

*Coaches, feel free to read through, copy and paste into your email and modify as you see fit. The red items are must change, but feel free to chop up as much as you'd like. If you think anything is missing, please let me know and I'll update this template. - Travis Witzke*

Hello Parents!

I am excited to welcome you to our MRLL baseball Majors division! We have 11 solid ballplayers for a fun season of baseball with both some new and old friends alike. There is a lot of info to share, so please read all the way through.

My name is **XXXX XXXXXX**, and I will be your head coach along with **XXXX XXXXXX** and **XXXX XXXXXX** (additional practice coaches are always welcome!). I have been coaching with MRLL for **XX** seasons or so between both of my boys and **any other relevant coaching and playing experience**. I am a certified C level coach (highest level) with USA Baseball and hold many NFHS coaching certifications. My focus is on age appropriate player development and arm health. I want to stress fun will be the priority as well as fostering a strong sense of team and community among parents and players alike. Over my years of coaching I have developed some long standing friendships personally and love to see my kids connect beyond the diamond with their peers as well.

You can contact me via email, phone or text at **XXX-XXX-XXX**, but I will be primarily using the app GameChanger to communicate. <https://gc.com/> GC is a fantastic resource for parents and families to be part of the team dialogue, share pictures/videos, RSVP for practices/games or reach coaches. Gamechange won't have anything in it until rosters have been uploaded to our league website, but hopefully in the next few days.

Now the important part, share away with friends and family!

Player	B
Player	C
Player	D
Player	E
Player	F
Player	G
Player	H
Player	I
Player	J
Player	K
Player	L

### What's next?

Please fill out the attached medical release form and bring a printed copy to our first practice! Practices will be **X:XX - X:XX** at **Cocopah field 2** on **Monday** and **Cocopah Field 1** on

**Wednesdays** starting this **Wednesday 2/5**, I will upload our practice schedule in GameChanger ASAP. Make sure you have cleats and baseball pants ready and plenty of water. Any color baseball pants will work for practices. We are only slotted for **90** minutes, so be there early, loosen up and ready to take the field at **X:XX** on the nose.

Our practice schedule may change once the game schedule is announced, just be aware of this and I will let you know. Games will mostly adhere to the **Thursday/Saturday** format we have grown accustomed to, but there will be deviations due to interleague play.

Our primary objective for this season is to develop athletes for the more competitive All Stars season which is the road to the LL World Series. For those who played **minors** last season, **majors** will be more competitive with a focus on strategy and winning, but we still want the kids to have **FUN!** We will emphasize components of cooperative teamwork, good attitudes, humble success, and how to develop confidence in ourselves and those around us. My one goal for any season is for all players to leave our team with fond memories, a better handle of the game and to sign up for baseball again next season. Given that I have already coached many of our players, I am confident we will have a great season.

#### **Team colors and what to purchase:**

You will need to purchase baseball pants, socks and a belt before the season starts. Pants, socks and a belt color are **TBD**. We are waiting on the team jersey color confirmation before I make the final decision. So hold fast.

Our local baseball shop is Between The Lines and run by great people. You can find them north of Scottsdale Rd and Thunderbird at 13802 N Scottsdale Rd #127, Scottsdale, AZ 85254. Let them know you are with McCormick Ranch Little League and you will get 10% off your purchase, they also price match coupons from Dick's and others so keep an eye out and support small businesses where you can. If you are in the market for a high quality glove our own MRLL family Peralta Custom Gloves is growing leaps and bounds since I picked up their first glove a couple years ago and provide our boys with <https://peraltacustomgloves.com/>. In addition, [Baseball Express](#) and [Baseball Savings](#) have a ton of great deals on equipment and I have found Baseball Savings is the best place to purchase pants.

Outside of that, I have scored a great gently used \$400 bat for \$100 using the app SidelineSwap. Modern bats are typically better after a break in period, so used bats are usually better than brand new. **Only certified USA stamped bats are approved for the Little League**, anything with *USSSA* or *BBCOR* on the handle is not allowed. If the USA baseball stamp is not on the handle, the bat will be removed from the dugout. If you are unsure about a bat, let me know and I will help.

*For practice, make sure your players are properly equipped.* Glove, cleats, baseball pants, hat, protective cup, **plenty of water**, and any additional equipment they prefer (i.e. personal helmet, etc.).

**Planning Needs:** I will be looking for as soon as possible;

- ***A Signup Genius guru to set up/manage our post game snack schedule.***
- ***Anyone who wants to assist with coaching at practices will need to pass a background check with the league. Let me know and I will orient accordingly.***
- ***A scorekeeper/pitch counter to log games in the GameChanger app. A couple of backup scorekeepers just in case.***
- ***Do you have a medical background? In case an emergency arises either at practice or games as my EMT license expired 15 years ago.***

Please feel free to drop me a text or email, with any questions or if there is anything I should be aware of moving forward. I can't wait to meet everyone and start our baseball season!

See you guys soon!

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