

MLL Team Parent Meeting

2020



THANKYOU!

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!



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<h2>Volunteer Signup</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>All</u> volunteers must sign up through Sports Connect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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® • 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
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Team Management

- Communicate all League/team information
 - Outline of important deadlines provided
 - Clearly communicate; several reminders may be needed
- Collect and submit all team orders/monies
- Collect and manage signed Medical Release forms
 - Hard copy provided
 - Found at [INFORMATION RESOURCES > VOLUNTEER RESOURCES > TEAM PARENTS](#)
 - Have signed forms available at each game/practice



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Important Deadlines

- Fundraising
- Uniform
- Hat Back Embroidery
- Manager/Coach Polos
- Trophy



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Fundraising Orders

- Fundraising orders and money **DUE Saturday, March 7** at the Bingo Hall. Drop off between 10AM and 12PM
- Fundraising orders should be picked up on **Wednesday, April 1** between 6PM and 8PM
- Reminders will post to social media before each deadline but please remind your team!



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Uniform Orders

- Orders **DUE Sunday, March 8** to drop box at Concession
 - We understand that the younger Divisions do not begin practices until later in March, but please communicate this offering and coordinate orders/money collection
 - Consider using Venmo, PayPal, Zelle for money collection
 - One check payable to MLL
- Please email cleavitt10@yahoo.com with any questions
- Payment due upon uniform delivery



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Hat Back Embroidery

- \$3.00 per hat
- Hat back embroidery orders (typed form preferred) and payment **DUE March 14** to the locked drop box located near the Bingo Hall entrance
- **First Name** OR **Last Name** OR **Nickname** (no combo) on form
- One check payable to Chuck Boyle



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Coaches Polos

- Offer polos/embroidery to your Manager and Coaches
- Orders (typed form preferred) and payment **DUE March 14** to the locked drop box located near the Bingo Hall entrance
- One check payable to Chuck Boyle



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Trophy Orders

- Check out the flyer or 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 **DUE Saturday, March 21** at the Bingo Hall. Drop between 9AM and 12PM
- One check per team payable to Crown Trophy



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Picture Day

- All pictures will be held in the Bingo Hall on **Opening Day - Saturday, April 25** 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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Team Management: *Opening Day Fundraiser*

MLL's Opening Day Fundraiser benefits the Challenger Divisions. Proceeds assist Challengers with their trip to Virginia Beach for the World Jamboree

- Bake Sale
 - Tee ball Division is responsible for baked goods for the Opening Day Bake Sale
 - At least 3 items per team; individually wrapped
- Silent Auction Baskets
 - Coach Pitch and Older Divisions are responsible for a themed gift basket for the Opening Day Silent Auction
 - Be creative. You do not have to have a ball-themed basket! Estimate the value of the basket
- **DROP OFF Friday, April 24** at the MLL Pavilion between 8:30AM and 6PM



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Team Management: *Opening Day Fundraiser & End of Season*

- Don't forget to collect money for:
 - Silent auction basket
 - Collect money and/or donations; ask local businesses
 - End of Season celebration
 - Pizza, drinks, treat
 - Please see Jimmy Richardson in the concession stand for Papa John's pizza orders!
- Include this monetary contribution in your correspondence so you are not asking for additional money throughout the season



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Opening Day Vendors

If you know any vendors that would like to be a part of Opening Day, please contact Tracy Robinson at tkrkids3@yahoo.com

If you have a youth group that is interested in volunteer hours, please also coordinate with Tracy Robinson



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Team Management: *Parent Volunteers*

- Bingo
 - MLL has successfully recruited groups to cover instant ticket sales!
 - We will no longer schedule MLL teams for Bingo shifts, but may call on our volunteers to help fill spot(s) if a group is unable to cover
- 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

- MINORS AND OLDER
 - Practices begin **March 2**
 - Games begin **March 23**
- MACHINE PITCH
 - Practices begin **March 16**
 - Games begin **April 13**

MLL is working on the practice/game schedule.
More information to come!



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Season Schedule

- TEE BALL
 - Practices begin **March 23**
 - Games begin **April 25**
 - Tee ball Jamboree (date TBD; Atlee Little League hosting 2020 event)
- COACH PITCH
 - Practices begin **March 23**
 - Games begin **April 13**

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General Complex Rules

- No pets, bicycles, skateboards, scooters
- No parking in front lot on Thursday 5-10 pm, Friday 5-10 pm, and Saturday from 1-10pm
- 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"*
- Lighting- 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 stand 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
 - We are providing you with sample emails (introductory, reminder, etc.) to assist you in clear communication
- 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 mllinfodirector@gmail.com



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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 (sample provided)
- Monitor social media platforms and email for MLL communications
- Team Parent Resources 2020 will be emailed
 - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BRP1ov5Jgo_fNTdPmFXuFj1rmbU6-bHV3?usp=sharing



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NOTES

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



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NOTES

- Machine Pitch and Older
 - Team Parents are not 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



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MLL Communication

- mllball.org
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter *coming soon!*
- Email
- Text Messaging
- Dick's Team Manager App



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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
 - Text **2020SpringSeasonleagues10283** to **334-310-2497**
- 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

