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Monomoy Little League Welcome Letter to Coaches

Welcome!

Players, Parents and the Board of Directors look forward to working with you for another great season of Little League baseball. First and foremost, it's a game, let's keep it fun. Our primary job is to instill a love of the game. Skills and a healthy attitude toward competition will grow from there. Remember, if you are having a good time, the kids will too. All Coaches are expected to understand the Codes of Conduct for Parents & Players. As Parents you are expected to set the example and adhere to them as well. Unacceptable conduct by any Coach or Parent will be acted upon swiftly and decisively. Although MLL cannot survive without the parent volunteer coaches, we will not tolerate any behavior that is not consistent with our Codes of Conduct. Umpires are to be treated with respect regardless of questionable calls. Remember the kids are watching you and you are the example that is being set. If you act inappropriately, your players will assume that is acceptable. Specifically, in the AA division because the Adult umpires will not do the games, we are using youth umpires. These young umpires are mostly former HCLL players and although they have had training, they are still learning as they go. They are going to make mistakes. Managers can ask for an explanation but pressuring or berating these young men to change a call will absolutely not be tolerated. The Umpire coordinator will educate them after the game if a mistake has been found to have been made. In the past we have lost youth umpires because of the treatment they received from Coaches. If this continues then Managers & Coaches will be umpiring the AA level on their own and no one wants that. Please think before you act.

Top 10 Reminders for Coaches

- Praise kids just for participating.
- Look for positives, and make a big deal out of them.
- Stay calm when my kids make mistakes, helping them learn from their mistakes.
- Have reasonable and realistic expectation.
- Treat all kids with respect, avoiding put-downs, sarcasm, and ridicule.
- Remind my kids not to get down on themselves.
- Remember not to take myself too seriously during the game.
- Maintain a Fun is #1 attitude, with lots of laughter and sense of humor.
- Emphasize teamwork, and help my kids think “we” instead of “me.”
- I am a role model of good sportsmanship:
 - (a) Winning without gloating**
 - (b) Losing without complaining**
 - (c) Treating opponents and officials with fairness, generosity, & courtesy.**

Here are a few other things to make note of:

Equipment:

You were issued an equipment bag with a list of contents. Please check the bag when you sign it out and keep track of it during the season. If there are any problems or anything missing contact Mark Haley at (774) 353-6132. All equipment signed out is required to be returned on closing day by 3:00pm at the snack shack. You will need to sign it back in.

Roster and schedule:

Please see the enclosed schedule to check when your practices begin. Contact all players on the roster and let them know your April practice schedule. Each player should be provided a copy of the roster and the team's schedule. If any additional copies are needed they can be found on the website: www.monomoylittleleague.com or have parents download the TeamSnap app.

Team Meeting:

We now require all the coaches schedule a meeting with player' parents before one of the April practices to answer their questions and let them know:

- 1) Introduce the team parent/parents
- 2) The skills you will be covering with the kids
- 3) The importance of parent support
- 4) The season schedule and the need for a phone call if a player will not be at a practice or a game
- 5) Information from the team parent about parent participation
- 6) Go over league rules and your expectations
- 7) Go over snack shack schedule and expectations

Monomoy Little League is an all-volunteer community effort – parents will be asked to help their child sell tickets with our annual fundraising raffle, and helping at the snack shack when you are the Home team at the Oak Street field. Keep communications open with parents to address any questions or concerns.

Medical Release Forms:

These forms are on file online. There are Individual player forms located in the back of your coach's book, and special notes are on the lower section of that form. Please make sure all your players' forms are there. You MUST have a form from every player.

Field Maintenance and Game Preparations:

Coaches and teams have responsibilities for field and game preparations. Check the field before every game to make sure any holes in the outfield have been filled and the infield is raked. Please see the sheet in this book for more specific responsibilities each team has. **Away** teams at Oak Street field should arrive early and hang the sponsor field banners and take them down at the game's completion, **Home** teams must line the field before the game and rake the field after.

Special Rules:

See the special rules pages that apply to your division.

Snack Shack:

The Home team at Oak Street covers the staffing of the snack shack with two volunteers. Work with the team parent to identify the volunteers for your team and make sure they know their schedule; team parents or coaches from the Home team will have to fill in if you do not have a scheduled volunteer.

COACH SNACK SHACK OBLIGATIONS

1. Please know who your team parent is. This person will assist you in many ways throughout the season and it's important to have good communication with them.
2. Your team is responsible for opening and running the snack shack any time you are the HOME TEAM. There will be a printed schedule in the Shack with the name and # of the assigned parent.
3. The assigned team parent should be at the field at least 20 minutes before the game. PLEASE HAVE THE DOOR UNLOCKED.
4. Before you leave the field check in at the snack shack to see if they need any assistance i.e. heavy lifting.

***If no one shows up to run the snack shack; first call the team parent if they are not on the field. Second call TBA @ TBA.