



Madison Little League 2025 Season Information Night

December 4, 2024



Welcome



Your Host:

Paul DelaCruz, MLL Vice President

Tonight's Agenda:

- About Madison Little League
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Playing in Madison Little League



A little light housekeeping...



- Attendees are muted by default
- Slides should be about 30-40 minutes
- All questions will be answered at the end
 - Use the Chat button to write a question anytime, or...
 - “Raise Hand” and we will call on you at the end of the slides
- This slide deck and the recording will be posted to our homepage after the meeting (by tomorrow afternoon)



About Madison Little League





Madison LL History

- Little League baseball began in Williamsport, PA in 1939
- Madison LL was chartered in 1952 - this is our 74th season
- We provide baseball for players of all abilities and all financial means
 - Experience, skill level and ability to pay are not considerations
- Every year 500+ players aged 5-15 play on 40-50 teams in 6 divisions
- Madison LL has won 22 Tournament titles including:
 - Seniors State Championship 1979
 - 11-year-old State Championship (and 3rd place in Regionals) in 2019
 - Our most recent tourney win was the 8-year-old district title in 2023

Madison LL Board

<https://madisonll.teamsnapsites.com/board/>



- We are a volunteer organization
- We have 16 board positions
 - 5 Administrative
 - 5 Operational
 - 6 Divisional Commissioners
- There are currently 14 volunteer board members



Volunteer Opportunities



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We need numerous additional volunteers to run a successful season

- Managers aka Head Coaches (40-50)
- Assistant Coaches (100+)
- Concession Operations at Rosedale Field
- Fields/Facilities Operations
- AA Division Umpire Coordinators

Express your volunteer interest during Registration
or visit the [Contact Us page](#) on our website





Managers and Coaches

<https://madisonll.teamsnapsites.com/volunteers/mgrs-coaches/coaching-reqmts/>

- Managers (aka Head Coach)
 - “Owner” of the team
 - Coordinates practices and game play
 - Ensures player availability
 - Team point-of-contact for Divisional Commissioner
- Assistant Coaches
 - 2-3 Assistant Coaches per team depending on division
 - Help run practices and games
 - Stand in for Manager at games if Manager is not available

You will have the opportunity to volunteer for these roles during Registration



Concessions



- Coordinator: Jennifer Walsh
- Need several volunteers
- Primarily AAA and Majors parents
- Responsible for Rosedale Field snack bar
- Operations on weeknights and Saturdays
- Concessions are a significant revenue source for MLL

Look for more information from Jen as the season gets underway





Fields/Facilities

- Coordinator: John Ward
- Need several volunteers
- Pre- and post-season: general cleanup, light landscaping, grounds beautification
- In season field prep: surface repair and grooming (divots, raking, etc.)
 - NOT responsible for field prep for weeknight games
 - May be responsible for field prep for weekend games

Reach out to John on the [Contact Us page](#) on our website



AA Division Umpires



- Need 1 or 2 Coordinators
- Responsible for organizing players aged 12+ to umpire AA Division games (approx. 50 games)
- MLL provides scheduling tools
- MLL provides training to the volunteer umpires

Reach out to AA Commissioner Mike Del Vecchio
on the [Contact Us page](#) on our website



Playing in Madison LL



Playing in Madison LL



- Spring Season
 - Commitment to Play
 - Divisions of Play
 - Registration
 - Assessments
 - Team Formation
 - Winter Workouts
- Travel, Summer & Fall Options
- Season Overview



Commitment to Play



- Madison LL takes pride in our baseball history and tradition
- Although we are a recreational league, we are not a casual league
 - Practices begin in March, and the season runs from early April to mid-June
 - AA-Juniors (ages 8-15) have games 2-3 times per week, plus playoffs
 - All teams at all age levels play every Saturday during the spring season
- Registering for Madison LL creates a two-way commitment between the player/family and the League
 - MLL will roster every player who signs up and provide a robust 12-16 game season
 - In return, we expect players to attend all practices and games

Our expectation of full participation is no different than any other organized youth sports club or league



Commitment to Play



- Lack of participation = lack of games = no fun!
 - With rosters of 12 players, it only takes a few unavailable players for a team to be unable to play
 - A team short just 4 players can end up disappointing 20 other kids – the rest of the players on the team, plus all the players on the opposing team
 - Good News: More than 70% of MLL players are committed to MLL in the spring, but...
 - *The 25-30% of players who prioritize other spring activities over MLL can derail an entire division*
 - Not to mention the strain on players and families trying to manage overlapping and conflicting schedules



Commitment to Play



We love multi-sport athletes, but experience has shown that certain springtime activities overlap with Little League baseball so much that it is impractical to try to do both, especially...

Club Baseball

Club/Travel Soccer

Lacrosse

Players who intend to prioritize other spring activities that overlap with the Madison LL season should strongly consider whether playing Madison LL is the right choice.



Spring Divisions of Play

<https://madisonll.teamsnapsites.com/divisions/>



Division	League Age	Pitch Type	Style	Frequency
Tee Ball	5-6	Tee	Instructional	Sat Mornings
Farm	6-7	Coach	Instructional	2x per week
AA	8-9	Coach / Player	Blended	2-3x per week
AAA	9-11	Player	Blended	2-3x per week
Majors	10-12	Player	Competitive	3x per week
Juniors	13-15	Player	Competitive	3x per week

- 6-year-olds with one year of Tee Ball (or other baseball) can play Farm
- All 9-year-olds are automatically in the AAA draft - if not drafted, they play in AA
- 10-year-olds can declare for the Majors draft - if not drafted, they play in AAA
- All 11-year-olds are automatically in the Majors draft - if not drafted, they play in AAA
- 15-year-olds are eligible only if they are in 8th grade or below



MLL Registration: Process

<https://madisonll.teamsnapsites.com/registration/spring/>

Registration is done online through a new platform: SportsConnect

There are 7 basic steps:

1. Create a SportsConnect account (or login to an existing one)
2. Complete parent/guardian information
3. Complete player information
4. Select Programs for your player
5. Sign up for Assessments if needed
6. Volunteer as a Manager or Coach if desired
7. Checkout

There are instructions posted on the [Spring Registration page](#)



Please check your spam or junk folders for messages sent from our new system.

You may also want to add these addresses/domains to your contacts or safe sender list:

clubnews@bluesombrero.com

postmaster@bluesombrero.com

no-reply@stacksports.com



MLL Registration: Dates and Fees

<https://madisonll.teamsnapsites.com/registration/spring/>

- Tee Ball-Farm
 - Regular registration: Dec 9 to Mar 16
- AA-AAA-Majors-Juniors
 - Regular registration: Dec 9 to Jan 12
 - Late registration: Jan 13 to Jan 23 (placement on a team is not guaranteed)
 - An additional fee of \$50 applies in addition to the regular registration fee
- Registration Fees
 - Tee Ball, Farm: \$120
 - AA, AAA, Majors: \$150
 - Juniors: \$175
 - Family maximum: \$375
 - Late fee: \$50

Assessments

<https://madisonll.teamsnapsites.com/assessments/>



- If required to attend Assessments, players must sign up for a time slot
 - We cannot determine whether your player is required to attend Assessments (as we were able to do in the past with special questions)
 - All LA 8-year-olds and older will see Assessments as an available Program, but this alone does NOT necessarily mean you must attend
- These players must attend (see the [Assessments Page](#) for details)
 - League Age 11 or 12 who have not previously played Majors
 - League Age 10 who declare for the Majors draft
 - League Age 8 or older who did not play MLL last spring
- Only need to attend one of the scheduled dates at Madison HS
 - Sun Jan 26 - or - Sat Feb 1 / both dates 4:30-6:30 pm



Team Formation

<https://madisonll.teamsnapsites.com/team-formation/>

- Tee Ball and Farm (League Ages 5-7)
 - Players are assigned to teams
 - Consideration given to school and friend requests made at registration (but no guarantees)
 - Roster sizes are typically 10-13 players
- AA, AAA, Majors, Juniors (League Ages 8-15)
 - Players are selected to teams based on a draft
 - Helps to promote an equitable distribution of talent across all teams
 - Roster sizes are typically 12-14 players
 - Team rosters in AA and above are final after drafts are complete



Madison Travel Baseball

<https://madisonll.teamsnapsites.com/mtb/>

- Madison Travel Baseball is a separate organization for higher-skilled players looking for additional play at a higher level of competition
- MTB offers travel league options in the Spring and Summer (and sometimes Fall based on interest)
- MTB does not conflict with the Madison LL baseball season
- Teams play in the USABL; games are in Madison and area towns
- Available for players aged 8-14 (actual teams will depend on interest)
 - Note that 11-12 year-olds play on the Intermediate (50/70) field



Winter Workouts

<https://madisonll.teamsnapsites.com/registration/winter-workouts/>

- Optional winter training clinics organized by Madison Travel Baseball and open to Madison Little League
- Available for players aged 8-14
- Typically meet once per week in evenings
- Early Jan to early-Mid Mar (8-10 weeks)
- Centercourt in Morristown with professional coaching staff
- Registration is open now - see our website
- Additional fees apply



Summer and Fall Options



Summer

- Madison LL selects All-Star teams for the Little League All-Star tournament (aka Williamsport Tourney)
- Madison Travel Baseball organizes summer travel teams
- Madison High School runs a summer program for incoming players

Fall

- Madison LL does not have a fall season
- Madison Travel Baseball organizes fall travel teams if there is interest





Important Dates

<https://madisonll.teamsnapsites.com>

- Dec 9-Jan 12: registration
- Jan 13-Jan 23: late reg (AA-Jrs)
- Jan 26 and Feb 1: assessments
- Jan-Mar: Winter Workouts
- Feb 15: Mgrs certifications due
- End Feb: AA-Jrs drafts complete
- Mar 6: League Safety Mtg
- Mar 16: Tee Ball/Farm reg closes
- Mid-Mar: Tee and Farm teams
- Mid-Mar: practices begin
- Mar 31: games begin
- Apr 5-6: Opening Weekend
- Apr 14-18: MPS spring break
- Mid-May: summer All-Star tryouts
- May 23-26: Memorial Day Holiday
- May 28: playoffs start (approx.)
- Jun 12: season ends (approx.)
- Jun 13: last day of school



Questions

