



Parent Handbook

1. Welcome to the League:

- a. We are very excited that you have signed your child up for the 2023 MBSL season, and we are planning for this season to be our best season yet!
- b. This season we are very much focused on making the league as positive and beneficial as possible for your child.
- c. We are focused on the participant experience, and we want you and your family to have a positive and enjoyable experience while being a part of MBSL.
- d. As you prepare for the season, be sure to have downloaded the Teamsnap App on your phone. This app is used for all of our schedules and your coach will use it for communication with the team. You will be able to log into the Teamsnap App using the same log in information you provided when registering your child.
- e. Hopefully many of your questions about the upcoming season will be answered in the following information.

2. Key Dates for the Season:

- a. We have a variety of key dates for you to be aware of throughout the season.

Customer Service Day	February 18, 2023
Registration Deadline	March 10, 2023
Pre-Season Coaches Meetings & Draft Day	March 18, 2023
Teams Formed	March 20-24, 2023
Dicks Sporting Goods Shopping Weekend	March 24-27, 2023
Practices Start	March 27, 2023
MBSL 5K Fundraiser	April 15, 2023
Opening Day & Home Run Derby	April 22, 2023
Recreation All Star Team Tryouts	May 21-25, 2023

Makeup Game Week	June 5-10, 2023
Tournament Week	June 12-17, 2023
MBSL Golf Scramble Fundraiser	June 25, 2023
MBSL Pool Party	July 7, 2023

3. Exclusive League Events:

- a. MBSL endeavors to give our participants a variety of ancillary events some of which are exclusive to league participants. Parents are encouraged to be involved in as many events as possible.
 - i. MBSL 5K – Saturday, April 15, 2023 – Fundraiser 5K event for the league
 - ii. MBSL Players Clinic – Sunday, April 16, 2023 – Run by Miamisburg High School Baseball and Softball Teams – There will be a small fee for this clinic that will be used as a fundraiser for the Miamisburg High School Baseball and Softball Teams
 - iii. MBSL Opening Day and Home Run Derby – April 22, 2023 – First day of Gameplay – There will be a break in the games in the middle of the day with a dunk tank, bounce house, and a home run derby on the Tball field for any parent that would like to participate.
 - iv. MBSL Golf Scramble – June 25, 2023 – 2:00 PM – Mound Golf Course – Fundraiser golf scramble event for the league
 - v. MBSL Pool Party – July 7, 2023 – Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center – The entire facility will be reserved in the evening exclusively for MBSL participant families

4. What does my Registration Cover:

- a. TBALL Fee Covers
 - i. Team Jersey Top
 - ii. Team Socks
 - iii. League Hat
 - iv. Pre-Season Participation Gift
 - v. End of Season Participation Gift
- b. Baseball Fee Covers
 - i. Team Jersey Top
 - ii. Team Socks
 - iii. League Hat
 - iv. Pre-Season Participation Gift
 - v. End of the Year Tournament Prize for 1st & 2nd Place
- c. Softball Fee Covers
 - i. Team Jersey Top
 - ii. Team Socks
 - iii. League Hat
 - iv. Pre-Season Participation Gift
 - v. End of the Year Tournament Prize for 1st & 2nd Place

- d. Other Ancillary Costs Associated with the League
 - i. Umpires
 - ii. Staff at Rice Field
 - iii. Background Checks for all Coaches
 - iv. Coach Uniforms
 - v. Baseballs/Softballs
 - vi. Team Equipment – Catchers Gear, Batting Helmets, Equipment Bags, Tees, Etc
 - vii. All-Star Jersey Tops

5. Participant Equipment Information:

- a. Uniform Jersey Top, Team Socks, and League Hat are all provided in league registration costs.
 - i. Individuals are welcome to come to the Miamisburg Community Center to try on a sample uniform top to ensure the correct size is ordered.
- b. Black Baseball or Softball Pants are available to purchase for \$15 when filling out the player registration.
 - i. Individuals are welcome to come to the Miamisburg Community Center to try on a sample pair of pants to ensure the correct size is ordered.
 - ii. Players may supply their own black pants as well. Black pants are encouraged, but individuals may wear a different color if they choose.
- c. Baseball Cleats
 - i. Regular athletic shoes are fine
 - ii. Soccer Cleats are fine
 - iii. Football Cleats are fine
 - iv. Other cleat rules and restrictions are listed below
- d. Baseball or Softball Glove
- e. The following items may be supplied by the individual participant, shared with another team member, or acquired from the league through the coach.
 - i. Batting Helmet – League office gives several batting helmets to each coach to use for the season.
 - ii. Bat – Many players share a bat during the season. League office has a limited number of bats for coaches to borrow for the season.
 - 1. Other bat rules and restrictions are listed below.
- f. Catcher's Equipment is supplied by the League office – Helmet, Chest Protector, Shin Guards, and Glove
 - i. Each team is issued a set of catcher's gear to allow anyone on the team to try the catcher position.
 - ii. Participants are welcome to furnish their own catchers gear.
- g. Bat and Cleat Restrictions and Requirements are listed in the chart below.

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. Any Negative Drop Rating is Allowed
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. Any Negative Drop Rating is Allowed.
12U SOFTBALL	Rubber	ASA or USA Softball Rated
12U BASEBALL	Rubber	Max Barrel Diameter = 2 3/4" Maximum Negative Drop is -12
14U SOFTBALL	Rubber	Bat restrictions follow OHSAA Rules
14U BASEBALL	Rubber or Metal	Bat restrictions follow OHSAA Rules
18U SOFTBALL	Rubber	Bat restrictions follow OHSAA Rules
18U BASEBALL	Rubber or Metal	Bat restrictions follow OHSAA Rules

6. Picture Day:

- a. Picture days will be scheduled at the beginning of the season after the uniforms have been distributed.
- b. Teams will have a scheduled picture time around the time of their usual practice time. These will occur from April 17-28.
- c. Our league photographer is Twig and Lens Photography
- d. All team photo sessions will be conducted at Twig and Lens Photography Studio in downtown Miamisburg.
 - i. All of the photos will be taken in a controlled environment with baseball backdrops.
 - ii. We are scheduling all of the photography sessions indoors this year to avoid any weather issues or delays with our league pictures.
- e. Parents will be able to purchase individual or team pictures directly from Twig and Lens Photography.

7. Season Overview:

- a. League Rules will be posted on the MBSL webpage for ease of reference and transparency – please make sure that you are familiar with your age groups particular rules.
- b. Forming Teams
 - i. Teams at the Tball and 8U levels will be formed by the league office to make teams as fair and equal as possible.

- ii. Teams at the 10U age levels and older will be formed via a player draft that will take place during the March 18 coach meeting.
 - iii. 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
- c. During the week of March 20th, team rosters will be inputted into league TeamSnap software.
 - i. You should expect to hear from your team's coach by March 25, 2023
- d. Practices will start the week of March 27th.
 - i. For ease of scheduling, each age group (except for Tball) will have a dedicated practice night.
 - 1. Tball will be spread throughout the week due to number of teams, but it is our intention to keep your team practicing on the same evening throughout the season.
 - ii. It is the league's intention to have 2 scheduled practices per week in the preseason – 1 weekday and 1 weekend.
 - iii. Once gameplay starts, it is the league's intention to have 1 practice per team until the approximate midway point of the season.
 - iv. Once the midway point of the season has arrived, it is the league's intention to replace weekday practices with games while still hosting games on the weekend.
- e. Opening Day for Gameplay is April 22, 2023
 - i. It is the league's intention to schedule games on Saturdays until the midway point of the season when games will replace scheduled practices.
 - ii. Game schedules will be uploaded into your TeamSnap page during the first week of April.
- f. End of Season
 - i. For Tball, all team participants will receive a participation award at the conclusion of their last scheduled game.
 - ii. All teams in ages 8U and older will participate in a single elimination tournament to crown a league champion.
 - 1. This tournament is currently scheduled for the week of June 12-17, 2023. The tournament could be delayed back to conclude on June 22, 2023 due to weather cancellations during the tournament.
 - 2. Awards will be given out to the individual team members who finish in 1st and 2nd place of the tournament.
 - 3. There will be no team trophy awarded.

8. Partner Organizations:

- a. Some of our league 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.

- i. Some children may have to travel to other local communities for games.
 - ii. This aspect can slightly alter the overall league timeline that we have laid out above.
- b. GDAA – Greater Dayton Athletic Association
 - i. 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
- c. SCBA – Springboro Clearcreek Baseball Association
 - i. 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.

9. All Star Teams:

- a. The league office will put together one recreation all-star team from each age group 8U and up.
- b. The league office welcomes any coach from the current season to be a part of the all-star team.
- c. The league office will provide uniform tops for this recreation all-star team
- d. Coaches will hold an all-star tryout practice during the week of May 21-25
 - i. This tryout practice is to be open to any individual that was registered for that age group in the league.
 - ii. This tryout practice will be put onto the Teamsnap schedule of all teams in that age group.
- e. All recreation all-star teams will be entered at no cost to them into the Recreation All Star Tournament hosted at Rice Field on June 30 – July 2
 - i. This tournament is for baseball and softball.
- f. 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.

10. Umpires:

- a. There will be no umpires at the tball level – coaches will control the game based upon the league rules.
- b. Umpires will be provided for all other league games to the best ability of the league office.
 - i. We are working with 3 different umpire assignors along with league staff to umpire games.
- c. It is a struggle to get umpires for recreational games, and the number 1 deterrent we hear from umpires is due to the behavior of coaches and spectators. Negative or aggressive comments toward an umpire will not be tolerated.
 - i. You can greatly help our umpire situation by being gracious and positive toward them.
 - ii. Please know that umpires are humans, and they will make mistakes or calls that you do not agree with.

- d. Please know that many of the schedule updates and changes to our league are partly driven by our need for umpires and the changes we have made will hopefully alleviate some of our past umpire shortages.

11. **Weather Issues:**

- a. Weather Cancellations
 - i. 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
 - ii. 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, MBSL staff will make additional updates throughout the evening.
 - iii. Weekends - Staff will update rainout line by **8:30 a.m.** on weekend mornings. In the event of questionable weather conditions during the day, MBSL staff makes additional updates throughout the morning/day.
- b. Makeup Games
 - i. The league office will handle the rescheduling of all cancelled games.
 - ii. Games that are forfeited will not be made up.
 - iii. We have built an empty week into the schedule on June 5-10 for the purpose of makeup games.
 - 1. If games do not need to be made up that week, we will add more games into the schedule.

12. **Key Contacts and Resources**

- a. League Website - [MBSL - Miamisburg Parks and Recreation \(playmiamisburg.com\)](http://MBSL - Miamisburg Parks and Recreation (playmiamisburg.com))
- b. League Email – mbsl@cityofmiamisburg.com
- c. League Administrator – Darren Miller
 - i. Office – 937-847-6418
 - ii. Email – darren.miller@cityofmiamisburg.com
- d. Parks and Recreation Front Desk – 937-866-8999
- e. Rainout Line – 937-400-2004