

Madison Little League Information Night

2026 Season

November 19, 2025

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 will be posted to our homepage after the meeting (by tomorrow afternoon)

About Madison Little League

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Madison LL History



- Little League baseball began in Williamsport, PA in 1939
- Madison LL was chartered in 1952
- 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 24 Tournament titles including:
 - Seniors State Championship 1979
 - 11-year-old State Championship (and 3rd place in Regionals) in 2019
 - Our most recent wins were the 8 and 10-year-old District titles in 2025

Madison LL Board

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



- We are a volunteer organization
- We have 15 board positions
 - 5 Administrative
 - 5 Operational
 - 5 Divisional Commissioners
- There are currently 13 volunteer board members
- There is currently one open position (Secretary)

Volunteer Opportunities

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Volunteer Opportunities



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

Express your volunteer interest during Registration or visit the <u>Contact Us page</u> on our website

Managers and Coaches

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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

Playing in Madison LL

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Playing in Madison LL



- Spring Season Our Primary Season
 - Commitment to Play
 - Divisions of Play
 - Registration
 - Assessments
 - Team Formation
- Travel, Summer & Fall Options
- Overview of Important Dates

Commitment to Play



- Madison LL takes pride in our baseball history and tradition
- Although we are a <u>recreational</u> league, we are not a <u>casual</u> 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

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Commitment to Play



- Lack of participation = lack of games = no fun!
 - Good News: about 75% of MLL players are committed to MLL in the spring, but...
 - The 25% or so of players who prioritize other spring activities over MLL can derail an entire division
 - 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
 - And then there's 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 Little League season should strongly consider whether playing Madison LL is the right choice.

^{*} not Madison Travel Baseball

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	Leans Instructional	2-3x per week
AAA	9-10-11	Player	Leans Competitive	2-3x per week
Majors	10-11-12	Player	Competitive	3x per week
Juniors	13-14-15	Player	Competitive	3x per week

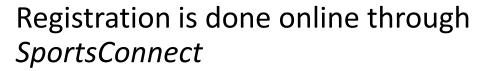
- 6-year-olds with one year of Tee Ball (or other baseball) can play Farm
- All 9-year-olds are automatically in the AAA draft if not drafted, they play in AA
- 10-year-olds can declare for the Majors draft if not drafted, they play in AAA
- All 11-year-olds are automatically in the Majors draft if not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

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15-year-olds are eligible only if they are in 8th grade or below

MLL Registration: Process

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



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

Instructions are posted on the Spring Registration page



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

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

clubnews@bluesombrero.com
postmaster@bluesombrero.com
no-reply@stacksports.com
madisonnjlittleleague@gmail.com

MLL Registration: Dates and Fees



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

Registration opens Dec 1 for all Divisions

Tee Ball-Farm

Registration closes Mar 1

AA-AAA-Majors-Juniors

- Regular registration closes Jan 4
- Late registration: Jan 5 to Jan 18
 - Additional fee of \$50 applies
- Waitlist opens Jan 19
 - Additional fee of \$50 applies
 - Placement on a team is not guaranteed

Registration Fees

• Tee Ball, Farm: \$150

AA, AAA, Majors: \$175

• Juniors: \$200

Family maximum: \$425

Assessments

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



- If required to attend Assessments, players must sign up for a time slot
 - All League Age 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 <u>Assessments Page</u> 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
 - Sun Jan 25 or Sat Feb 7 --- 4:30-6:30 pm
 - Assessments are held at Madison HS

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
 - The goal of the draft is to evenly distribute talent across all teams in a division
 - 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 <u>not</u> conflict with the Madison LL baseball season
- Teams play in the USABL; games are in Madison and area towns
- Available for players aged 7-14 (actual teams will depend on interest)
 - Note that 11-12 year-olds play on the Intermediate (50/70) field

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

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- Jan 5-Jan 18: late reg (AA-Jrs)
- Jan 25 and Feb 7: Assessments
- Feb 8: Mgrs credentialing due
- End Feb: AA-Jrs drafts complete
- Mar 1: Tee Ball/Farm reg closes
- Mar 5: League Safety Meeting
- Mid-Mar: Tee and Farm teams
- Mid-Mar: practices begin



- Mar 30-Apr 3: MPS spring break
- Apr 6: games begin
- Apr 11: Opening Day
- Apr 12: Challenger Games
- Mid-May: All-Star team selection
- May 23-25: Memorial Day Holiday
- May 26: playoffs start (approx.)
- Jun 13: season ends (approx.)
- Jun 18: MPS last day of school



Questions

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