



Mill Creek Little League

2024 Fall Ball - Team Parent Tips & Checklist

Thank you for volunteering as a Team Parent! Your role is to help to make the Little League experience **organized** and **fun** – for parents, coaches, and players. Please use this checklist as a guide to help you throughout the season. Contact the [Director of Team Parents](#) if you have any questions or suggestions.

- Game Changer App**
 - Download the [Game Changer App](#), which is used to manage game schedules, track stats, keep score (Farm division and higher), communicate within the team, etc.
 - If you will be helping to create events or keep score in Game Changer, ask your coach to give you “staff member” access. Note, there are only 4 “staff member” spots available per team.

- Send introductory email to parents**
 - Send an introductory email to families through Game Changer.

- Parent welcome meeting**
 - Coaches should host a parent meeting during the first week of practice.
 - Ask your coach if they need any help with preparing and add as event in Game Changer.
 - Topics include scheduling, sportsmanship, volunteering, communication, and game RSVPs.

- Coordinate volunteers for games**
 - At a minimum, each team will need a volunteer to keep score in Game Changer and to umpire.
 - Score keepers should review our [Scorekeeping Tip-Sheet for Beginners](#).
 - Coaches also appreciate help with field set up and with putting equipment away at the end of games/practices. We also recommend that another volunteer plays music.

- Make things fun / team building**
 - Play warm-up and/or walk-up music
 - Ballpark DJ App lets you pre-record announcements and short clips of music.
 - If playing music, it should be played at times when there is no play going on to not cause any disruption or loss of concentration (i.e., before game, as batter walks up to home plate, and in between innings.)
 - Coordinate various post-game gatherings (go for ice cream or order pizza delivery).
 - Make time at the end of the scheduled game time to do a base relay race.
 - Do a rotating game day recognition award (i.e., chain, golden bat, etc.).

- Snack schedule**
 - Create a snack schedule for games (i.e., [Signup Genius](#)) and send to families to sign up.

- Safety**
 - If there is a safety concern, the concerned party should say something to the coach, who can help address the issue.
 - Parents are encouraged to review the [MCLL Safety Awareness Plan](#) to learn about emergency preparedness, what to do if there is an injury, inclement weather, etc.

- **Sportsmanship**
 - All participants are reminded to demonstrate sportsmanship on and off the field.
 - All players (and parents) must treat their teammates, opponents, umpires, coaches, and other parents with respect. Bullying, hazing, or harassment will not be tolerated.
 - Spectators should cheer positively and support all players, regardless of team affiliation.

- **Fan Gear**
 - Let parents know they can purchase fan gear through [Vindico](#).

- **Keep families informed throughout season**
 - Send pre-game reminders (who is going to umpire, keep score and bring snacks).
 - Share information you receive from the coach or league with families (and vice versa).
 - Encourage parents to tag MCLL in social media posts.

- **Organize end of season party / recognition**
 - Take the lead on organizing celebrations and recognition.
 - Review our guidance in the [End of Season Parties / Recognition Tip Sheet](#).