

President's Newsletter



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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

"People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring."

-Rogers Hornsby

Looking back on 2018...

Christmas allows many of us to take a pause and reflect on this past year. As I conclude my 10th year at MPLL, I couldn't be more proud to call this community "home" for my family. Every year has brought new friends, new teams to coach and new teammates but one thing always stays the same. We all share a love of baseball, our baseball family and this community.

This past spring, we held another successful Hall of Fame raffle which raised \$35,000 for our league. Fundraising is an important component to our league revenue and we need to have continued support in 2019. To all of the sponsors who supported a team or the league in some financial capacity, we thank you! Without you, we could not have the complex we are blessed to call home.

Our allstar teams all continued our winning traditions by reaching the Texas West state championships in all three baseball age divisions. Our 10-year-old and 11-year-old teams finished as Texas West champions. It is my hope that we can finish every allstar season with all of our teams holding the Texas West banner as champions.

The fall proved to be a tough one with mother nature. Practices and games were difficult to schedule at times with all of the rain. One unsung hero is our own groundskeeper JP Guerra. He spends countless hours at the fields making sure everything is perfect. He has done a fantastic job at the park and for your efforts JP we thank you!

Another group I would like to thank is our umpires who call our park home. I feel we are blessed with some of the best in the business. To all of you who put up with us crazy coaches and parents, I thank you for your time and effort. Without umpires, we couldn't have our games!

Last of all, I thank all of the board members who work hard behind the scenes to keep this league running smoothly. It is impossible for this community to flourish without the support of all of you. Everyone of you are winners in my book! I thank you for your help! Just as important, I want to thank all of the managers, team moms, and coaches who dedicate countless hours in making every player's season a memorable one. We all strive to make every player's experience a good one.

Please continue to spread the word about our Little League family and what we have to offer. We have a premier facility in San Antonio and South Texas and are proud of it.

As I look forward to another year as the league president, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! It is my hope that everyone has a safe and blessed holiday season wherever your travels may take you. I thank everyone for all of your support!

See you at the fields soon! Baseball season is just around the corner!

Tommy Moeller





Registration

Online registration for returning players has begun. ALL returning players as well as players new to our league will be required to upload their birth certificate as well as proof of eligibility to play at McAllister Park Little League. You must reside within our league boundary or attend a school within our league's boundary.

If you are going to volunteer in the spring, we ask that you complete all of the required volunteer information as Little League requires all volunteers to have a background check completed.

The link to the new website for registration is

2019 Spring registration for all players

Current early bird pricing is a \$20 discount off the published online registration price. When you register your player, the \$20 will be discounted at checkout. The \$20 discount will end on Dec 31st. Normal online pricing will be from Jan 1st to Jan 31st. On Feb 1st all published online registration prices will go up \$30.

In person registration will be offered in January

Here are the times and locations:

- Saturday, January 9th, 9am-Noon at Northwoods Academy
- Thursday, January 17th, 6pm-8pm at DBat North San Antonio
- Saturday, January 19th, 9am-Noon at Northwoods Academy
- Thursday, January 24th, 6pm-8pm at Dbat North San Antonio
- Saturday, January 26th, 10am-Noon at McAllister Park LL Main concession stand

We are also planning a FREE spring training players clinic on Saturday January 26th from Noon to 3pm. More info to come on it. Save the date for now!

Majors/Minors

We will again have two divisions in our kid's pitch baseball divisions. The minors division will be for players league age 9-11 years old. The majors division is for players league age 10-12 years old. This division will feature the players who have demonstrated a more advanced skill level through the tryouts. ALL players age 10-12 years old are REQUIRED to attend the majors tryouts in February. Only players returning to a majors team from last year will be exempt from trying out; they will be remain on the same team they played on last Spring.

After the majors draft, all undrafted league age 10 and 11 year olds will be notified and will then be required to attend a minors tryout which of course will also include the registered league age 9 year olds. All remaining players will be drafted to minor league teams.

Managers needed

Its only December, but the league is already planning an even greater spring season than this past year. Part of our league's success is dependent on having great managers and coaching. We have developed an interest form for you to complete some basic information so we can begin to compile a list – see link below. Please share this link with anyone who may be interested in coaching. We will need coaches from Tball all the way up to Juniors. Our Majors division will begin selecting coaches in early January. Majors division interest must be submitted before Dec 31st. The remaining divisions will name their coaches the week before the minors tryouts.

The link for all baseball divisions, including majors: 2019 Spring coaches interest form Please fill it out today!





Tryout dates and times

Tryouts for the spring season are tentatively set for the following dates and times. The coach's pitch/tball division will not have tryouts. All other divisions will have tryouts as follows: Majors division baseball:

- Tues Feb 5th at 6pm on Main complex field 1
- Thurs Feb 7th at 6pm on Main complex field 1
- Sat Feb 9th at 10am on Main complex field 1

Players not selected into the majors division will be required to attend the minors baseball tryout. The majors division season will begin on Monday March 4th.

Machine pitch baseball, minors baseball, machine pitch softball, minors softball and majors softball will host their tryouts on the same date on different fields.

- Sat Feb 16th at 10am
- Tues Feb 19th at 6pm
- Wed Feb 20th at 6pm

Upon completion of tryouts, all players will be drafted to a team. The regular season will begin on Monday March $18^{\rm th}$.

Raffle donations

If you have a company or know of someone who might be interested in donating items for this year's raffle, please have them contact myself or Robert Renner about how they can help.





2019 Age charts

The following table shows the league age for a **baseball** player this coming Spring season.

2019 Little League® Age Chart FOR BASEBALL DIVISION ONLY

Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC	AGE
JAN	FEB	MAK	AFK	MAT	7014	JUL	AUG	SEF	OCI	NOV	DEC	AGE
2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	4
2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	5
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	6
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	7
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	8
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009	9
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	10
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	11
2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2006	2006	2006	2006	12
2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005	2005	2005	2005	13
2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004	2004	2004	2004	14
2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2003	2003	2003	2003	15
2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2002	2002	2002	2002	16

NOTE: This age chart is for BASEBALL DIVISIONS ONLY, and only for 2019.





The following table shows the league age for a **softball** player this coming Spring season.

2019 Little League® Age Chart FOR SOFTBALL DIVISION ONLY

Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC	AGE
2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	4
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	5
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	6
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	7
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	8
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	9
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	10
2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	11
2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	12
2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	13
2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	14
2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	15
2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	16

NOTE: This age chart is for SOFTBALL DIVISONS ONLY, and only for 2019.







Volunteer at YOUR Little League

Little League Baseball and Softball is an organization designed to build good citizens. It is a program of leadership, preparing today's youth to be tomorrow's leaders. At the local level, Little League and McAllister Park Little League rely on a devoted legion of adult volunteers to help ensure that the organization remains structured and runs smoothly. Our program is always looking for responsible and enthusiastic individuals to support and coordinate Little League events and activities. As a volunteer, you have a keen interest in the safety, well-being, and overall development of children in our league.

Should you have any questions or any suggestions that you feel might make our little league a better place, I encourage you to reach out to me at mpllpres@gmail.com.