

# COACHING LAUNCHPAD



MONARCH LITTLE LEAGUE





Thank you for  
volunteering to  
lead a herd of cats...  
Sorry we mean  
kids.

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This is the start of an exciting season.



Get to know the members of the board...

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# Get to know us

- Nate Frey - President
- Ezra Paddock - VP & Schedule
- Nirvan Khokhani - A Little of Everything
- Jesse Grimson - Kid Pitch Director (AAA & Above)
- Jim Huffman - T-Ball & Machine Pitch
- Ross Cravens - Equipment
- Lia Hoover - Events Coordinator
- Michael Finnessey - Treasurer
- Matt Barber - Sponsors
- Dan Shay - Umpires
- Ben Kanner - Uniforms, sponsors, banners
- Bill St. Ores - Advisor

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# Meet Your Team

Contact your players parents early and often!

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- Send your team an introductory email ASAP. Team Page...
- Explain your expectations for the season - Conduct by the parents and the kids. ([see code of conduct](#))
- Best ways to contact you.
- Ask for help. Scorekeeping, snacks, shagging balls...
- Anything in particular you need to know about their kid
- Send weekly emails about what they should expect that week
- Help fundraise by encouraging team participation in Rockies day. Winners do get a pizza party.



# MLL Goals

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## ✓ Enjoyment

**This is all about the kids, not about you or solely your team.**

Ensure that all the kids are enjoying themselves, keeping in mind that one approach may not work for everyone. If necessary, try to engage with them in various ways.

## ✓ Skill Development

Players' skills should enhance at every level. You can find practice plans and skill development suggestions on both the [MLL website](#) and the Little League International Website. Make the most of these resources.

## ✓ Team Growth

Skill development improves as the team progresses throughout the season. While wins and losses play a small role, the real growth is evident in the support the players show each other, helping teammates, and respecting their opponents.

Why We Exist

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For the kids! . . .  
And baseball.



# Your Contribution

## Roles and responsibilities

As a leader of young individuals, it is crucial to lead by example. This entails punctuality, preparedness, and demonstrating respect towards everyone on the field – including umpires, opposing coaches, and players. Your behavior should reflect positively on the league, community, and yourself.

There are coaching requirements.  
Details are on page nine.



# Essentials



## Lineup

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### ◆ Know the rules LLI Rules & MLL Rules

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Each division has its specific MLL rules that you should be familiar with. It's also essential to understand the Little League Rules Book. You can download the app for free on both iPhone and Android devices.



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### ◆ Know the fields And how to set them up

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- You can find a map of the fields on the [MLL Website](#).
- Instructions for setting up the [pitching machine](#) are available
- The distances between bases and the pitching rubber are provided on the [MLL Website per division](#).
- Be prepared
- The lockbox code for all fields is ██████ Do not overshare.

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### ◆ Set up Clean up

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- The first team to arrive should set up the field. In a game scenario, the home team is responsible for field setup.
- At the end of the day, both teams must ensure that all equipment is returned to the field boxes. If unsure about being the last teams of the day, tidy up to be cautious.
- Remember to leave the dugouts clean when your team departs!





# More Essentials

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## ◆ Coaching Requirements

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- All coaches who regularly interact with players **must** register as volunteers with MLL and undergo a background check.
- Coaches **must adhere** to the Monarch LL Volunteer/Coaches code of conduct.
- Coaches are **required** to complete the USA SafeSport online course and upload the certificate to the MLL site.
- Coaches need to take the concussion training class.
- Additionally, prospective All-Star Coaches need to complete the Diamond Leader Course.



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## ◆ Get your first task - GameChanger

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- All teams should highly recommend that parents download the GameChanger Application, as it is free and facilitates effective communication through the team chat feature.
- For Kid Pitch Divisions, using the GameChanger app is mandatory, as it helps in tracking scores, standings, and, more importantly, pitch counts.
- It is more convenient to have a parent volunteer or scorekeeper handle this task rather than a coach or manager, so make sure to ask for help as soon as possible.
- Instructions on the app (how to import your team, and score keeping can be found.)
- After importing your team, join the appropriate division (AAA and Majors only)

GC AAA Division



GC Majors Division



# Rain Delay

## ✓ Weather

- Alerts will be sent out after 3pm weekdays and 8 am weekends when MLL is notified of closures. We encourage coaches as well as parents sign up for the Rainout service.
- To subscribe to email alerts: (If you have already subscribed you do NOT have to subscribe again.)
- Sign up for Rainout service click on “Receive Messages” “Find Your Organization” select Monarch Little League. Select and follow the prompts.
- Note - There is an annual fee to receive text messages. There is no charge to receive email messages.
- Share the service with your parents so they are aware of closures as well



## After 3 pm weather

Cities notify the league of closures before 3 pm. if weather rolls into the area after 3 pm. , it is in the discretion of the managers to determine if the game/practice should continue.

1. MLL observes a 30/30 rule about lightning and any other storm that could cause a delay.
  - a. The 30/30 Rule is as follows:
    - i. If lightning is seen and thunder is heard within 30 seconds of the lightning, the fields will be cleared, and the game will be delayed.
    - ii. If the storm clears within 30 minutes of the start of the delay, play will resume so long as the field conditions are safe.
    - iii. If it is still storming after a 30-minute delay, the game will be called off.
2. When a lightning delay is called, all players must clear the field and take shelter in a nearby storm shelter or a car. Players may NOT stay in the dugouts.

# Opening Day - 4.6



## Schedule

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9:30 AM*	Teams need to be at LSC
10:00 AM	Ceremony Starts
11:00 AM	Ceremony concludes
11:30 AM	First games of the day start

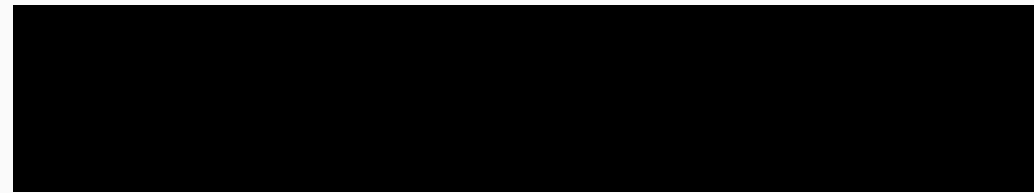
- Pictures will be taken the same day. The schedule of pictures is still to be determined.
- Dinger will be there to greet teams (except the Dodger's coaches)
- Food Truck Cosmic Coyote will be on site to provide ballpark type of food (hamburgers, brawts, hot dogs etc).
- Kona Ice and Sweet Cow will be on site as well to provide sweet treats.
- A dunk tank will be there to dunk coaches and other folks from MLL





Let the journey begin!

- [MLL Coach's Tab](#)
- [Little League University](#)







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# Do you have any questions?

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We're always here for you  
[questions@monarchll.org](mailto:questions@monarchll.org)

