

2021 PARENT MEETING Q&A

Have you heard details on going to the Brewer night due to Covid?

No, at this time we do not have any details. As soon as the Brewers release information we will share it.

Are any area retailers allowing youth to set up tables at their stores to sell their fundraising items?

This was not something we planned or thought about so I don't know what the stores are doing at this time.

Are bats required to have the USA Baseball logo on them? Or are there other regulations specific to what bats are allowed? Are there bat regulations for AA? Did the bat regulations change from last year?

As of January 1, 2018, the new [USA Baseball Bat Standard](#) was implemented. USABat Standard bats must be used in the Little League Major Baseball Division and below. Either USABat Standard bats or BBCOR bats must be used at the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball and Junior League Baseball Divisions. At the Senior League Baseball Division, all bats must meet the BBCOR standard. Little League-approved baseball bats that were approved for use for the 2017 season *will no longer be acceptable for use in any Little League game or activity* as of January 1, 2018. For more information on the USABat standard and a complete list of bats approved through the USABat Standard, [visit usabat.com](#).

Will there be a makeup picture day?

No, we only offer one day for pictures.

Will we be using the game changer app this year?

Yes. Coaches will send an invite to you once teams are drafted and rosters are complete.

Can we request my son to be on the same team as his friend?

We only offer player/coach requests at the TBall level. All other divisions go through a draft process to form teams.

Is falls aces only for baseball, or softball as well?

We have teams for both baseball and softball. Information can be found on our website under the Travel Team tab.

How do we sign up for volunteering?

Volunteer SignUp Link - <https://signup.com/go/GgNbKTQ>

What time was the team parent meeting April 7th?

Team Parent meeting is at 7pm. Details will be shared as soon as we have everything finalized.

EVALUATIONS

Do coaches' children need to sign up for evaluations if they will be placed with the parent coaching anyway?

Yes, coaches children will be evaluated by board members so we do ask that they are signed up. If they do not attend evaluations they will be ranked as a #1 draft pick. If you are a coach and have further questions on how the draft works, please contact your Player Agent.

What can we expect to happen during player evaluations?

During evaluations each player will be asked to play catch with another player, hit 5 balls off a tee (into a net), and run the distance of a baseline. Softball players intending to pitch will be asked to pitch into a net as well. Pitching will not be requested for baseball players.

When is evaluations how do we get the link to sign up?

Links for evaluations can be found on the main page of our website under the NEWS section as well as in the EVENTS list.

T-BALL

Is the schedule out yet for T Ball?

No, teams will be announced around March 15th, practice schedules around the same time, and game schedules should be out by Easter weekend.

Do t-ball kids need to bring their own glove and shoes?

Yes, T-ball players bring their own gloves and shoes.

When will t-ball kids (parents) be notified what shoes and gloves the team is wearing and what to buy.

There is no required style or color of glove or shoes for any division. Please purchase what you would like.

Will they notify us about tball coach meeting?

Yes, as soon as we have a date we will notify you.

Are there any other purchases for t-ball kids?

No, we supply hats, pants, shirt & socks. The only other item I can think of is a belt but most kids don't wear them. We do supply bats at the Tball level only so you do not need to purchase one if you do not want to.

COVID QUESTIONS

I would like to hear more about the safety precautions that will be taken to mitigate risk of covid among the kids? What about covid safety? Are last year's covid protocols still in place?

Yes, last year's protocols are still in place. Details can be found on our website by clicking on the [MFL COVID-19](#) tab.

What are your protocols for covid if a player gets it?

If someone (coach, player, parent) tests positive for Covid-19, MFL requires they report it to either their coach, player agent, or email president@fallslittleleague.org. MFL will notify any teams that would have been exposed, without revealing the name of the person. Please keep in mind, if you do not report it to us, we cannot protect other players and families. It is up to our families to be upfront and honest with us.

Will covid safety be reinforced?

We ask that everyone do their part to follow the protocols we have set in place, and if necessary feel comfortable reminding others to do the same. As a community, all of us are responsible to keep each other safe.

What about masks? Especially for coaches and in the dugout?

At this time we are not requiring players or spectators to wear masks. The decision to wear masks will be up to the family and player. We do ask that coaches wear masks when in close proximity to players and in the dugout, but it is not required while on the field.

Will catcher gear be sanitized in between kids using them?

Yes, same as last season. Each team will be provided sanitizer to use on all gear between players.

Will the ump's be behind the plate this year?

We are hoping to have them behind the plate. We are looking into new masks that will incorporate a shield.

Restrictions on number of spectators? Saw many violations of the "2 spectator" rule last season.

We do not have a spectator rule at this time. We had started the 2020 season limiting the number of spectators, but that limit was removed and has not been put back in place.

Team snacks? Is this safe?

We have not made any decisions on team snacks at this point. If we operate as we did last year, then no team snacks will be allowed.

Schedule Information

March 29 - practice starts for baseball and softball (AA and up)

April 10 - practice starts for tball

*2 practices per week - one on a weekday evening and one time slot on Saturday

** all practices held at MFLC complex unless the coach indicates otherwise.

April 19 - games start for baseball (AA and up - Seniors BB will start in June)

April 21 - games start for softball (All levels)

May 8 or 10 - games start for tball

*Most weeks will have 2 games. Sometimes that will be a weekday and a Saturday. Sometimes it will be 2 weekday games and Saturday off. It would be very rare to have 3 games in one calendar week (it won't happen at all at tball level).

**Holiday breaks

Memorial Day - (May 28-31)

4th of July - (July 2-4)

This is a change from prior years... No rain make ups this year for softball, t-ball or baseball. Each team will have extra games built into their schedule. We looked at the number of games that were canceled due to weather from prior years and adjusted the game numbers to account for those expected cancelations. This will allow a more dependable schedule for families and allow for empty fields for additional practices if desired. It also means NO SUNDAY games.

Softball: Regular season games are complete by June 16th for softball. We will have an interleague tournament for softball - single elimination with seeding based on the regular season. 1st round June 18 & 19, 2nd round June 21/22, 3rd round June 23/24

AA Championships June 25/26 AAA and Major Championships 28/29

Rain make up dates June 30 or July 1.

Baseball: Regular season games are complete by July 16 for baseball and tball. AA and up will participate in a one-week single elimination tournament from July 19-24. The championship and 3rd place consolation games will be scheduled for the 24, with the 25th held for a rain delay.

We communicate game cancelations on facebook and with our Team Manager app, as well as if fields are too wet for practices.