



Madison Little League

2022 SAFETY MEETING

Safety Meeting



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All microphones are muted. We will take questions at the end of the meeting, or you can ask in the chat anytime

Meeting slides and recording will be posted on the MLL website:
<https://madisonll.teamsnapsites.com/coaches-reqs/>

Any questions can be sent to your Divisional Commissioner or
madisonnjlittleleague@gmail.com

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Coach Certification

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Managers and Assistant Coaches must be certified

- Online Volunteer Form
- Proof of NAYS certification
- Proof of ID
- Background check

On field/in dugout at games, a maximum of the Manager plus:

- 2 Coaches for Majors and Seniors
- 3 Coaches for Tee Ball, Farm, AA, AAA
- One certified adult manager or coach must always be in the dugout or bench area

Need practice ideas?

- Links to content from Little League U and USA Baseball are available on our website:
<https://madisonll.teamsnapsites.com/coaching-tools/>

On-field Safety



Players

- Players must remain in the dugout or bench area when not on the field -- do not let players wander off into the stands to visit with parents and friends.
 - >> *Please set this expectation early with players and parents, especially in the younger divisions*
- Spectators (siblings, parents, friends) are not permitted in dugouts at any time
- One certified adult manager or coach must always be in the dugout or bench area

Catchers

- Players warming up pitchers must wear a catcher's helmet, a catcher's mitt and a protective cup
- Managers/coaches cannot warm up pitchers on or off the field
- Any catcher providing his own equipment must have a helmet with the dangling-type throat protector

On-field Safety



Equipment

- Pickup is scheduled for Wed 3/30 and Thu 3/31, 6:00-7:30 pm at Dodge Field
- Upper divisions get practice and game baseballs -- please note the difference
- Team equipment bags have 2-3 bats, batting helmets and a full set of catcher's gear
- Players are welcome to use their own equipment that complies with LL regulations

Bats -- Seniors Division

- BBCOR-certified bats are required in Seniors
- On-deck bat swinging is permitted in the designated on-deck area only



Bats -- Lower Divisions

- USABat-certified bats are required in all other divisions
- There is no on-deck bat swinging
- The batter is the only one who should ever have a bat in hand -- please enforce this



On-field Safety



First Aid

- The home team is responsible for the first aid kit
- The kit must be at the field, in or near the home team dugout -- do not leave it in the closet
- If the kit needs supplies, inform your Divisional Commissioner or the Safety Officer
- AEDs are located at every field -- the instructions are automated once you open the case

Concussion Awareness

- Anytime a player is hit in the head, remove him/her from play and notify parents
- Monitor the player's condition throughout the remainder of the game
- Do not let the player return to the game if exhibiting any concussion symptoms such as headache, dizziness, blurry vision, nausea or vomiting
- If a player loses consciousness, even for a moment, call 911

Reporting Injuries

- Use the Injury Report Form on the MLL website to report injuries requiring medical attention
<https://madisonll.teamsnapsites.com/forms/>

COVID Safety

<https://madisonll.teamsnapsites.com/covid-safety/>



Madison LL requires all participants and spectators to follow CDC and NJ Dept. of Health guidelines for outdoor activities and organized sports

- All participants in Madison LL activities are required to self-screen daily for COVID-19 symptoms
 - This is similar to the requirement for Madison Public Schools students
- Use of a mask is at individual discretion
- Distancing is encouraged for all participants (athletes, coaches, umpires) and spectators whenever practical

Weather and Lightning



When an adult umpire is present (AAA, Majors, Seniors)

- The umpire has sole authority when to suspend a game due to weather, darkness, or unsafe field conditions, and when/if to resume the game
- Please do not question the umpire's decision -- if you feel an umpire has suspended a game unnecessarily, report that to your Divisional Commissioner

For the younger divisions (Tee Ball, Farm, AA)

- Use the WeatherBug app, select Madison Public Safety complex as your weather station, and enable notifications to receive lightning alerts
- The game or practice must be suspended, and all players and coaches must take shelter, when lightning is within 10 miles
- On-field activity cannot resume until 30 minutes have passed since the last lightning strike within 10 miles
- In case of rain only, the game should be suspended if field conditions become unsafe -- pay particular attention to the stability of the pitcher's landing area and the batter's boxes

Rulebooks

<https://madisonll.teamsnapsites.com/local-rulebooks/>



Rulebooks

- Anyone can download the searchable *Little League Rulebook* app from Apple or Android store
- There is a one-time \$1.99 fee -- after that, the app automatically updates each year at no additional charge
- Please also download the divisional local rulebook from the MLL website

Notable Recent Rules Changes (also noted in the local rulebooks)

- A courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher of record is permitted when two are out
 - The courtesy runner must be the player who recorded the 2nd out (regardless of whether the out was made by a batter or runner)
- Games will be started (or continued) with *eight* players

Pitching Regulations



- Pitching regulations vary by League Age
- Local rulebooks explain maximum pitches allowed per day and required rest periods for each age
- Some divisions have players with different rules because of varying League Ages in the division
- Check the roster in TeamSnap to confirm the player's League Age -- do not ask the player because his actual age and League Age may differ
- The Manager is responsible for understanding and adhering to all pitching regulations
- Use of an ineligible pitcher is grounds for protest
- The home team reports scores and pitch counts after every game

A screenshot of a player's profile in the TeamSnap app. The profile is for a player born on Feb 8, 2012. The "New to Madison LL?" field is set to "No". The "League Age (LA)" field is set to "LA 9 (DOB 9/1/2011-8/31/2012)", which is highlighted with a red box. Below this, there are three sections: "League Age 6 - Player is not League Age 6 Choose Division", "L AA: player is League Age 9 and wants to e play down in AA a", and "League Age 10 - Majors Draft Pool Player is not League Age 10". At the bottom, there is a navigation bar with icons for Overview, Schedule, Roster, Messages, and More.

Schedules



Practices

- Managers coordinate with Divisional Commissioners on field availability
- Managers enter their own practices in TeamSnap

Games

- Games for most divisions begin on Mon April 4
- Schedules have been entered into TeamSnap for all divisions
 - Tee Ball plays 10 games on Saturday mornings at Dodge Field starting April 2
 - Farm plays 12 games (approx. 2x / week)
 - All other divisions play 15-18 games (2-3x / week)
- Playoffs typically begin after Memorial Day; the season ends by June 13
- Rainouts are rescheduled automatically by the Divisional Commissioner
- Umpires for AAA and above are scheduled and paid for by MLL
- Umpires for AA are volunteer MLL players assigned by MLL

Sportsmanship



Always treat umpires and each other with respect and restraint

- Do not argue calls or pitches
- If there is a legitimate misunderstanding about the rules, discuss it calmly and quietly in a private conference -- do not carry on a discussion from the dugout or base coach's box
- Remember, the umpire has the final say on the field
- Note that in AA, the umpires are volunteer MLL players

Spectators

- Managers are responsible for policing the behavior of fans -- this includes parents of players
- If a parent argues with the umpire, or is otherwise disruptive to the game, remind them of their agreement with the [Sport Parent Code of Conduct](#) (which they signed at registration)
- The umpire is empowered to ask any spectator to leave the game site and can suspend play until they comply

“One man practicing good sportsmanship is far better than one hundred men teaching it.” – Knute Rockne

Q & A

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Q: How do we report scores and pitch counts?

A: Use the messages function in TeamSnap app to message all Managers in your division.

Q: Do I need to complete coach certification forms and background check again if I was coach last year?

A: Yes. MLL needs to conduct checks each year, and we cannot use background checks done by other sports.

Q: How do you handle rest days for those players that pitch on other baseball teams?

A: Managers should be asking about players' other pitching outings and considering that when scheduling pitchers.

Thank you!



Thank you for volunteering your time and talent to Madison Little League
Baseball in Madison does not happen without you!