchases that are expected to exceed \$500 over the course of the baseball year. Typically all major expenses are discussed in detail at BOD meetings. These expenses center around field, equipment, uniform, maintenance and facility related expenses
- F) The Board of Directors shall review and discuss vendor bids. Vendors will be approved by the Board and shall be the vendors of choice for the baseball year. The Board will approve new vendors as needed.
- G) Marple Township Little League's fiscal year is from October 1 to September 30 as set forth in the *Operation Manual of Little League, Inc.*

ARTICLE V –SPORTSMANSHIP

A) Mission: To make MTLL an enjoyable and safe experience for all players, managers & coaches, umpires, families, and spectators by providing a positive environment to play baseball. Our emphasis is on positive reinforcement, leadership by example, good sportsmanship, and respect for others.

B) Expectations

1) Managers & Coaches: Emphasize the fun of competing. Motivate players with positive reinforcement. Teach players the importance of respect for coaches, teammates, opposing players, and umpires. Set an example by demonstrating positive interaction with the opposition and umpires. Do not tolerate negative behavior by players or spectators. Managers & coaches will be required to sign the MTLL Managers & Coaches Code of Conduct for interaction with umpires (**Attachment C**).

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2) Spectators / Parents: Demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, umpires, and fellow spectators. Respect coaches by refraining from coaching players during games and practices. Parents will be required to sign the MTLL Parent Code of Conduct (**Attachment D**).

3) Players: Show respect for coaches, teammates, opposing players, and umpires. Focus on the fun of playing baseball and motivation to do your best.

C) Examples of Unacceptable Behavior

- 1) Yelling at or harassing umpires.
- 2) Using profane language or gestures.
- 3) Any threatening actions, verbal or physical.
- 4) Ejection from a game by an umpire.
- 5) Ridiculing teammates.
- 6) Taunting the opposition.
- 7) Refusing to shake hands.
- 8) Confronting managers or coaches.
- 9) Violation of the Parent or Managers & Coaches Codes of Conduct.

D) Sportsmanship Committee: The Sportsmanship Committee is made up of a group of five MTLL Board of Directors (BOD) members, selected by the Vice President (Chairman of the Committee). The Sportsmanship Committee is responsible for investigating incidents and implementing disciplinary action.

E) Reporting of Incidents: All League members are responsible for reporting unacceptable behavior. Parents should report an incident to their child's Manager or any MTLL Board member. Managers & coaches have an obligation to try to control players and parents on their team. Managers & coaches should report any incident to a Board member. Any incident reported to a Board member should be communicated to the Chairman of the MTLL Sportsmanship Committee.

F) Investigation of Incidents: The Sportsmanship Committee will investigate all incidents by conducting discussions with all of the pertinent people witnessing the incident. Every effort will be made to gather all of the facts and circumstances pertaining to the incident. A written summary of the investigation will be generated.

G) Disciplinary Action: After the investigation, the Sportsmanship Committee will determine if disciplinary action is warranted. If so, the Committee will decide, by majority vote, what disciplinary action will be taken. The severity of the incident and any record of previous incidents will be taken into account when implementing disciplinary action. Potential disciplinary actions include, but are not limited to:

- 1) A warning.
- 2) Suspension from participating in games, practices, or other MTLL functions.
- 3) Take away eligibility to manage or coach.
- 4) Permanent expulsion from MTLL.

Anyone facing disciplinary action will get a written notice with the reasons for the action. Anyone facing disciplinary action can appeal the decision if new information, pertinent to the incident, is uncovered.

ARTICLE VI - STRUCTURE OF LEAGUE

A) MTLL is organized into the following Divisions:

- Majors: 11 & 12 year old players
- Minor A: 9 & 10 year old players
- Minor B: 8 year old players and 7 year old players who have elected to play at the older age group
- Minor C: 6 & 7 year old players
- Tee-Ball: 5 year old players (must turn 5 by August 31st of year in which season is played)

B) The Board shall designate several days each year in January for registration of all boys and girls who desire to participate in Marple Township Little League.

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- C) Teams for each Division will be chosen by the Managers at a player draft. The Division Director will establish the guidelines for the draft with the objective of creating evenly matched teams.
- D) Sons and daughters shall be, if they so desire, assigned to the League team of which their parent is a manager or coach.
- E) In the Majors, a Manager cannot select coaches until after the player draft. In the Minor A & B Divisions, a Manager may select one coach prior to the player draft. In Minor C and T-Ball, a Manager may select up to two coaches prior to the player draft.

ARTICLE VII – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY & MANAGER SELECTION

- A) Any boy or girl meeting the requirements as to age and residence as set forth in the *Rules of Little League Baseball, Inc.* shall be eligible to participate in Marple Township Little League.
- B) Active players shall give an annual registration fee as set forth by the Board of Directors and shall perform any reasonable service required. Registration fees are payable at registration. The President and Treasurer will make exceptions on a case-by-case basis. Financial information may be requested from the member applying to establish exception.
- C) Any person interested in managing or coaching must submit a written application to Marple Township Little League. The President selects and appoints in-house team managers. The President may choose to have the Board of Directors elect team Managers. All appointments of managers and coaches are subject to the approval of the League's Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII – RULES OF PLAY

- A) MTLL will use *Official Regulations and the Playing Rules and Rules for Local Leagues* as published by *Little League Baseball, Inc.*, Williamsport, PA.
- B) Exceptions to official Little League rules shall be approved by the Board of Directors before the first scheduled regular season game and distributed to all team Managers. Any additional exceptions or changes made during the season or for playoff games will be promptly distributed to all Managers.
- C) The Chief of Umpires is responsible for developing and interpreting all in-house rules of play, modifying rules with appropriate approval, resolving any rules disputes.

ARTICLE IX – POSTSEASON TEAM & MANAGER SELECTION

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee is made up of the MTLL President, VP, Tournament Director, and Player Agent. Interpretation of these of these by-laws or any issues not covered will be settled by the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee has the responsibility of implementing our selection process in the best interests of MTLL.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A) All players and coaches must meet Little League eligibility requirements.
- B) MTLL team Managers make recommendations for players for selection to postseason teams during mid-season and post season Managers meetings. Tryouts for postseason teams may be conducted during the season.
- C) To be considered for selection to a postseason team, a player (and/or parent) must sign a player commitment form (**Attachments E & F**) outlining the expectations for the player's commitment to the team.
- D) Players at all ages must disclose any known vacation on the player commitment form. Failure to communicate known vacation plans can lead to dismissal from the team at the manager and tournament committee's discretion.

MTLL POSTSEASON PLAYER COMMITMENT POLICY

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Any player under consideration for selection to an MTLL postseason team is required to make a commitment that, if chosen, he/she will fully participate in games, practices, and other team activities. The player is prohibited from playing baseball for any other organization during this time period (typically mid-June through July), unless permission is granted by the Tournament Committee.

The MTLL postseason team Manager can allow excused absence from team activities provided the absence is communicated in advance. Excused absence can be granted for reasons such as family or health. The Manager is not required to grant excused absence and unexcused absence can result in dismissal from the team. Note: Excused absence for vacations is at the discretion of the Team manager.

Players/parents/guardians should disclose any planned absences during the post-season period on the Post-season commitment form. Planned absences will be factored into the tournament selection process. If a player is chosen to a postseason team, but does not live up to this commitment or is found to have not disclosed absences, the Manager, with approval from the Tournament Committee, has the right to dismiss the player from the team.

PLAYER SELECTION PROCESS

A) Majors: International Team (11/12), Tournament Team (11), Select Teams (11 & 12)

1. International Team (11/12): Each Majors in-house Manager votes for the top nine players in the Division, ranking them from 1-9. The nine players with the most votes are selected to the team. In the event of a tie, player rankings will be used to determine which player(s) is selected.

2. Tournament Team (11): Each Majors Manager votes for the top nine 11 year old players (not including players voted for the International team), ranking them from 1-9. Votes for 11 year old players to the International Team that are not selected to that team are counted as votes for the Tournament Team. The nine players with the most votes are selected to the team. In the event of a tie, player rankings will be used to determine which player(s) is selected. Votes for players to the International Team that are not selected to that team will be the highest ranking votes from that Manager for the Tournament Team.

3. Select Teams (11 & 12): Each Majors Manager votes for the top thirteen players (not including players voted for the International or Tournament teams), ranking them from 1-13 separately for each age group. Votes for players to the International or Tournament Teams that are not selected to those teams are counted as votes for the Select Team. The eleven players with the most votes (after Manager additions to the Tournament teams) are selected to the team. In the event of a tie, player rankings will be used to determine which player(s) is selected. Votes for players to the International or Tournament Team that are not selected to those teams will be the highest ranking votes from that Manager for the Select Team.

B) Minors A, B, & C: Tournament Team for each age (7, 8, 9, & 10). Select Teams for ages 7, 8, 9, & 10.

1. Tournament Team (10): Each Minor A Manager votes for the top nine players in the Division, ranking them from 1-9. The ten players with the most votes are selected to the team. In the event of a tie, player rankings will be used to determine which player(s) is selected. The manager shall add a minimum of two players to the twelve man roster. These player selections will come from the players not voted onto the team.

2. Tournament Team (9): Each Minor A Manager votes for the top nine players in the Division, ranking them from 1-9. The ten players with the most votes are selected to the team. In the event of a tie, player rankings will be used to determine which player(s) is selected. The manager shall add a minimum of two players to the twelve man roster. These players' selections will come from the players not voted onto the team.

3. Tournament Team (8): Each Minor B Manager votes for the top ten players in the Division, ranking them from 1-10. The ten players with the most votes are selected to the team. In the event of a tie, player rankings will be used to determine which player(s) is selected. The manager shall add a minimum of two players to the twelve man roster. These players' selections will come from the players not voted onto the team.

4. Tournament Team (7): Each Minor C Manager votes for the top twelve 7 year old players in the Division, ranking them from 1-12. The twelve players with the most votes are selected to the team. In the event of a tie, player rankings will be used to determine which player(s) is selected.

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5. Select Teams: Each Manager votes for the top eleven players (not including players voted for the Tournament team), ranking them from 1-11. Votes for players to the Tournament Team that are not selected to that team are counted as votes for the Select Team. The twelve players with the most votes (after Manager Additions to the Tournament teams) are selected to the team. In the event of a tie, player rankings will be used to determine which player(s) is selected.

C) Manager Additions

The International, 11, & 10 year old Tournament Team Managers are required to have a minimum of twelve players on the International Team roster. These additions can be made from any player voted to the select team in their respective age group. In addition, the International team manager may also select any 11 year old who received AT LEAST one vote for the International team. In all cases, these selections must be made within 2 days of when post season team managers are determined.

The 9 & 8 year old Tournament Team Managers have the option to add players to their permanent roster from the Select Team. These additions must be made within 2 days of their selection as postseason team Managers. If a player is added to the Tournament Team from the Select Team, the player with the next highest vote count will be added to the Select Team.

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A) INTERNATIONAL, 11, & 10 TOURNAMENT TEAMS PLAYING DISTRICTS (LL TOURNAMENT)

1. These teams participate in the LL Tournament with their permanent rosters.
2. In the event of injury or other unforeseen player absence, the Manager may add a player from the Select team (the International Team cannot call up a player from the 11 Tournament team after the initial 2 days) to their roster for the LL Tournament.
3. Any player added to the roster will practice and play exclusively with the Tournament Team until the participation in the LL Tournament is finished.
4. A player called up to the International or Tournament Team for the LL Tournament may return to their Select Team after playing in the LL Tournament.

B) Tournament Teams Not Playing in Districts (LL Tournament)

1. The Tournament Team Manager has the option of adding players to the roster for tournaments. These players will play in Tournament Team games only as needed.
2. The Tournament Team and Select Team Managers will agree on any players added to the Tournament Team roster.
3. "Roster" player and player's parents will be informed of the Tournament Team Manager's plans as well as expectations of players planned "usage". No player will be chosen without approval from player and parents.
4. "Roster" player may practice with the Tournament Team if there is no conflict with Select Team practice or game.
5. If no player is available from the Select Team, the Tournament Committee will identify players eligible to be added to the Tournament Team roster.

C. Select Teams

1. If needed, the Select Team Manager can add players to the team roster for tournaments.
2. The Tournament Committee will identify players eligible to be added the Select team roster.

MANAGER SELECTION PROCESS

- A) Any Manager or coach from within their MTL Division can nominate themselves to be a postseason team Manager. If a viable candidate is not available, the Tournament Committee will identify and nominate other candidates.

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- B) After the player selection, the Tournament Committee will identify who will be nominated to manage the Tournament teams and Select teams. This is based on which team the candidate's child is voted onto. For the 7, 8 and 9 year old teams, a candidate can be nominated to manage a Tournament Team as long as his child has received at least two votes from in-house Managers for the Tournament Team. For tournament teams at the 10, 11 and 12 year old age groups (age 12 is the International Team), to be nominated as a manager his child must be voted into the top 8 for the tournament team or the top three for the select team, at their respective age group.
- C) If a candidate wants to be nominated to manage a team on which his child was not voted onto, this requires approval from the Tournament Committee. A manager may not call up his own child.
- D) The MTLL Board of Directors votes for the Managers of all postseason teams. The nominee receiving the most votes is appointed the Manager of that team.
- E) If there is not a nominee at the time of the Board of Directors vote, the Tournament Committee will recruit and select the Manager for that team.
- F) All Managers choose their team coaches from among managers and coaches within MTLL. Coaches must be approved by the Board of Directors.

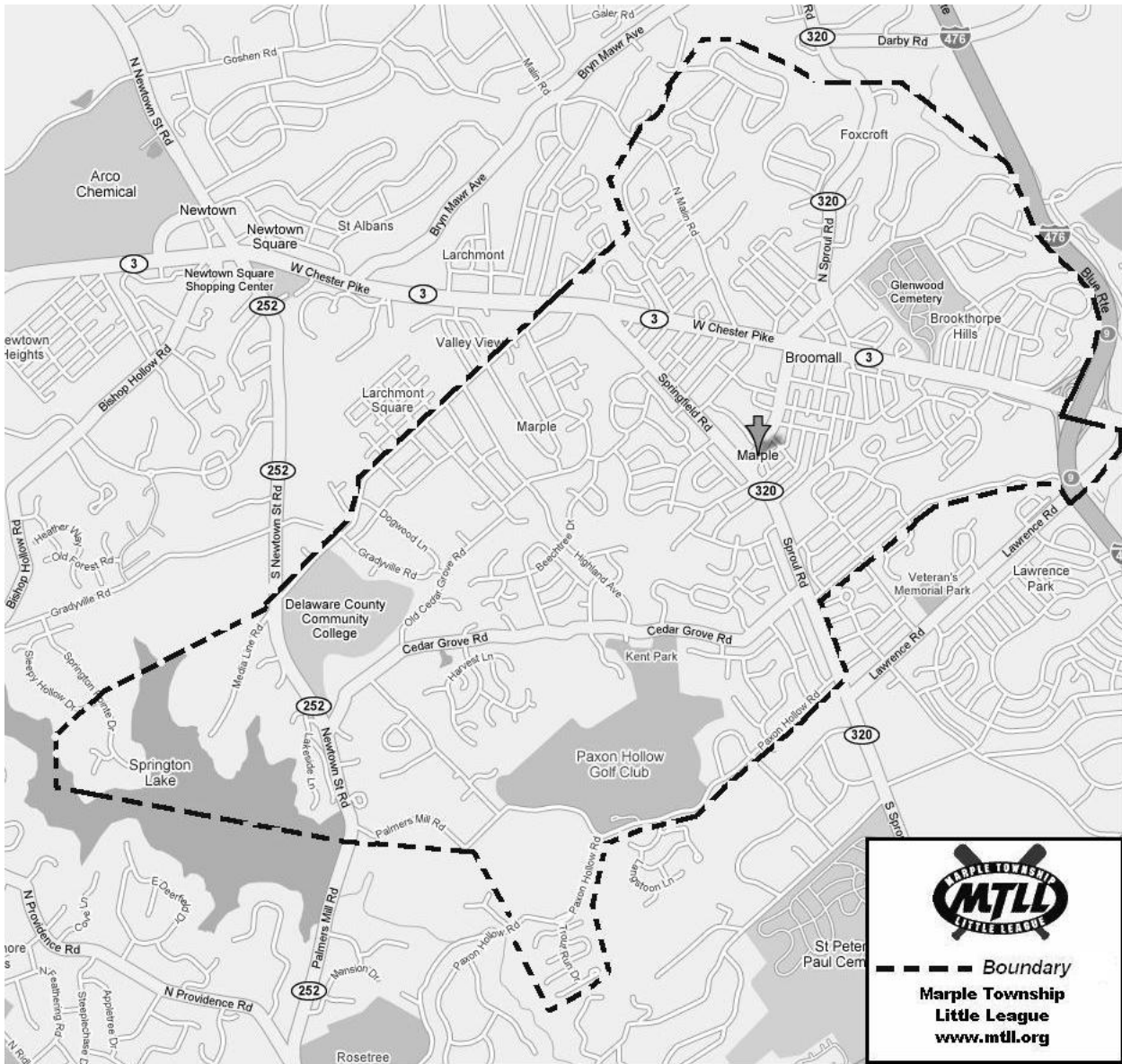
ARTICLE X - AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

- A) Proposals for amending the Constitution may be made by any member. Proposals can be submitted in writing to the President or verbally at a Board of Directors meeting.
- B) Any Article or section thereof, may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at any meeting.

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Attachment A: MTLL Boundaries

MTLL boundaries are Marple Township, bordering Newtown & Radnor. From the east end of Marple Twp. along Route 3, MTLL boundary is west of a small segment of Lawrence Rd. intersecting with Rt. 3 & west of Langford Rd. The boundary follows Langford Rd. SE to Sproul Rd., doglegging south on Sproul Rd. & then continuing SE on Paxon Hollow Rd. MTLL includes 1 neighborhood east of Paxon Hollow Rd. (Black Bass, Raccoon, Deer path, Red Fox, Trout, & Run Mews).



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Attachment B: MTLT Board of Directors Organization – 2019-20 Fiscal Year

President – Brian McCollum

- Executive Committee
 - o Vice President – Bill Gabe
 - o Secretary – Joseph Damasco
 - o Player Agent – Mike Noonan
 - o Treasurer – Thomas Tray

- Division Directors
 - o Majors – Tim Patterson
 - o Minor A – Tony Corvaglia
 - o Minor B – Andrew DeFronzo
 - o Minor C – Mark Dina
 - o T-Ball – Dan McCusker

- Facilities
 - o Vince DelVacchio – Facilities Director
 - o Chris Carney - Facility Manager
 - o Corey Ruff - Facility Manager
 - o Dave Presser - Facility Manager
 - o Mike Duranti – Facility Manager

- Equipment Manager – Pat Doogan
- Sponsorship Director – Steve DiBlasi
- Fundraising Director – Mike Lomas
- Snack Bar Director – Jeff Lancaster
- Snack Bar Financials – Kevin Penater
- Information Director – Joe Crimmins

Vice President- Bill Gabe

- Chief of Umpires – Matt DiCicco
- Tournament Director – Pete Baylor
- Scheduling Director – Frank Marro

Secretary – Joe Damasco

- Special Event/Phillies Fundraising Director– Mike Fingo
- Safety Director – Joe Hassey

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Attachment C: MTL Little League Managers & Coaches Code of Conduct for Interaction with Umpires



Marple Township Little League has implemented this Managers & Coaches Code of Conduct to set clear expectations for interaction with umpires. All MTL Little League managers and coaches should read, understand, and sign this form.

I agree to the following guidelines for interaction with umpires:

1. I will refrain from yelling, harassing, or threatening (verbal or physical) an umpire. I will not use profane language or obscene gestures.
2. I will not tolerate negative behavior by players, spectators, or other coaches. I will report any incidents to my Division Director or the Chief of Umpires.
3. Only the team manager may initiate a discussion with an umpire. Any discussion will be in the presence of the opposing manager.
4. All questions and discussions held with umpires will be in a conversational tone only.
5. Managers should not question “judgment” calls. This includes balls & strikes and safe or out calls.
6. If there is a question regarding a “rule of play,” a manager may ask the umpire to explain the call. Once an explanation from the umpire is received, the manager should end the discussion and allow play to continue promptly.
7. Managers can provide feedback on umpires to their Division Director or the Chief of Umpires. Managers should not make negative comments regarding umpires to coaches, players, or spectators.
8. If a manager or coach is ejected from a game, he or she should promptly leave the premises without further incident.

I understand that failure to live up to these guidelines could result in suspension or expulsion from coaching or participating in Marple Township Little League.

Signature

Team Name

Print Name

Division

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Attachment D: MTLL Parent Code of Conduct



Marple Township Little League has implemented this Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents (and other relatives) in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in our League. Parents are expected to live up to the guidelines listed below.

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for kids, not adults.
2. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and I will encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy. I will demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, umpires, and spectators at every game or practice.
3. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any umpire, coach, player, or parent such as booing, taunting, or using profane language or gestures.
4. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, umpires and spectators with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
5. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
6. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
7. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
8. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
9. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the players ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
10. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team (or the team Manager has asked for my assistance). MTLL encourages parents to work with their children at home to develop their baseball skills.

I recognize that failure to live up to these guidelines could result in disciplinary action, including potential suspension or expulsion from participating in Marple Township Little League.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/ Guardian Signature

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Attachment E: MTLT POSTSEASON PLAYER COMMITMENT FORM



MTLL Post Season Player Commitment Form (Minor A, B, C and Majors Divisions Only)

As a player **under consideration** for selection to an MTLT post season team, we want to make you aware of expectations of players chosen to these teams.

- Post season teams (by Little League of America rules) cannot be named until June 1 of that “season”. The “season” and its post season team, ends on December 31 of that season.
- Players are expected to fully participate in games, practices and team events during the post season (which is typically early June through late July). Teams do have the option of continuing longer if supported by coach, players and parents.
- Players are prohibited from playing baseball for any other organization during this time period without permission from MTLT.
- MTLT strongly recommends that families do not schedule vacations during post season. Scheduled vacations will be taken into account when selecting post season team rosters. Please list all known dates you/your player will not be available. If you are selected to a team, these dates will be considered excused absences.

Date(s)

Reason

Date(s)

Reason

- Team Managers can allow additional excused absences for unknown such as family or health. If absences occur that were not reported on this form and the manager does not excuse, the manager, with approval from the MTLT Tournament Committee, can release the player from the team roster.
- Unlike MTLT “in-house” play, there is no “equal playing time” or position rotation requirement.
- **If there are enough extra players in a respective age group, after the tournament team is formed, a Select team may be formed. The length of the Select team commitment is usually 1-2 weeks.**
- **Fees**
 - Fees are **NOT** due with the submission of the Commitment form. The fee will be collected by the Tournament or Select Team Coach if and after your child(ren) is/are selected to play in the post-season.
 - Tournament Team – Player Fee
 - 10,11 and 12 yr. olds - \$150
 - 8 and 9 yr. olds - \$125
 - 7 yr. olds - \$75
 - Select Team – Player Fee
 - Any age - \$35
- **Due dates for Commitment Form:**
 - **Parents – please submit completed form to your Manager by Saturday, May 18, 2019**
 - **Managers – please submit your teams completed forms to Craig Dreger by Monday, May 20, 2019**

Feel free to reach out to Craig Dreger, Tournament Director at craigdreger@comcast.net if you have any questions.

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We understand the commitment, if selected, to an MTLL post season team (**Tournament or Select**). We have listed all known dates player will not be available to participate in team activities (games, practices another team events).

MTLL Player

MTLL Parent