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# THE SCORECARD



## DEAR MTLL FAMILIES,

We wish you a happy and healthy New Year! 2023 was a record year in many ways. In this issue of *The Scorecard* we will share those accomplishments with you as we also look forward to the many exciting things that are to come for 2024. As you'll see in this volume, we provide the best, community-based program for the benefit of our players and the community at large. This is due to the unmatched commitment of our volunteer coaches, board members, directors and parents. Thank you for your dedication to our program!



You'll also find updates on our travel teams **Mequon HEAT**. It's never too early to start thinking about spring baseball and softball, so grab your stadium seat and enjoy this volume of *The Scorecard*.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to the 2024 season!

Please contact us at any time via our website **MT-LL.org**.

See you on the field,  
**Your 2024 MTLL Leadership Team**

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### 2023 MTLL YEAR IN REVIEW

- Reestablished our commitment as part of our larger TMYBA (Thiensville Mequon Youth Baseball Association) organization.
- Chartered with Little League International for the 3rd year
- Hosted the estimated 23rd annual *The Pitch* informational session
- Hosted **5** Free Open Gyms
- Cheered for over **320** registered MTLL players
- Organized 21 baseball teams and 4 softball teams
- Supported 2 baseball travel teams and 2 softball travel teams
- Appreciated over 80 volunteer coaches
- Trained 45 youth umpires
- Hosted games and practices at 17 different fields in 6 locations
- Attended Brewers Little League Night with 80 MTLL and Heat families
- Participated in Fun Before the 4th Parade
- Hosted Fun Before the 4th All Star games
- Held Annual Playoff games
- Committed to over 80 community partnerships and sponsors
- Offered New Board positions, committees and volunteer opportunities

# Save THE DATE!

2024 Brewers Little League Night  
Tuesday, June 25

Watch for more info this spring. You can attend as a family, with friends or bring your entire team! A portion of each ticket purchase goes directly back to MTLL.

*Reach out with questions!*



## WHAT'S NEW:

- Completed 10 covered dugouts at River Barn, Village Park and Rotary Park Fields
- Installed 2 new, chain link outfield fences at Village Park fields
- Added safety tubing to all fences at River Barn, Rotary, and Village Park fields
- Re-opened Steffen Concessions
- Offered our first MTLL spiritwear sale
- Purchased new, spring-loaded pitching machines
- Held Winter Pitching Clinic and Skills Camps
- Hosted the 1st Annual MTLL Family Movie Night Kickoff event
- Offered 2 group outings to Milwaukee Admirals games
- A first annual equipment rummage sale



## BASE CHATTER [Downloadable Flyer](#)

### 2024 REGISTRATION

Online Registration is **OPEN NOW!**  
Register at **MT-LL.org**  
Log into your Sports Connect account.  
Click "**Register Now**" for the desired league.  
Leagues are based on birthdate.

In order to guarantee a spot for your child, registration must be entered by **Feb. 1**. A **\$50 late fee** applies to registrations after **Feb. 1**.

Coaches: please be sure to indicate coaching interest on your player registration and complete the separate registration by **Clicking Here**.

### 2024 BASEBALL REGISTRATION FEES:

**By Feb. 1 (Additional \$50 after Feb 1st)**  
\$200 per child in Rookies  
\$250 per child in Low Minors and High Minors  
\$275 per child in Majors and Juniors

### 2024 SOFTBALL Registration Fees:

**By Feb. 1 (Additional \$50 after Feb 1st)**  
\$200 per child in Rookies  
\$250 per child in all other leagues



## THE BULLPEN

### SPONSORS

#### MTLL AND HEAT PARENTS: BUSINESS SPONSORS WELCOMED!

If you or your company is interested in sponsoring an MTLL team, we offer sponsorship opportunities for varying levels of commitment from \$300 - \$8,000. With visibility to over 3,000 people per week! Plus 2,000 people for each of our 2 hosted hometown Heat tournaments. A great way to support your player's program and an amazing marketing opportunity!

Sponsors get their company name or logo on team uniforms, website, social media and annual newsletter recognition and varying levels of banner opportunities are included at no additional cost! Visit [MT-LL.org](http://MT-LL.org) for a printable list of options.

MTLL is a TMYBA program and is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Sponsors should indicate their interest during online registration or contact our Sponsorship Director and Board Member Howard Schumacher at [hrs42068@gmail.com](mailto:hrs42068@gmail.com) or via the sponsorship application on [MT-LL.org/Sponsors](http://MT-LL.org/Sponsors).

#### FOLLOW US ON OUR SOCIALS AND WEBSITE!



[MT-LL.org](http://MT-LL.org)



#### LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Registration is open!**  
Visit [MT-LL.org](http://MT-LL.org) to register for the 2024 season. Deadline is **Feb. 1**. **\$50 late fee** after this date.
- Winter Camps going on now! Accepting late registrations reach out to Rookie League Director and coach Joe Fangmann at [joefangmann9@gmail.com](mailto:joefangmann9@gmail.com) for more information.
- Coaches need to also register.
- You can look forward to the annual events as mentioned above, starting with The Pitch information session in the HHS Fieldhouse lobby on January 21.
- Free Open Gyms begin on Sunday, March 3rd. Sign up will be sent to interested and registered families.
- Indoor practice facility offerings for Majors and Juniors teams.
- Coaching assignments, background checks, safety training, and team formation occur in March.
- Player/team assignments occur early April.
- Continued website, communication and social media improvements.
- New Fall Ball offerings!
- Year-round programming with optional camps and clinics.
- 2025 is our 75th Anniversary! Let's prepare to celebrate!



# THE BULLPEN

## CONTINUED

### STR-III-EEE-KKKKK-E! CALLING YOUTH UMPIRES

MTLL is looking to fill our 2024 Umpire Roster! Students currently in 6th grade and up, and who have played at least 2 years in baseball or softball are eligible and encouraged to join! Adults welcome as well as this can be a great parent/child opportunity.

### FUN FACTS:

- Umpiring is the only paid position in our organization.
- No umpire experience necessary.
- Two years minimum playing experience required.
- Quick, confident decision making-skills needed.
- Training, league rules and ongoing support provided.
- Partner with a friend! Field and Plate options for each game.
- Adults will complete a background check.

### WELCOME!

We'd like to welcome our new Umpire Director, U10 Heat Dad, Assistant Coach and Board Member, Mike Costigan!

Mike will be training the umpires, creating schedules, And supporting the umpires throughout the season. Please thank and welcome him to this role!

And a special Thank You to our Umpire Director Emeritus, Jack Blume for his many years of support to our programs!

For additional information, please contact us at [TMYBA12@gmail.com](mailto:TMYBA12@gmail.com) or Mike Costigan at [mcostigan63@gmail.com](mailto:mcostigan63@gmail.com)

### TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME! CONCESSIONS RETURNED TO STEFFEN FIELDS!

"Buy me some peanuts and cracker jacks!" Well, we may not have offered some of those, but concessions was a wild success bringing in over \$3,000!

A heartfelt thank you to *Concessions Kate* for opening up concessions for the first time in over 4 years!

We'd like to open again in 2024, PLUS have a 2nd location at Village Park Snack Shack. If you're interested in helping, please contact Kate Johnson at [kmjohnson0505@gmail.com](mailto:kmjohnson0505@gmail.com). We're looking for a Co-Chair and daily volunteers! Reach out now and watch for a sign-up in spring.

Kate will also be hosting our **2nd annual MTLL/Heat Rummage Sale** on **March 10** during **MTLL Open Gym**. Find unbeatable deals on gently used equipment, gear, baseball pants, cleats, bat bags and more!



## VETERANS ELIGIBLE

### 9th Grade Boys

Ninth grade boys are eligible to play in MTLL Baseball if they do not play for their high school team. We request any interested ninth grader who may want to play MTLL register by Feb. 1.

Any ninth grader who subsequently makes their high school team at spring tryouts, will receive a full refund from MTLL. If the Juniors MTLL game schedule allows, players are welcome to play both.

## SPRING TRAINING

### Winter Open Gym Time

MTLL hosts several **FREE** opportunities for players and coaches to improve their skills during the winter months.

Open gyms are available from **1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** on **\*March 3, 10 and 17** and **April 7 and 14** at both Oriole Lane gyms.

Players will have the opportunity to work on fielding, pitching and hitting skills. **New for 2024:** you can expect more structured drills and rotations hosted by MTLL coaches and HHS student volunteers. To keep this a free event, **all players must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to participate. No exceptions.**

Please sign up online and complete the online waiver. Walk-ins are also welcomed.

\*The dates for 2024 are a bit later to accommodate the *NEW* Winter Pitching Camps and Skills Clinics.

# PLAY BALL

## 2024 IMPORTANT DATES

### October 2023

Registration began at our kickoff event  
MTLL Family Movie Night

### November 2023 and January to February 2024

Camps and Clinics Held for continued offerings

### January 21, 2024

The Pitch Information Session @ HHS Field House  
Lobby

### February 1

\$50 late fee applies to registrations received after  
this date

### March 1

Coaching assignments announced

### March 3, 10, 17, April 7, 14

Free Open Gyms for MTLL players, coaches and  
parents

1pm – 3pm at Oriole Lane Gyms

Sign Up Online; Walk-ins Welcome

### March 9

MTLL group outing to Milwaukee Admirals

### March 10

2nd Annual MTLL/Heat Rummage Sale

### March 12

Required Coaches Clinic and Safety Meeting  
6:00pm-7:30pm at Homestead High School Cafeteria

*\*Team Rosters begin*

*Travel teams may begin rosters and practices earlier  
as the practice and game schedules begin early April.*

### April 1 - 8

Team Notifications Announced

Field Preparation Begins

### April 15

Outdoor practices begin!

### April 16 and 21

Umpire Training Clinics

5:30-7pm @ Range Line Community Center Board  
Room

### May 1 and 2

MTLL Picture Day! Practices for all leagues

Pictures will be indoors if raining

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**We look forward to the 2024 season!**

[Click HERE for a printable calendar](#)



### May 6 and 7

Opening Day! Games for all leagues

### May 27

Memorial Day – No Games

### June

MTLL/HEAT Mentor Nights

### June 24

Little League Playoff Week Begins - Majors and  
Juniors

### June 25

40th Annual Brewers Little League Night

### June 29

Fun Before the Fourth Parade and All-Star Games

### July

Registration for Fall Ball begins

### July 8-9

MTLL Playoffs – Low Minor, High Minor\*

### July 10-11

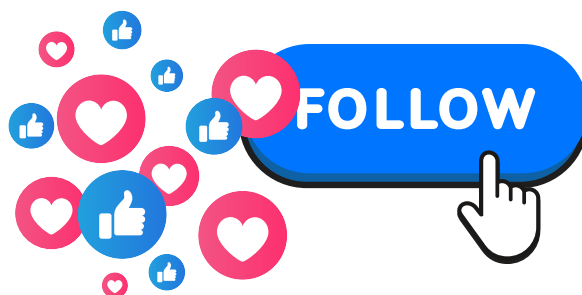
MTLL Championship Games – Low Minor, High  
Minor\*

*\*any rainouts will be moved to the week of July 15*

### Late July/August

Mequon HEAT baseball and softball tryouts

**Be sure to watch the website calendars  
and follow us on social media!**





## MTLL MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS NIGHTS

### IN REVIEW:

MTLL hosted our first ever Milwaukee Admirals Night December 27, 2023 for our families.

### 2024:

Tickets now available for the March 9th game. Game Starts at 6pm.

[Click Here](#) to get your tickets today!

The Milwaukee Admirals donate a portion of tickets sales back to our organization.

### IN REVIEW:

## 2023 Brewers Little League Night

Our **2023 Brewers Little League** night attendance was a **Grand Slam** success. Over **300** players/families attended and raised almost **\$4,000** for MTLL. Mark your calendars for 2024 and join us in this fun and easy fundraising event. Watch for a signup in Spring. You can sign up as a family, friends or bring your entire team! Individual ticket pricing, a portion of each ticket goes directly back to MTLL. And players get to walk in the Parade on the Field!



## THROWBACK TIME!

*Our original logo, a nod to where we've come from.*

### LEARN ABOUT OUR HISTORY!

Read our article in the April edition of the *Mequon Beacon* to learn more about our rich history in the Mequon-Thiensville community.

Our Mission remains the same! Our core values: *Character, Courage, Loyalty and Community.*

TMYBA is celebrating our 75 year anniversary in 2025!

## 2024 Brewers Little League Night Tuesday, June 25, 2024

*And New This Year...*

## 2024 Brewers Youth Baseball Day Saturday, July 28, 2024

Reach out to Rookie League Director and coach Joe Fangmann at [joefangmann9@gmail.com](mailto:joefangmann9@gmail.com) with questions.

A shout out and thank you to our 2023 League Directors who make this all happen so seamlessly!

Rookie - Joe Fangmann  
Low Minor - Erik Gumm  
High Minor - Jon Matte  
Majors - Sam Degner

“The Brewers Little League Night was super fun! I loved that we had such a nice section for all the boys to sit together.”



## COACHES, COACHING CLINICS & LEAGUE DIRECTORS

MTLL relies on adult volunteers to coach our teams. We offer coaching support both in person and online. No prior coaching experience necessary! Dates and locations for in-person clinics will be determined based on need and will be determined by the League Director.

Similarly, we are always looking for League Directors. LDs are typically an experienced coach who can coordinate team assignments, support other league coaches, create schedules, and hand out uniforms and team bags. Please add your interest to your player's registration under the "volunteer" section or reach out to us at [TMYYBA12@gmail.com](mailto:TMYYBA12@gmail.com).

### BASEBALL SCHEDULES

#### MTLL Boys Baseball

*Rookie and High Minor*

Beginning May 6:

- Rookie and High Minor will have games and practices on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- The Rookie Season ends June 28.
- High Minors will conclude after playoffs beginning on July 8.
- As playoff teams advance, High Minor games continue each night until the championship game on Thursday.
- NEW for 2024: Interested High Minors teams will have an opportunity to scrimmage with other communities if desired.

"Coaches have been amazing all season long! Thanks for your dedication + commitment to our boys."

### BASEBALL SCHEDULES cont.

#### MTLL Boys Baseball

*Low Minor*

Beginning May 7:

- Low Minor will have games and practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Low Minors will conclude after playoffs beginning on July 8.
- As playoff teams advance, Low Minor games continue each night until the championship game on Thursday.

#### Majors and Juniors

Majors and Juniors are our travel teams and will play various days of the week and occasional weekends. Practice and game schedules are based on the local pod with other communities and will be announced by Mid-March. NEW for 2024: Some early-season indoor practices have been scheduled. Game start dates are early April. Playoffs are the week of June 24. Single games and scrimmages can continue into late-June and early-July based on team interest.



#### MTLL GIRLS SOFTBALL

Softball Schedules

#### MTLL Girls Softball Continues!

Be sure to register your player and coach for MTLL Girls Softball!

We offer: *Rookie, AA, AAA, Majors and Seniors.*

*Schedules vary based on travel inter-league play and age level. Please see our website for schedule details. [MT-LL.org](http://MT-LL.org)*

We offer everything from skill-building young players to travel and tournament play. MTLL is the ONLY local league affiliated with Little League.

Offerings include:

- Extensive background and safety checks
- No cuts! Everyone plays
- Equal playing time
- Learn to play all positions
- Travel Teams Available
- Weeknight games, occasional Saturdays
- Residents and Non-Residents welcome
- Play with neighbors, classmates, and friends!
- January Registration, Teams begin in April

Visit [MT-LL.org](http://MT-LL.org) for more info!





Our parent organization, TMYBA (Thiensville Mequon Youth Baseball Association), also hosts a select travel program called **Mequon HEAT!** Annual baseball and softball tryouts are held in late July and typically have teams in U9 through U16 for baseball and U10, U12 and U14 for softball. The development of most **HEAT** players began with MTLL and have grown their love of the game to this select part of the organization. Our **HEAT** teams travel to many surrounding tournaments and beyond. The skills learned through both of these experiences can continue onto high school and possibly beyond. While many Mequon and Thiensville families enjoy the convenience of the MTLL locations and schedules, if you're looking for a more competitive atmosphere with an opportunity to travel beyond the local communities to play, consider trying out for **HEAT** next summer. Here's more:

- Tryouts begin in late July
- Travel teams at every age level U9 and above
- Community-based teams
- Baseball and Fastpitch Softball
- Winter training
- Fall ball offered

Annual Social Events for **HEAT** players and parents. Fundraising opportunities to support our local ball fields, parks and program.

"My son very much enjoyed the experience"

Thank you!

**HEAT SPONSORS**



### 2023 HEAT Season in Review:

- Over 40 volunteer coaches
- Over 140 registered players
- 3 major sponsors
- 2nd Annual **Swing For the Fences** social fundraiser event
- Participated in community-based service project
- Played at Helfaer Field at American Family Field
- Annual travel tournament to Wisconsin Dells, including a **HEAT** Family Dinner with over 200 attendees!
- Offered merit hours for HHS student volunteers
- Hosted 3 tournaments in Mequon and Thiensville
- Added **HEAT** Logo signage to all outfield fences
- Multiple Tournament Wins with Trophies to boot!

**FOLLOW US ON OUR SOCIALS AND WEBSITE!**



**TMYBA.COM/HEAT**

"The HEAT program is very well managed and a pleasure to be a part of."





## Thank you to our 2023 HEAT Coaches

Jared Crabbe, Jim Moyer, Sean Kelly, Brian Brate, Ted Aydt, and especially Head Coach and **HEAT** Director, Steve Wirth. Many accomplishments on and off the field! Including the **2023 Swing For the Fences HEAT Fundraiser** that brought in over **\$22,000!** The generous donations from **HEAT** families, along with the Mequon Thiensville Community Foundation and Mequon Thiensville Sunrise Rotary Club can not be beat. With these donations, we were able to complete 10 covered dugout structures, add 2 chain link fences to Village Park Central and East fields and add fence safety tubing on 8 outfield fences!

All funds raised go directly back to the program and community for continuous improvements.

## 2024 HEAT Season Ahead:

- More spiritwear options
  - Student Mentor opportunities
  - Our first U16 team, we now have U15 and U16 Baseball teams
  - Save the Date - April 13, 2024 for our 3rd Annual **Swing for the Fences** social fundraiser
  - **Memorial Shootout Tournament**, May 24-26\*
  - **Highlander Battle Tournament**, July 12-14\*
- \* Both hosted at local parks in Mequon and Thiensville.

Be sure to follow us on Social Media!

[Downloadable Flyer](#)

"Great coaches...  
Love the HEAT program!"

# Swing FOR THE FENCES

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**April 13, 2024**

Third Annual

**Swing for the Fences** fundraiser

Everyone welcome | Tickets required

Watch HEAT website for details

# 2024 HEAT TOURNAMENTS

HEAT Teams Enrolled  
No Additional Cost to Families  
for Either Tournament



## MEQUON HEAT MEMORIAL WEEKEND SHOOTOUT BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

May 25-26, 2024

### Tournament Details

**Location:** Mequon-Thiensville  
Rennicke Field, Lemke Fields,  
Rotary Park, Thiensville Village Park,  
River Barn Park

**Cost:** \$450  
(\$50 discount for entering three teams  
from your organization or for entering  
the Highlander Battle July 12-14)

Mail this form with \$450 check  
Payable to Mequon Heat  
Memorial Weekend Shootout  
c/o Steven Wirth  
PO Box 633  
Mequon, WI 53092

### TOURNAMENT DATES

SATURDAY, MAY 25TH U9, U11 & U13

SUNDAY, MAY 26TH U10, U12 & U14

MONDAY, MAY 27TH RAIN OUT MAKE-UP DATE

\*Some Teams will Play Friday Night May 24th

One Day B/C Tournament  
By Age Group U9 - U14  
Three Game Guarantee



## MEQUON HEAT HIGHLANDER BATTLE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT



JULY 12-14, 2024

### Tournament Details

**Location:** Mequon-Thiensville  
Rennicke Field, Rotary Park &  
Thiensville Village Park

**Cost:** \$450  
(\$50 discount for entering  
three teams from your  
organization or for entering the  
Memorial Weekend Shootout  
on May 24-26, 2024)

Mail this form with \$450 check  
Payable to Mequon Heat  
Highlander Battle c/o Steven Wirth  
PO Box 633  
Mequon, WI 53092

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 12TH U15/U16

\*Some U9-U14 Teams will Play Friday Evening

SATURDAY, JULY 13TH U9, U11, U13 & U15/U16

SUNDAY, JULY 14TH U10, U12, U14 & U15/U16

One Day B/C Tournament  
By Age Group U9 - U16  
Three Game Guarantee



"HEAT FOREVER!"

# 2023-2024 MTL & Mequon HEAT Leadership Team

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*We are always looking to form committees to support any of the roles above, new ones to keep our programs thriving and moving forward, and for enthusiastic board members to join the mission. No time commitment is too large or too small. We have everything from picture day to concessions, so be sure to check out our website for available positions. Always feel free to reach out to any board member with questions.*

**TMYBA12@gmail.com**

**MT-LL.org**

**TMYBA.org/HEAT**

**THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!**

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# 2023 Sponsors



"Thank you for everything you do for these kids and the community!"

Follow us and our colleagues online and on social media:



## MTLL MISSION STATEMENT

MTLL is charged with providing every day examples of the values upon which Little League was built: *Character, Courage, and Loyalty*. These values are manifest not only by how we conduct ourselves on the field, but also by how we conduct ourselves off the field. MTLL has been and will continue to be a community where all races, genders, and backgrounds come together and are welcomed to play and grow together.