



**WELCOME**

**2021 Parent Information Meeting**

# Agenda

- ▶ **President Introduction** – Kristin Lauer: President
- ▶ **Overview and Objectives of MFL** – Kristin Lauer
- ▶ **Board Structure and Introductions** – Kristin Lauer
- ▶ **Important Dates to Remember** – Tiffany Stark: Secretary
- ▶ **Background Checks** – Kristin Lauer
- ▶ **League Finances** – Kristin Lauer (standing in for Billie Brouwer)
- ▶ **Sponsors** – Tim Wallinger/Katie Gardner
- ▶ **Fundraising** – Brian Rinke
- ▶ **Volunteers** – Karen Omeilian
- ▶ **Merchandise** – Kristina Cornell
- ▶ **Safety** – Kurt Harthun
- ▶ **Uniform & Equipment** – Mike Kujawa & David Aprill
- ▶ **Travel Ball – Falls Aces** – Joe Jagmin & Angie Hutchinson
- ▶ **Q&A** – Executive Board – Kristin Lauer, Larry Hanson, Joe Jagmin, Billie Brouwer, Tiffany Stark



# Overview & Objectives of MFL

- Kristin Lauer

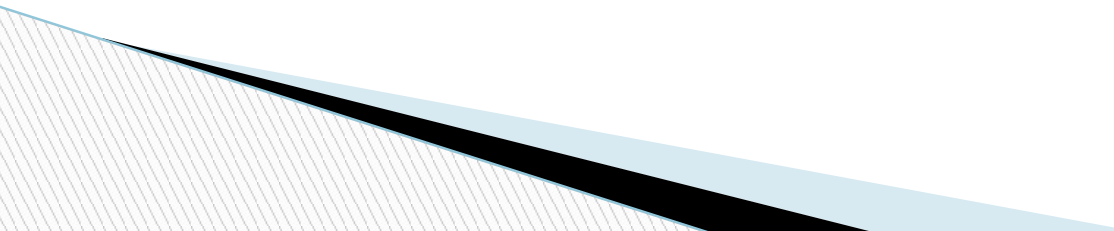
# Menomonee Falls Little League Overview

- ▶ **Founded 1991**
  - 24 Teams played 223 games with 340 boys & girls
  - 2021 is our 30th Season!!
- ▶ **1995 –“The Complex” Agreement with School District of Menomonee Falls**
- ▶ **2019 Season**
  - 70 Teams (Including Challengers) played 700+games with 850 boys & girls
  - One of Largest Little League® Organizations in Wisconsin.
- ▶ **MFLL is run by 30 non–paid volunteers**
  - Referred to as the “Board”
  - Meet twelve months a year

# Menomonee Falls Little League Overview

- ▶ **2021 Season Game Lineup changes**
- ▶ **2021 Season is our 30<sup>th</sup> Season!**
  - Preseason (practice) begins March 29th
    - 1-Weekday and 1-Saturday through April
  - Regular season begins **Mon, April 19<sup>th</sup>**
    - 1-2 Weekday and 1 Saturday (*NO Makeups*)
  - In-House Tournaments start late June for BB & SB AA thru Seniors
  - Season ends with In-House Championship July 24th
  - Little League® *All Stars* starts June 1<sup>st</sup> - with team announcements. *Games will start early July.*
- ▶ How we communicate with families: Website, E-Mail, Texts, Team Manager App, Facebook, Twitter .
- ▶ Website: <http://www.fallslittleleague.org/>

# Menomonee Falls Little League Objectives

- ▶ **HAVE FUN & BE SAFE!**
  - ▶ Learn & develop the skills to play the game
  - ▶ Teach the rewards of teamwork
  - ▶ Respect for authority
  - ▶ Self-discipline
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# Board Introductions

– Kristin Lauer

# Board Introductions

- ▶ Executive Board
  - ▶ Department Heads
  - ▶ Player Agents
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- ▶ Contact information can be found on our website at <http://www.fallslittleleague.org/>





## Important Dates

- Tiffany Stark

# Important Dates

Event	Date	Info
Softball Draft	Mon, 3/15	Parents contacted by 3/20
Baseball Draft	Tues, 3/16	Parents contacted by 3/20
T-Ball Draft	Mon, 3/9	Parents contacted by 3/15
Practice Starts	Mon, 3/29	
Team Parent Meeting	Wed, 4/7	<i>Virtual only</i>
Picture Day	Sat, 4/17	Teams assigned times/Ben Franklin Gym
Games Start	Mon, 4/19	<i>Schedule TBA</i>
Grandparents Day	TBD	The Complex
LL Night at the Ballpark (Brewer Game)	Tues, 6/15	Player Parade & Brewer Game at American Family Field
30th Season Celebration	TBD	Activities & Events at The Complex



# Background Checks

- Kristin Lauer



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## Little League® Child Protection Program



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# Background

- Program has been in place since 1997
- In 2001, Little League background checks were voluntary.
- In 2003, State background checks became mandatory by Little League Regulations.
- In 2007, National background checks became mandatory by Little League Regulations.
- In 2017, Little League International added criminal checks to the National Sex Offender Registry check.



## Little League® Child Protection Program

# Who We Check

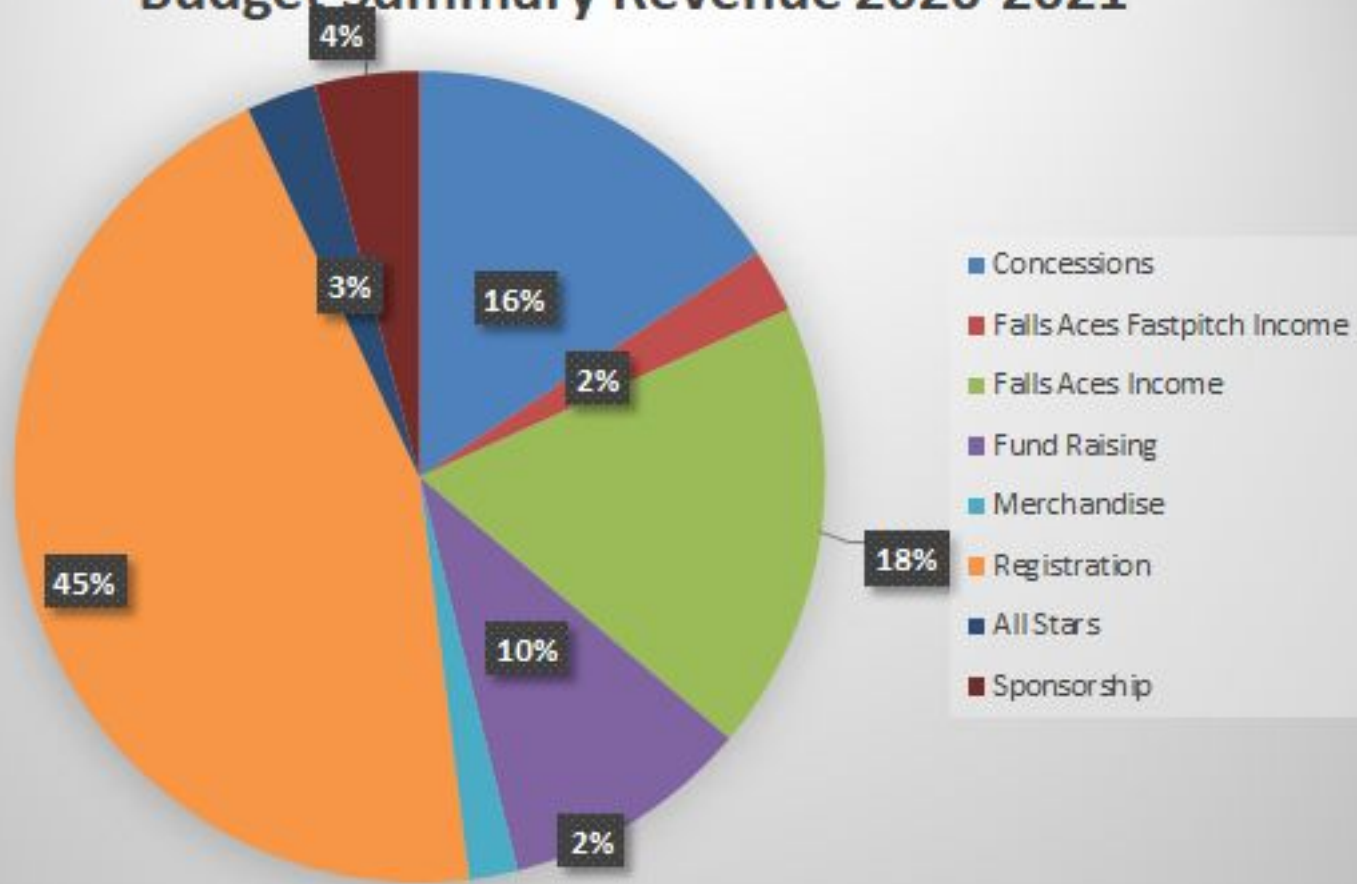
- Coaches, Managers, Board Members, Umpires.
- All Volunteers who have repetitive access to, or contact with players and teams.



# League Finances

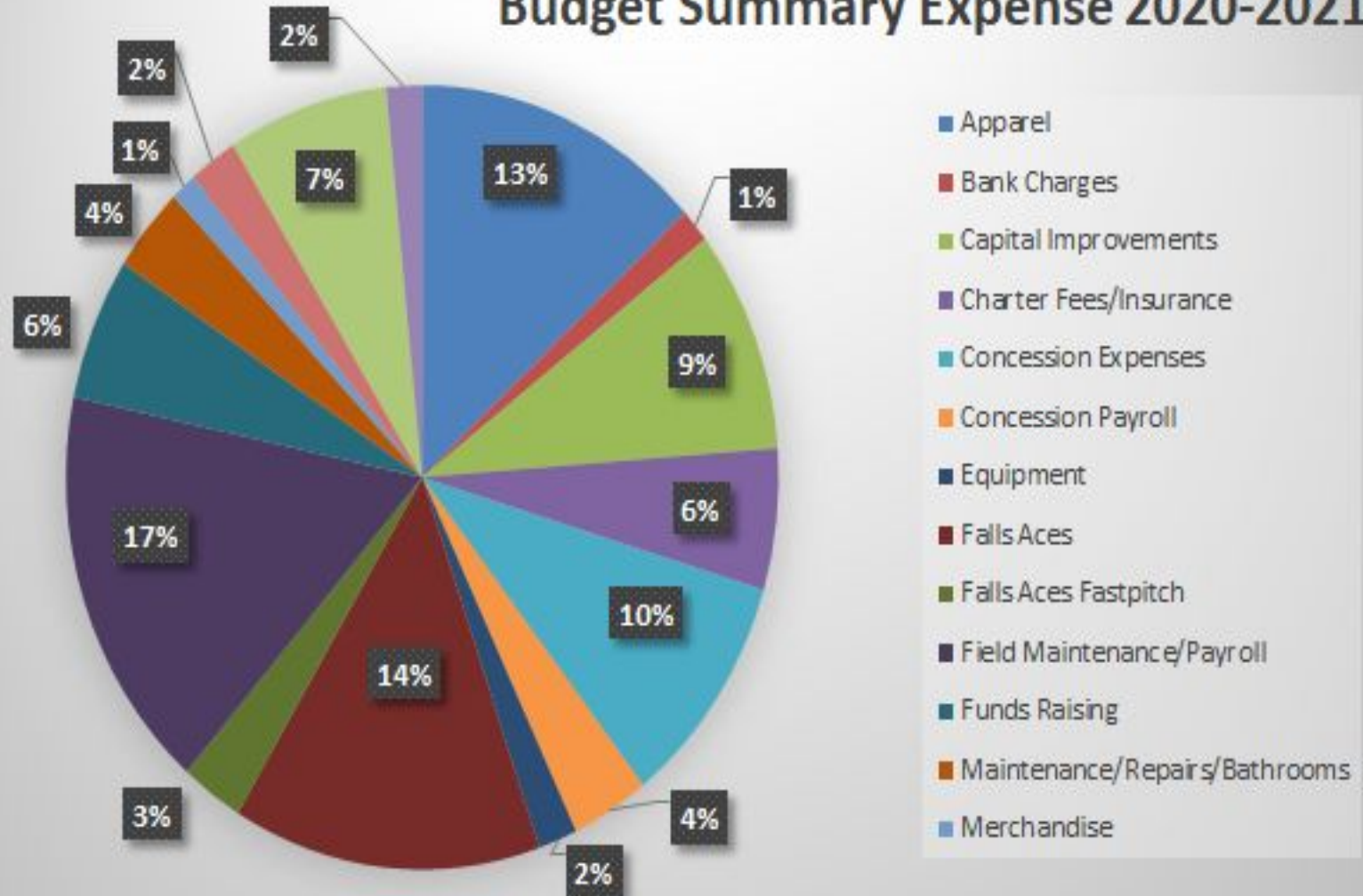
- Billie Brouwer

## Budget Summary Revenue 2020-2021





## Budget Summary Expense 2020-2021





## **Sponsorship**

- Tim Wallinger
- Katie Gardner

# Sponsor Details

- ▶ Sponsors may select a Coach or Player to sponsor, or allow MFLI to choose a team to Sponsor.
- ▶ When choosing sponsors, MFLI looks for organizations and individuals who support and enhance the community through education, service, and value.
- ▶ 2021 Sponsorship Opportunities
  - **Scoreboard** – \$7,500.00
  - **Gold Team (banner & hats)** – \$ 750.00
  - **Silver Team (name on hats)** – \$ 450.00
  - **Grand Slam Banner** – \$ 500.00  
(located on fence facing Mill Rd)
  - **Home Run Banner** – \$ 350.00  
(located on fence inside complex)
- ▶ Also looking for bleacher, dugout and field sponsors

# Team Sponsors

- ▶ What else do **Silver** Team Sponsors get?
  - Sponsor's name on Player Hats
  - Team Plaque
  - Recognition and Link on MFL website
  
- ▶ What else do **Gold** Team Sponsors get?
  - (1) 3 ft. x 5 ft. Multi-Colored Banner with logo displayed at the MFL Complex
  - Plus all Silver Team Sponsor benefits

# Scoreboard Sponsors

- ▶ Future Goal: Add to ALL fields

**PITCH COUNT**  
103  
**GUEST**

**GUEST**  
2  
**INN**  
6  
**HOME**  
4

**BALL**  
● ● ●  
**STRIKE**  
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**OUT**  
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**PITCH COUNT**  
74  
**HOME**

**Malkin's**  
FLOORING  
*Creating Raving Fans Every Day!*  
malkins.com

- ▶ \$7,500 for 5+ years of ad space

# Contact Info

To begin the process of becoming a valued Sponsor of the best-known brand name in youth sports, simply contact:

Katie Gardner (414) 688-8917

Tim Wallinger (414) 218-2563

[sponsor@fallslittleleague.org](mailto:sponsor@fallslittleleague.org)





# Fundraising

- Brian & Stephanie Rinke

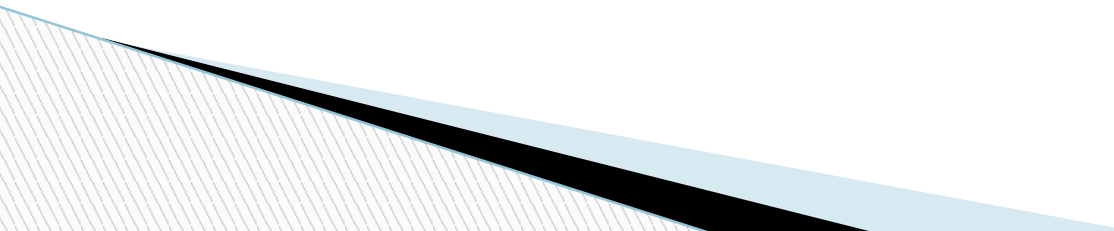
# Fundraisers Planned

- ▶ **June 15th Little League® Night at the Ballpark**
  - Order Forms will be in Player Packets
  - Orders are collected as a team
  - Teams are seated together
  - MFLL as a whole is in large blocks
  - Receive back half of the ticket price to the league
  - Anticipated Pre-order of 800 tickets (Loge Outfield), based on 2019
  - MFLL has been the largest group for years, hoping to repeat!
- ▶ **Back by Popular Demand! Candy Bar Sales!**
  - New Vendor– World’s Finest Chocolates
  - Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate, Crisp, Wafer, Almond, Caramel
  - \$1 Each, 60 candy bars per box– anticipate 6 boxes per team
  - Team Parents to pick up at Uniform Pick-up (coordinate with coaches)
- ▶ **50 / 50 Raffles**
  - To be held at MFLL Events at the Complex



# Fundraising Events Planned

## –Restaurant Nights

- ▶ May
    - Chipotle or Cafe Zupa's
  - ▶ June
    - Pizza Crafters (Tentatively scheduled for June 24th)
  - ▶ July
    - Panera or UNO's
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# Volunteering

- Karen Omelian

# Volunteering

*Volunteers – The  of our Organization!*

## **League-Related Volunteer Requirements**

- ▶ Every family is required to volunteer a minimum of 4 hours of volunteering. ALL volunteer opportunities are published on SignUp.com

## **Team-Related Volunteer Requirements**

- ▶ Every family needs to assist the Team Parent with game day responsibilities. Duties are shared and based upon the division of the player.

# League-Related Volunteer Hours

These duties count toward your minimum number of hours for the League:

- ❖ Board Member
- ❖ Team Manager/Coach
- ❖ Team Parent
- ❖ MFL Merchandise sales
- ❖ Uniform and Equipment prep
- ❖ Spring Set-Up/Park prep
- ❖ Park Clean Up
- ❖ Rainy Day Field Work
- ❖ Fall Take Down/Park Winterizing
- ❖ Special Events (Picture Day, Mid-Season Celebration, etc.)

*See [www.fallslittleleague.org](http://www.fallslittleleague.org) for more info!*

# SignUp.com



- ▶ Sign up via the link on *fallslittleleague.org*:
- ▶ All League volunteer opportunities are published in SignUp.com
- ▶ Volunteers must be 14 yrs or older
  - Exception: 16+ with valid drivers license, to drive the utility cart for Park Clean Up
- ▶ Each person volunteering must be individually signed up (no “2 spots”)
- ▶ Reminder email 3 days ahead of your shift.
- ▶ Please arrive ten minutes early for any training needed.
- ▶ Check in with Board Member on duty for credit of time volunteered
- ▶ Need to cancel? Please give a 24–hour notice, otherwise an extra hour will be added to your requirement.

*Sign Up Early!*

# Recording Volunteer Hours

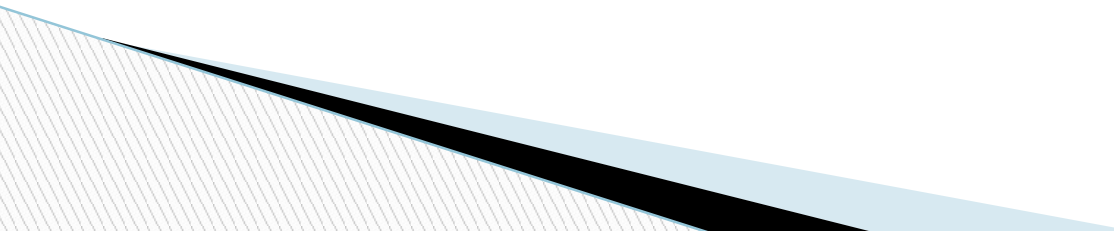
- ❖ Hours will be recorded ONLINE via the SignUp.com app.
- ❖ You must check in with your shift supervisor or Board Member on duty for your time to be counted. We can not approve time after the fact.
- ❖ The time will be credited to the family of the player who is entered when signing up for a volunteer spot.
- ❖ Missing volunteer hours will be pro-rated and charged to your MFLL account. Invoices will be emailed for missing hours in early November 2021.

*Deadline for hours: **October 31, 2021***



# Team-Related Volunteer Needs

These duties benefit the individual teams. Even though they do not “count” toward the League-Related minimum hours, all parents are asked to help out with:

- Bench Parent
  - Snack Parent
  - Pitch Count and / or Score Book
  - Field Raking / Chalking
  - Score Board (Fields 5&6 “Big Fields”)
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# Merchandise

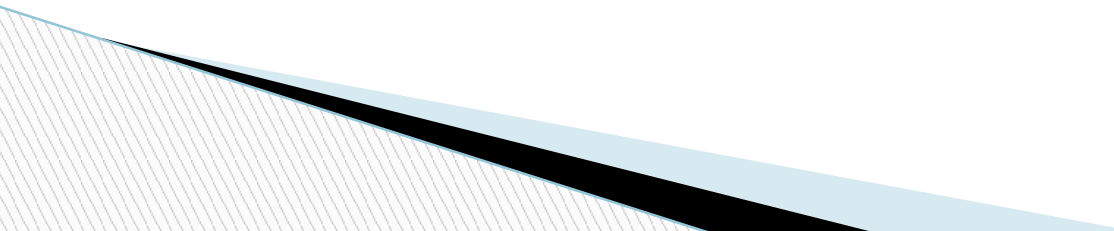
- Kristina Cornell



# Merchandise On Line Sale

- ▶ Kicks off March 12 and goes to March 26
- ▶ Items include merchandise not available at Picture Day or Complex Merchandise sales– such as shorts, sweatpants, and brand name performance sweatshirts and shirts, shorts, sweatpants, Dri fit shirts, etc.
- ▶ Styles and sizes for Youth, Adult, and Ladies
- ▶ Personalization options available
- ▶ Different color options available
- ▶ Go to Burghardt website – locate Spiritwear and MFL or MFL web for link to order
- ▶ Pick up will be at Picture Day at the Merchandise Table

# Merchandise Sales

- ▶ MFLC Merchandise Sales
  - ▶ Picture Day Merchandise Sale– at Ben Franklin Cafeteria
  - ▶ Mid Season Celebration – at the complex
  - ▶ Other complex sales dependent on weather
  - ▶ Items available include– Mom, Dad, Grandparent t-shirts, t-shirts, hoodies, decals, water bottles, ½ zip performance pullovers, baseball hats, beanies, and many others
  - ▶ All profits benefit MFLC
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# Safety

- Kurt Harthun

# Safety

- ▶ **Blood Borne Pathogen Plan**
  - Education
- ▶ **AED Plan**
  - Two (2) in Cabinets at Concession Stands
  - One (1) at shed by Softball Diamonds
  - One (1) in Park Police Cart
  - All Board members are First Aid/AED/CPR certified
- ▶ **Emergency Response Plan**
  - All board members are informed and rehearsed yearly
- ▶ **Concussion Policy**
  - Coaches CDC Heads Up Program
  - Concussion Cards in each first aid kit (ImPACT)
- ▶ **Stretching/Agility Program**
  - Program for all levels
- ▶ **First Aid Kits**
  - Each team has a stocked kit



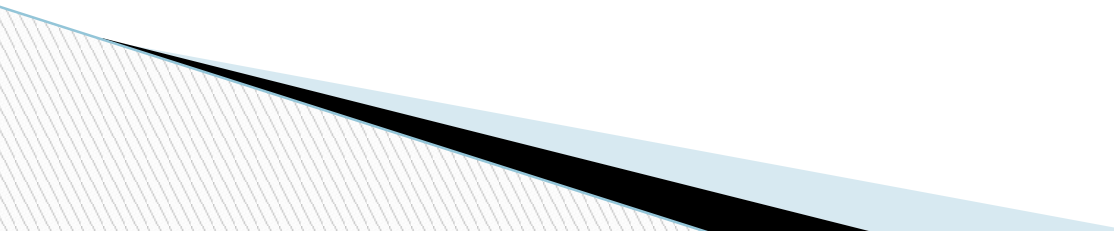
# Uniforms & Equipment

- David Aprill & Mike Kujawa

# Equipment & Uniforms

- ▶ Each child should have their own glove and proper footwear (***no metal cleats in AA-Majors, metal ok on upper fields***)
- ▶ MFLL ***does not*** supply bats (except for T-ball)
- ▶ MFLL ***does*** supply batting helmets and catching gear
- ▶ Your child will be issued the following uniform apparel:
  - \* Team Jersey
  - \* Team Hat
  - \* Pants
  - \* Color Sport Socks
- ▶ Your child will be keeping the hat and the socks (*Exception: T-Ball keeps t-shirt, too*)

# Uniforms cont'd

- ▶ The jersey and the pants must be returned to your coach **WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF YOUR SEASON ENDING.**
  - ▶ If not returned by then, a \$20 late fee will be charged.
  - ▶ If not returned by August 1, 2021 the replacement cost of \$40 for the jersey and \$25 for the pants will be added to the late fee.
  - ▶ In the event you are not able to contact your coach for their return, please contact the MFL Uniform Coordinator to make arrangements for their return.
  - ▶ These dates are to give MFL enough time to inspect and repair or replace any damaged items and to make them ready for the next season.
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# Travel Ball

## Falls Aces Info

- Joe Jagmin, Aaron Lilach
- Angie Hutchinson



# General Info

- ▶ **For those concerned about OUTPUTS more than OUTCOMES**
- ▶ **Baseball Teams from U9–U17 \* Softball U10, U12, U14**
- ▶ **Only MFL players are eligible to play Falls Aces**
- ▶ **No residency restrictions**
- ▶ **Limited travel**
- ▶ **Schedule:**
  - **Fall – tryouts, instructional camps**
  - **Winter – skill development**
  - **Spring & Summer – weekly team practices, tournament play**
- ▶ **Private Lessons, Camps, etc. available**
- ▶ **More info at: [fallsaces.org](http://fallsaces.org)**
- ▶ **Softball info: [fallslittleleague.org](http://fallslittleleague.org) (Travel Ball) &  [FallsAcesFastpitch](https://www.facebook.com/FallsAcesFastpitch)**



# Questions??

- Kristin Lauer, President
- Tiffany Stark, Secretary
- Billie Brouwer, Treasurer
- Larry Hanson ,VP Baseball
- Dan Soley, VP Softball
- Angie Hutchinson, VP Travel Softball
- Joe Jagmin, VP Travel Baseball



*Thank You For Attending!*