

Miamisburg Baseball & Softball 2025 League Handbook



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Welcome to the Miamisburg Parks and Recreation MBSL!

Welcome to another exciting Miamisburg Parks and Recreation MBSL season! We are thrilled to have your family as part of our MBSL community and look forward to a rewarding and enjoyable experience for both you and your athlete. Our goal is not only to help our players develop their skills on the field but also to foster teamwork, sportsmanship, and personal growth that will serve them well beyond the game.

This handbook is designed to provide you with essential information about the upcoming season. Here, you'll find season expectations, Miamisburg Parks and Recreation MBSL policies, and key contacts. We encourage you to review it carefully and reach out if you have any questions or need clarification on anything.

Our Commitments: We are dedicated to creating a safe, positive, and supportive environment for every player. Our coaches work hard to bring out the best in each athlete, helping them to build skills, set goals, and enjoy their time on the field. We are also committed to open communication with you. Keeping everyone informed is essential for a smooth season, so please don't hesitate to connect with us if needed.

Your Role: CHEER! For anybody and everybody who makes a good play or that could use some encouragement. Parental support is crucial to a successful season. By encouraging your child, demonstrating good sportsmanship, and cheering from the sidelines, you help create an encouraging environment for all players. We ask for your help in following team policies and being aware of schedules and expectations. Together, we can make this a fantastic season for our young athletes.

Thank you for being part of our MBSL program. Let's make this season memorable, fun, and full of growth for every player. We look forward to cheering on our team with you all season long!

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The City of Miamisburg Parks and Recreation

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to provide parks and recreation experiences that positively impact the community.

Vision Statement

We will listen to and respond to the needs and desires of those we serve.

We aim to plant, grow and mature a high quality of life for our community.

We wish to be the source of places, memories, experiences, skills and opportunities.

Values

- **Service** – we are focused on providing high-quality, dependable and responsive services to the community.
- **Excellence** – we do common things, uncommonly well.
- **Inclusive Community** – we are a professional team, dedicated to providing opportunities for everyone.
- **Accountability** – we hold ourselves and each other accountable through clear expectations.
- **Meaningful Work** – we are public servants; the work we do matters to those we serve.
- **Simplicity** – we aim to make everything as simple as possible, but no simpler.
- **Family** – we are a family, and we encourage work/life prioritization and fun.
- **Support** – we communicate, support and trust each other; up, down and sideways.
- **Solution Oriented** – we are empowered to develop solutions and are required to learn from our mistakes.

NAYS Partnership

The Miamisburg Parks and Recreation MBSL program is a member organization of the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS). NAYS is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that helps to spread the message of safe and positive sports experiences for youth across the country through education and resources. NAYS educates, equips and empowers youth sports leaders, volunteers and parents so all children can enjoy the lifelong benefits of sports. NAYS partners with more than 3,000 community-based organizations and has trained more than four million adults since 1981.

As a member organization, the MBSL program will have access to resources and tools to improve our youth sports programs. Resources and tools include training for coaches, parents, league directors and officials; coach evaluations through NAYS' unique Coach Rating System; and volunteer accountability by adherence to the NAYS Code of Ethics.

Key Dates

Below is a list of key dates for the 2025 MBSL season. More information about these dates and events can be found on the MBSL webpage.

Coach Registration Opens	January 6, 2025
Player Registration Opens	January 13, 2025
Late Player Registration Starts	February 28, 2025
Customer Service Day	March 6, 2025
Player Registration Deadline	March 10, 2025
Coach Meeting	March 22, 2025
Player Draft	March 22, 2025
Dicks Sporting Goods Shopping Weekend	March 28-31, 2025
Teams Practice Start	Week of March 31st
Rice Field Clean Up Day	April 5, 2025
Pre-Season Parent Meeting	April 10, 2025
MBSL Baseball and Softball Player Clinic	TBD
Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser Night	TBD
MBSL Opening Day	April 26, 2025
All Star Tryouts	May 19-23, 2025
Pitch, Hit and Run Event	May 31, 2025
Sponsor Appreciation Day	May 31, 2025
Open Week (For Makeup Games)	June 9-14, 2025
Tournament Week	June 16-21, 2025
Fall Ball Online Registration Opens	July 1, 2025

General Information

Communication

Player/Coach/Parent communication is extremely important. TeamSnap is our main form of communication. All practice and game schedules can be found in your TeamSnap account. There are also group and individual chat features in TeamSnap for you to communicate with your coach.

Additionally, Miamisburg Parks and Recreation staff will send general information reminders and updates via email to parents and coaches throughout the season. The Athletic Manager is always available to answer questions and address any concerns.

Season Overview

Forming Teams

- Teams at the T-ball levels will be formed by Miamisburg Parks and Recreation Athletics staff to make teams as fair and equal as possible.
- Teams at the 8U age levels and older will be formed via a player draft that will take place during the preseason coach meeting typically held mid-March.
- When forming teams, we strive to find the right balance of having just enough players on each team, so everyone gets a good amount of playing time while also having some roster flexibility if some team members are unable to attend some games.

- Around mid-March, team rosters will be inputted into TeamSnap software. You should expect to hear from your team's coach right after teams are formed.

Practices will start in late March

- T-ball practices will be spread throughout the week due to the high number of teams, but it is our intention to keep your team practicing on the same evening throughout the season.
- Parks and Recreation Athletics staff intend to have 2 scheduled practices per week in the preseason – 1 weekday and 1 weekend (Saturday).
- Once gameplay starts, Athletics staff intend to have 1 practice per team until the approximate midway point of the season.
- Once the midway point of the season has arrived, Athletics staff intend to replace weekday practices with games while still hosting games on the weekend.

Opening Day for Gameplay is mid to late April

- Miamisburg Parks and Recreation Athletics staff intend to schedule games on Saturdays until the midway point of the season when games will replace scheduled practices.
 - Note that gamedays can fluctuate in some age groups because our league plays with other communities.
- Game schedules will be uploaded into your TeamSnap page during the first week of April.

End of Season

- For T-ball, all team participants will receive a participation medal at the conclusion of their last scheduled game.
- For all other teams (8U and older):
 - Players will get a superlative game ball from their coach at the last game of the season.
 - Teams will participate in a single elimination tournament to crown a league champion.
 - This tournament is scheduled for the week after the regular season ends. Exact dates will be communicated closer to the end of the season.
 - Awards will be given out to the individual team members who finish in 1st and 2nd place in the tournament.
 - There will be no team trophy awarded.
- There will be two opportunities for end of season feedback through a coach survey and a program survey. Details on how and where to fill these out will be sent via email from Athletic Operations Staff at the end of the season.
 - All survey feedback is confidential and helps us to continuously improve the MBSL program.

Weather

We utilize the Rainout Line which is available on the PlayMiamisburg website, the PlayMiamisburg App, Rainout Line App, or calling the Rainout Line – 937-400-2004

- **Monday – Friday** - Staff will update rainout line each afternoon based on game schedules and field conditions. **Initial decisions on field conditions will be made by 3:30 PM.** If field conditions are initially deemed questionable, **final decisions on field statuses will be made by 5:00 PM.** In the event of questionable weather conditions during gameplay, Parks and Recreation Athletics staff will make additional updates throughout the evening.
- **Weekends** - Staff will update rainout line by **8:30 a.m.** on weekend mornings. In the event of questionable weather conditions during the day, Athletics staff will make additional updates throughout the morning/day.

Makeup Games

It is the priority of the Parks and Recreation Athletics Staff to play all games as scheduled whenever possible. We do not cancel games on the threat of bad weather. If the weather is questionable, staff are at the fields making calls as needed and updating rainout line.

- The Athletics staff will handle the rescheduling of all cancelled games.
- Games that are forfeited will not be made up.
- We have built an empty week into the schedule for the purpose of makeup games.
 - If games do not need to be made up that week, we will add more games into the schedule.

Note that this empty week may not exist for age groups that are playing with other communities.

All Star Teams

All-Star teams are a chance for players to challenge their skills in a more competitive environment and play more games at the end of the season. Trying out for the All-Star team is optional. Note that All-Star teams typically play tournaments on the weekends throughout the month of July. Scheduling tournaments is at the discretion of the coach and team.

The Parks and Recreation Athletics Staff will put together one recreation all-star team from each age group 8U and up. Uniform tops for the recreation all-star team will be provided by Miamisburg Parks and Recreation.

Coaches will hold a tryout around mid-May. This tryout is to be open to any individual that was registered for that age group in the league. The tryout will be put into the TeamSnap schedule of all teams in that age group.

Individuals that played up in an age division for the regular season may NOT play down for the all-star team.

- For Example, if your birthday assigned age group is in the 8U age group, and you decided to play in the 10U age group for the regular season, that player is only eligible to play 10U all stars.

All recreation all-star teams will be entered at no cost into the Recreation All Star Tournament hosted at Rice Field. This tournament is usually held in early July.

All-Star teams may participate in other local all-star tournaments throughout the month of July at the expense of the all-star team – whether through sponsors or coach/parent funding.

Picture Day

Picture days will be scheduled at the beginning of the season after the uniforms have been distributed. Teams will have a scheduled picture time around the time of their usual practice time. These will occur late April or early May. The Parks and Recreation MBSL photographer is Twig and Lens Photography.

- All team photo sessions will be conducted at Twig and Lens Photography Studio in downtown Miamisburg.
- All the photos will be taken in a controlled environment with baseball backdrops.
- We are scheduling all the photography sessions indoors to avoid any weather issues or delays with our league pictures.
- Parents will be able to purchase individual or team pictures directly from Twig and Lens Photography.

Partner Organizations

Some of our MBSL age groups do not garner enough participation to form their own league so we work with other local groups in a similar situation to form a league. Some children may have to travel to other local communities for games. This aspect can slightly alter the overall league timeline that we have laid out. Partner Organizations are listed below:

- GDAA – Greater Dayton Athletic Association
 - This is a parent-run softball only organization based out of West Carrollton. MBSL partners with this group for gameplay in softball age groups 8U – 14U.
- SCBA – Springboro Clearcreek Baseball Association
 - Based out of Springboro’s Clearcreek Park, this parent-run organization is a valuable partner to MBSL for baseball and softball age groups. MBSL partners with SCBA in all needed age groups.
- Waynesville Baseball Softball Association

Miamisburg Parks and Recreation MBSL Sponsors

Miamisburg Parks and Recreation Athletics staff endeavors to procure one jersey sponsor per team from local businesses. Coaches or parents are more than welcome to seek out a sponsor for their own team. If your business is interested in being a team sponsor, please reach out to the Athletic Operations office or visit the MBSL page on the Miamisburg Parks and Recreation website for the sponsor application.

How to Become a Volunteer Coach

Head and Assistant coaches may register any time prior to the start of the season. Registration for head and assistant coaches is the same. Registration is monitored based on the number of coaches to find the right balance of a full team where all players can have an enjoyable experience with enough quality playing time. Approved head coaches will receive 1 free player registration for the season. All approved volunteer coaches will receive an MBSL hat and coach jersey to easily identify them.

Step 1: Coach Application

The first step to becoming a Volunteer Coach is to fill out the volunteer application, which can be found on the MBSL webpage on the Miamisburg Parks and Recreation website.

Step 2: Background Check

Every coach is required to complete and pass a background check. Background check costs are covered by Miamisburg Parks and Recreation.

Step 3: Training

Miamisburg Parks and Recreation MBSL partners with the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS) for coach training. All coaches are required to complete 5 hours of NAYS online training. The following is the list of required trainings:

1. Basic Youth Sports Safety and First Aid
2. Concussion Training
3. Coaching Youth Sports
4. Sport Specific Training (i.e. Baseball or Softball)
5. Mental Health and Youth Sports

Please note, the only individuals that are allowed on the playing field or in the dugout are those that have been approved through the City of Miamisburg's Volunteer Coach Application process.

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for all players, coaches, other parents, umpires, and Miamisburg Parks and Recreation staff in the Miamisburg Baseball and Softball League.

I WILL RESPECT COACHES, OFFICIALS, AND STAFF.

Expected Behavior:

- Allow coaches to coach and refrain from criticizing their decisions or methods during practices or games. Respect coaching decisions regarding playing time, position and placement and refrain from coaching any player.
- Let the coaches do their job by not giving instructions to your child or other players during games or practices.
- Respect umpires and their authority, understanding that umpires are essential to the game.
- Address concerns or disagreements calmly and privately with the coach or appropriate umpire in the presence of a Miamisburg Parks and Recreation staff member.
- Avoid approaching coaches before, during, or after games with anything other than support.

I WILL PROMOTE AND DISPLAY GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.

Expected Behavior:

- Be a role model for good sportsmanship by demonstrating respect for all players, coaches, umpires, and fellow spectators.
- Avoid negative behaviors such as taunting, booing, or trash-talking opponents, umpires, or others in attendance.
- Support all athletes on the field, not just your own child.
- Focus on effort, improvement, and fun rather than just winning or personal achievements. Encourage your child to enjoy being part of a team.
- Be accountable for other members of my attending party to uphold these values.

I WILL PROMOTE TEAM VALUES AND INCLUSIVITY.

Expected Behavior:

- Encourage teamwork, effort, and cooperation.
- Support the entire team's success, not just your child's personal success.
- Ensure your child attends practices and games on time and with the necessary equipment.
- Alert the coach to your child's absence at practices and games.

Failure to abide by this Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action from the Parks and Recreation Athletics Staff.

Dos and Don'ts of Spectatorship

DO

- Shout words of encouragement, not directions, from the sidelines. Keep your comments positive.
- Applaud good plays no matter who makes them.
- Set a good example by showing courteous behavior toward the parents of kids on the other team. Congratulate them when their kids win.
- Remember that it's your kids playing...not you. Keep your perspective. It's just a game! Even if the team loses every game, it's unlikely to ruin your child's life or chances of success.
- Look for examples of good sportsmanship in professional or college athletes and point them out to your kid. Talk about the bad examples too!

DON'T

- Coach from the sideline.
 - Sit back, let the coaches coach, and just enjoy watching your kid play.
 - If you would like to coach, please reach out to Parks and Recreation staff.
- Criticize other players.
- Make negative comments about or towards the officials. They are human and will make mistakes.
 - Remember that there are 3 teams on the field...home team, away team, and umpire team who is a team of 1 compared to the 12 kids, 3 coaches, and 20 parents on your team.
- Get in fights - we don't care who started it. Don't engage in it.
- Have your child's sports career, scholarship dollars, and endorsement deals on the brain.
 - 2% of athletes will play Division I sports. Of that, only 1%-9% will end up playing professionally. The value of youth sports is NOT about turning kids into the next Michael Jordan or Olympic Gold Medalist. The value is your child's opportunity to have fun, learn life lessons, and make new friends by way of being active.

Help Your Child Enjoy Sports

We all want our children to be healthy, active, and happy. Participating in sports is a great way for them to build lifelong habits of fitness and well-being. Here are a few tips to help your child enjoy sports and get the most out of their experience:

1. **Focus on Fun:** Let your child explore different sports and find what they enjoy. Emphasizing fun over competition will help them stay motivated and build a positive attitude towards physical activity.
2. **Encourage Effort, Not Just Wins:** Celebrate their hard work, effort, and improvement, not just the score or results. This helps them develop resilience and a growth mindset.

3. **Be a Positive Role Model:** Show enthusiasm and interest in their activities. Your support and encouragement will help them feel more confident and excited about sports.
4. **Teach Balance:** While it's great to encourage regular practice, it's also important to ensure they have a balance between sports, school, and downtime. This helps prevent burnout and keeps the experience enjoyable.
5. **Stay Supportive:** Every child progresses at their own pace, and not everyone will be the star of the team. The key is to support their individual journey and celebrate their personal achievements, no matter how small.
6. **Set Performance Goals:** Performance goals should be specific, and they should be challenging but not too difficult to achieve. Performance goals - which emphasize individual skill improvement - are much better than the goal of winning for two reasons (1) Performance goals are in the athlete's control, (2) Performance goals help the athlete improve.

By focusing on enjoyment, effort, and positive experiences, you can help your children develop a love for sports that will stay with them for years to come.

Injuries

Children are playing at their own risk. There will be physical contact in this game. It is the intent of the officials and staff assigned to your game to provide a safe level of competition; however, injuries may still occur. Teaching children the proper techniques and how to play the game correctly will minimize injuries. The safety and well-being of players is our top priority, and it's crucial that we handle all injuries with the utmost care.

If you have players injured during practices or games, especially head injuries, staff must be notified immediately. If staff are not near your field call the Site Coordinator phone **937-477-6712**. Our staff is First Aid/CPR certified, and we have first aid supplies we can provide. For head injuries the Miamisburg Parks and Recreation concussion protocol that participants acknowledged during the registration process will be followed. Staff will also fill out an incident report if necessary. This ensures that we have accurate records and can follow up appropriately.

In the event of a severe injury, Parks and Recreation staff will follow-up with all parties. Please make sure to communicate with us. We will assist to the best of our ability.

Your diligence in this matter helps us maintain a safe environment for all players. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out to Parks and Recreations staff.

Equipment

Needed Equipment

Your child will need a glove, cleats and a bat.

- Many players share a bat during the season. The Parks and Recreation Athletics office has a limited number of bats for coaches to borrow for the season. Specific bat rules and restrictions are listed below.
- Regular athletic shoes, soccer cleats, or football cleats are all fine. Specific cleat restrictions are listed below.

Equipment Provided by Parks and Recreation MBSL Office

MBSL supplies a set of equipment to each coach. Included in the set are batting helmets, balls, and catcher’s gear.

- Catcher’s gear is given to teams 8U and up allowing the coach to give anyone the opportunity to play catcher.
- Your child is welcome to bring their own catcher’s gear and batting helmet as well.

Uniform

Uniform Jersey Top, Team Socks, and MBSL Hat are all provided in league registration costs.

- Individuals are welcome to come to the Miamisburg Community Center to try on a sample uniform top until mid-March to ensure the correct size is ordered.
- Black Baseball or Softball Pants are available to purchase for \$15 when filling out the player registration.
 - Individuals are welcome to come to the Miamisburg Community Center to try on a sample pair of pants until mid-March to ensure the correct size is ordered.
 - Players may supply their own pants as well. Black pants are encouraged, but individuals may wear a different color if they choose.

Bat and Cleat Restrictions

League	Cleat Requirements	Bat Requirements
4U COED Tball	Rubber	T-BALL Rated
6U COED Tball	Rubber	T-BALL Rated
8U COACH PITCH SOFTBALL	Rubber	ASA or USA Softball Rated
8U COACH PITCH BASEBALL	Rubber	Max barrel diameter 2 3/4” BPF (bat performance factor) of 1.15 or less. Must be affixed to the bat for identification. No negative drop applied.
10U KID PITCH SOFTBALL	Rubber	ASA or USA Softball Rated
10U KID PITCH BASEBALL	Rubber	Max barrel diameter 2 3/4” BPF (bat performance factor) of 1.15 or less. Must be affixed to the bat for identification. No negative drop applied.

12U SOFTBALL	Rubber	ASA or USA Softball Rated
12U BASEBALL	Rubber	Max Barrel Diameter = 2 ¾” Maximum Negative Drop is -12
14U SOFTBALL	Rubber	Bat restrictions follow OHSAA Rules
14U BASEBALL	Rubber or Metal	Maximum Negative Drop is -8
18U SOFTBALL	Rubber	Bat restrictions follow OHSAA Rules
18U BASEBALL	Rubber or Metal	Bat restrictions follow OHSAA Rules

General Parks and Recreation MBSL Rules

All boys’ league play shall be governed by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) rules, and all girls league play shall be governed by Official ASA Softball Rules with exception to any of the rules listed herein and any MBSL age specific rules otherwise documented.

Game Time, Duration and Status Determination

Games must start on time. Pitchers will be granted three (3) to five (5) warm-up pitches or (2) two minutes, whichever comes first, before each half inning.

- Ten minutes will be allowed after the umpire calls “play ball” before a forfeit is declared due to the inability of either team to field a team.
- Games will not be started after the following times
 - 8:15 for Tball league
 - 9:00 pm on school nights and 9:30 pm on other nights

Games shortened due to rain, darkness etc., will be considered complete if the home team is leading after 3 ½ innings or the visiting team is leading after 4 complete innings.

- The 3-inning player participation requirement will be waived under this condition.
- Games stopped before the inning requirement due to weather, will be rescheduled. Rescheduled games will start a new game.

All ties shall stand and shall be recorded in the standings as ties.

Team standings will be final at the conclusion of the regular season play. Tiebreakers will be settled in the following order:

- Head-to-Head Results
- Results against the top 3 teams in the league
- Head-to-Head Run Differential
- Coin Toss

Rosters, Eligibility and Participation

If an umpire ejects a team player from the game, that position in the batting order is an out for the remainder of the game. If a player leaves a game due to injury, their inability to bat will not result in an out.

In all divisions, if a player is removed from the game due to illness or injury during their at bat (not able to finish their at bat) the at bat is nullified and the next batter due up begins their at bat.

- The offensive team will be permitted base runners, batters on deck, batter, and only two members of the coaching staff (limited to the coaching boxes) on the field while the ball is in play. The coach must not interfere with any player or their attempt to make a play on the ball.
- All players must remain in the dugout and behind the fences until moving onto the on-deck spot.

All players' jewelry must be removed before a player is permitted to play.

- The only exception is for medical identification, which must be hidden.
- No player will be allowed to participate with any kind of medical cast on their person.

Substitute Players

Player substitution is permitted. Any picked up player required to fill in for an absent or injured roster player(s) must be from another team in the division of the league or the league below.

- Picked up players may only play in the outfield.
- All picked up players must bat at the end of the batting order. All a team's regularly rostered players are to bat prior to any picked up players.
- Any team using substitute players must field six rostered players.

Team and Player Conduct

The following actions will not be permitted on the playing field or in the dugout area and will be subject to disciplinary action by the Parks and Recreation Athletic Operations Staff:

- Abusive actions
- Foul language or profanity
- Unsportsmanlike behavior
- Taunting
- Abuse of equipment
- Use of any tobacco products inside the fences and dugouts
- Consumption of alcohol or illegal narcotics

Runners are responsible for avoiding collisions with the defensive players. If a defensive player without the ball obstructs a runner, it is a call to be made by the umpire(s), but collisions must still be avoided.

- When a play on a runner is imminent, he/she must either slide, try to "get around" the tag or surrender to the tag without making physical contact with the defensive player in any way. Failure to comply shall result in the runner being declared "out" and also being ejected from the game. However, sometimes there is incidental contact that is not harmful nor intentional and has no impact on the play. All these instances shall be judgment calls by the umpire(s). The intent of this rule is to minimize injuries caused by unnecessary collisions. No player shall be called out for simply failing to slide.

Each team will be entitled to one warning for a batter throwing a bat in the direction of any other players, coaches or umpires upon hitting a pitched ball. After the warning, all subsequent offenders shall be declared "out," and no runners shall be allowed to advance.

- It is a separate violation to throw any equipment in anger or frustration and any player doing so shall be ejected from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct immediately after any play in progress. The intent of these rules is to minimize the risk of injury to others on the field.

Chants should only be positive toward your own teams and may not include an opposing player's name or nickname.

The penalty for a spectator, player or coach being ejected from a game shall be that they shall sit out the team's next game. The coach or umpire shall inform the Parks and Recreation staff of the offending person. Miamisburg Parks and Recreation staff will follow up with appropriate individuals. Once all information is gathered and analyzed, staff will determine if further disciplinary action is required.

Scorekeeping

The home team will be the official scorekeeper.

- Both team's scorekeepers must be informed of starting line ups prior to the start of the game.
- Teams shall be responsible for inputting the game results into TeamSnap following each game.

Protective Equipment

All batters and base runners must wear protective helmets. Any player judged to have intentionally discarded their protective helmet while running the bases will be called out by the umpire.

- All players must keep their helmets on until they are safely inside the dugout fence even if the play is dead. This includes going back to the dugout from any base or from home plate after making an out.
- The only time a player can remove their helmet while in the field of play is due to injury.

All equipment is to be kept inside the dugout fences at all times.

Diamond 5 – Bullpens. These bullpens are open to the diamond while game play is in action. When a pitcher and catcher go to the bullpen to warm up, a third player with a glove must also accompany them. This player must protect the blind side of the catcher during the warmup session.

Voicing Suggestions and Concerns

Process for Suggestions and Concerns

We believe that our program participants have valuable thoughts and insights to share regarding our operations. Accordingly, we encourage the free sharing of suggestions, concerns, and/or questions about our policies, personnel, and/or other matters impacting your experience or the safety of others.

In general, the best person initially to bring opinions, suggestions, concerns, and/or questions to is the Athletic Manager. You can contact the Athletic Manager by using the contact information located on page 2. However, if the concern relates to the Athletic Manager or if the Athletic Manager did not fully address the matter, program participants may direct their opinions, suggestions, concerns, and/or questions directly to the Athletic Operations Supervisor by using the contact information on page 2.

Written Complaint Required for Formal Process

Verbal complaints are encouraged, particularly for issues that may be easily and expeditiously resolved, but a written complaint is required to initiate our formal process. To ensure a timely and effective response, complaints should include the following information to the fullest extent possible:

1. The name(s) of individual(s) involved
2. The date(s) the behavior occurred
3. The name(s) of any known witness(s)
4. A summary of the conduct meriting the complaint including:
 - a. The behavior complained of and/or the alleged policy
 - b. Direct quotes when relevant and available
 - c. Any relevant documentation

Once received, Miamisburg Parks and Recreation staff will:

1. Reply with an initial response of acknowledgement within two business days.
2. Follow up with the referenced individuals that have first-hand knowledge of the situation.
3. Once all information is gathered and analyzed, appropriate action will be taken.
 - a. If disciplinary action is deemed necessary based on staff findings, Miamisburg Parks and Recreation staff will follow disciplinary action outlined below.

Disciplinary Action

Any player, parent, spectator, or coach exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct or failing to adhere to the codes of conduct outlined above are subject to any of the following disciplinary actions:

- Verbal warning issued by Miamisburg Parks and Recreation MBSL Office.
- Written warning issued by Miamisburg Parks and Recreation MBSL Office.
- Additional training.
- Immediate dismissal from the facility.
- Suspended from attending practices, games or program functions for a specified period of time as designated by the program.

Age Group Specific Rules

Age group specific rules can be found on the MBSL webpage on the Miamisburg Parks and Recreation website. Below are instructions on how to find the age group specific rules.

1. Visit the City of Miamisburg Parks and Recreation website at playmiamisburg.com.
2. Select “Programs & Events” on the top right of the screen.
3. Select the “MBSL & Sports” box in the middle of the screen.
4. Select the “MBSL Rules and FAQs” box on the left side of the screen.
5. Select the correct age group under “2025 MBSL Rules.”