

Manchester Little League

2024

Parent Information Packet



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Event	Date	Place & Time
General Meeting	Mon. March 18, 2024	6:00pm (on-line)
Umpire Training	Mon. April 5, 2024	Goffstown High School-Theatre 6pm-8:30pm
Umpire Training	April 6, 2024	NH Sportsdome (Goffstown) 12:45pm-3pm
Players Clinic	Sat. March 9, 2024	O'Neil Youth Center, 30 Elm St. 1pm-3pm
Evaluations	Sat. March 23, 2024	McDonough Elementary 8:00am - 3:00pm
Drafts	Sat. March 23, 2024	TBD
Meet and Greet	Sat. March 30, 2024	McDonough Elementary 9:00am-11:00am
1st Team Parent Meeting	Wed. April 17, 2024	Precourt Park 6:30pm
Field Cleanup Day (Makeup)	Sat. April 13, 2024 Sun. April 14, 2024	Precourt 8:00am **Mandatory Attendance**
Scorer's Clinic	TBD	Precourt Park 6:00pm
Field Cleanup Day (Makeup)	Sat. April 27, 2024 Sun. April 28, 2024	Precourt (Final) 8:00am **Mandatory Attendance**
General Meeting	Mon. April 15, 2024	Precourt Park 6:00pm
2nd Team Parent Meeting (if needed)	Wed. April 24, 2024	Precourt Park 6:30pm
Season Begins	Mon. Apr 29, 2024	Precourt Park
Opening Ceremony	Sat. May 4, 2024	Precourt Park 9:00 am (arrive by 8:30)
Picture Day	Sat. May 18, 2024	Precourt Park
Tournament Forms Due	Sat. May 25, 2024	Concession Stand
Home Run Derby	TBD	Precourt Park
Minors/Majors Playoffs	Mon. June 10, 2024	Precourt Park
Farm All Star Game	Sat. June 15, 2024	Precourt Park 9:00am
Coaches Softball Game	Sun. June 23, 2024	Precourt Park 12:00pm
Family Picnic	Sat. June 22, 2024	Precourt Park 4:00pm
General Meeting	Mon. June 10, 2024	Precourt Park 8:00pm
Red Sox Trip for 12 yr. olds	June 24, 2024	Fenway Park
All-Star Tournaments	June 24, 2024	
Dave Anderson Tournament	June/July	Precourt Park
Matty Dobens Tournament	July	Precourt Park
Michael Briggs Tournament	June/July	Precourt Park
General Meeting - ELECTIONS	Mon. Sept 9, 2024	Precourt Park 6:00pm

2024 Manchester Little League Calendar of Event

Dear Little League Parents, Players, Managers, Coaches and Volunteers,

My name is Alan Beauchemin and I am the new and current President of Manchester Little League. I have been a Manger, Coach, Board Member and Volunteer here for the past 30 years. I have coached my own children, grandchildren and hundreds of others during my time here. We are entering our 70th season here at Manchester Little League and we are looking forward to another season of fun, learning, competing, making new friends and lots of memories. The Board of Directors have been working hard since October to discuss and finalize all that it takes to make the season happen. Meetings, schedules, uniform and equipment orders, permits, rules, registrations, sponsors, fundraising, and all the other miscellaneous things that are needed to be discussed, voted on and finalized in order to get things ordered and completed in order to get all the information to our families and players.

All volunteers must fill out a volunteer application and background check before going on the field or in the dugout. Board members and umpires are required to do the same. Managers will be selected prior to tryouts and assigned to a team by the Board. Anyone interested in being a Manager, Coach, Team Parent or scorer **MUST take the Abuse Training and Diamond Leader Program Training in order to be eligible to be selected. Please login to your player's account to register as a volunteer so that those links can be sent to you.**

The 2024 season is going to have a few changes. Changes that we feel will make things work more smoothly on and off the field. 1) T-ball will have a new kickball division for the new 4 and 5 year olds. Players will still be taught the beginning fundamentals of fielding, hitting, base running and positions. Kickball allows the players to learn baserunning, positions and defensive situations in a fun way. 2) All parents will be assigned one (1) game in the concession stand. We ask that all parents cooperate and do their part. If a parent cannot make the game assigned it is their responsibility to switch with another or find a replacement. Thank you in advance for doing your part. 3) There are lots of other little changes and ideas that you will see as the season begins.

Evaluations will be on Saturday March 23, 2024 at McDonough Elementary School. Evaluations will be by age and will be announced in a few weeks. There will be a Meet and Greet for all players and parents as well. It is scheduled for March 30, 2024 from 9am to 11am. That date has not yet been finalized by the City.

The league is in the process of purchasing lots of new equipment (Bats, Helmets, Catching Gear, etc.) as well as doing work and improvements to the fields and the facilities. Manchester Little League is run and operated by volunteers and the money raised through registration, sponsors, fundraisers and donations is what we count on to run our league. This is why we ask

that you do your part as a volunteer. All of this information and important dates will be on our website and facebook pages.

Throughout the season and even before the season we will offer fun nights out at restaurants and other venues around the city to help raise money and get our families to come together and make memories. We have a **FREE** Players Clinic scheduled for March 9th at the O'Neil Youth Center, 30 Elm Street, Manchester, Nh from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. We are also working on additional clinics during the season and maybe another before the season begins. During the season we will be selling league merchandise through an online store that is currently in the works and we will also be talking and distributing information abouts post season tournaments and play for all levels. Please frequent our website (manchesternhlittleleague.com), facebook page and emails for the current news, changes and information about our league.

On March 18th we will have a virtual General Meeting that all are encouraged to attend. Come and meet our new Board and bring any questions you may have about the upcoming season. By attending the General Meetings, it allows you to vote for important topics within our league.

As you can see we are working on making sure that we give all players all we have to offer as well as the chance and opportunity to play and learn the game of baseball. As the season progresses you will see all that this league has to offer. Manchester Little League is a league of Family, Sportsmanship, Discipline, Respect and most of all FUN! As I have said a few times, this league is run by volunteers and you all are one of them. Please, please help by volunteering and doing your part in making the 70th year of our league the best one yet!

If you have any questions please reach out to me or a Board member for any question you may or help you may need.

Sincerely,

Alan Beauchemin

President

Manchester Little League

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Welcome to Manchester Little League!

Opening Day is for Saturday May, 3rd (weather permitting)

****Games will begin on Monday April 29th****

Time Commitment:

- Regular season ends in mid-June, followed by play-offs for the older divisions.
- The weekly time commitment varies by division, but is typically 2 games per week, with one practice.
- Weekday practices and games start between 5:30 and 6:00 pm.
- Saturday games have multiple start times throughout the day ranging from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- Game Times: T-Ball 1 hour +/-, Coach Pitch/Farm 1.5 Hours +/-, Minors and Majors 2 Hours +/-

Divisions:

- T-Ball:
New 4 and 5 year olds will be in the kickball division. While learning hitting, fielding and baseball skills they will also play a kickball game to help with learning baserunning, defensive positions as well as making defensive decisions in a more exciting way. Many leagues throughout the state and the country have had great success with this idea.
Returning 5 year olds and new 6 year olds will play in the regular T-Ball Division. There may be some that will remain in the kickball division.
- Coach Pitch/Farm: This is coach pitch only with no strikeouts or walks. Teams will rosterbat and each team will get 3 outs or 5 runs per inning, whichever comes first.
- Minors: Players pitch and teams will rosterbat and each team will get 3 outs or 5 runs per inning. Players can advance/steal with some exceptions. There is no leading.
- Majors: Players pitch and teams will roster bat. There are no run restrictions per inning.

Equipment:

- All players will receive a hat and jersey.
- MNHLL will provide the following:
 - USA Baseball approved bats
 - Batting helmets
 - Catching gear
- Players need to provide their own:
 - Baseball glove
 - Protective cup
 - Baseball pants, belt, and socks
 - Cleats (Metal cleats are prohibited)

If a player has their own baseball bat, it must be USA Baseball certified.

Cancellations:

- Every effort will be made at playing the game at their scheduled times, but certain conditions may lead to games being rescheduled.
- League officials will make a determination regarding cancellations no later than one hour before game start times.
- Managers will reach out to teams, and notifications will be posted on Facebook regarding cancellations.

Team Volunteers:

Each team manager will need the following volunteers to help them make the season a success.

- **Team Parent:** Organizes fundraisers and manages concession stand schedule.
- **Team Scorer:** Keeps score and pitch count for their teams games from the scorers booth using gamechanger(Farm, T-ball and Coach Pitch excluded).
- **Coaches:** Help manager during practices and games to manage game flow and player development.

All volunteers will need to fill out a background check and take the Abuse Awareness Training. Both are done online. Both of these must be done in order to be in the dugout or on the field. Managers and coaches are also recommended to take the Diamond Leader Program.

Concession Stand Schedule: (Please read)

MNHLL requires that one parent from each team volunteer in the concession stand during their team's game. A concession stand schedule for each team will be put together by the board and distributed team parents showing their parents scheduled time. Please do your part and meet the requirement that is asked of you. If you cannot make the assigned date, please switch with another parent on the team. This league runs on volunteers and we need you. Please do your part and thank you in advance.

Fundraising:

MNHLL prides themselves on having one of the lowest registration costs in the area. We are planning and hope to offer clinics before, during and after the season. This is due in large part, because of the wonderful volunteers who run the league and help fundraise throughout the season.

Calendar Raffle: Sell in May- Raffle will be in June.

Dine Out Nights: Eat out at local restaurants. Dates to follow. Portions of proceeds come back to the league.

Post Season Tournaments: (Farm, Minors, Majors)

Post Season Tournaments will have registration fees. This will cover a team hat & jersey. Tournaments will begin in late June and could last until late July.

Behavioral Expectations:

All parents and players are expected to adhere to a code of conduct that cultivates respect for all involved with MNHLL.

- Disrespectful yelling during games will not be tolerated.
- If a question or problem arises with the manager, please try to resolve it with them first AFTER THE GAME! If unsuccessful, please contact the division director or any board member.
- Any issues with umpires must be brought to the division director for your league.
- There will be no tolerance of Managers, Coaches, Parents or Players being disrespectful towards players, umpires, teammates or other parents. The breaking of these rules will result in the person being asked to leave and will be reviewed by the Board to see if further actions are needed.

Opportunities for further development:

Clinics are offered during the off season and are also planned to be during the pre-season and season. These clinics are free with registration for the following season.