



THE SCORECARD



DEAR MTL FAMILY,

We hope you had a healthy and happy 2022. As we move into the new year, we'd like to first thank all of our volunteer coaches, directors, board members and parents! We are a 100% volunteer-based organization and could not offer as much as we do without your commitment. The support from all of you is the primary reason we are such a unique and ongoing part of the Mequon-Thiensville community at large.

We have lots of exciting events, opportunities and news to share for 2023! 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 2023 season!

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

See you on the field,
Your 2023 MTL Leadership Team

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2022 MTL YEAR IN REVIEW

- Second year with Little League International
- Hosted annual **The Pitch** informational session
- Hosted **4** free Open Gyms
- Cheered on **320+** registered MTL players
- Organized **21** baseball teams and **6** softball teams
- Supported **2** baseball and **4** softball travel teams
- Appreciated over **85** volunteer coaches
- Trained over **60** youth umpires
- Hosted games/practices at **12** fields in **5** locations
- Attended Little League Night at AmFam Field
- Enjoyed Annual Chinooks Night, Fun Before the 4th Parade and All Star games
- Scheduled annual playoff games
- Offered merit hour opportunities for HHS volunteers
- Secured **65+** community partnerships and sponsors
- Added new board positions, committees and volunteer opportunities

Save THE DATE!

2023 Brewers Little League Night
Tuesday, June 20

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:

- Check out our new website **MT-LL.org** with an easier registration process!
- Outfield fences at River Barn
- Dugout enclosures in progress at River Barn, Village Park and Rotary Park fields
- New sign up process and structure to free Open Gyms, plus an additional date
- Continued fencing, equipment and outdoor facility improvements



BASE CHATTER

2023 REGISTRATION

Online Registration is **OPEN NOW!**
Register at **MT-LL.org**
Click the **Registration Info** tab.

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.

2023 REGISTRATION FEES:

By Feb. 1

\$200 per child in Rookies
\$250 per child in all other leagues

After Feb. 1

\$250 per child in Rookies
\$300 per child in other leagues



THE BULLPEN

SPONSORS

Interested in sponsoring an MTLL team? The cost is \$300 for one team or \$500 for two. Sponsors may place their company name or logo on uniforms, and get website, social media and newsletter recognition. Field banners also available at an additional cost.

MTLL/TMYBA is a 501(c)(3) organization and all sponsorships are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Sponsors should indicate their interest during online registration or contact our Sponsorship Director via MT-LL.org.

UMPIRES & UMPIRE DIRECTOR NEEDED

MTLL is looking for 2023 umpires! Students currently in 6th grade and up, who have played at least 2 years of baseball or softball, are eligible. Adults also welcome (it can be a great parent/child opportunity).

Fun Facts:

- Umpiring is the only paid position in MTLL.
- No umpire experience necessary.
- At least 2 years playing experience required.
- Quick, confident decision-making-skills needed.
- Training, league rules and ongoing support provided.
- Adults must complete background check.

We're also looking to tag up with a new **Umpire Director!** This adult volunteer should have coaching experience within our organization. Ideally, interested parents would have a middle school age player and network with this age group.

For more info, email TMYBA12@gmail.com or our veteran Umpire Director, **Jack Blume**, at Jack.Blume@zastudios.com.

IN REVIEW:

2022 Brewers Little League Night

Our 2022 Brewers Little League Night attendance was a **Grand Slam** success!

Over **60** players/families attended and raised almost **\$3,000** for MTLL.

Make sure to join us at this fun, easy fundraising event in 2023!



LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Registration is open!**
Visit MT-LL.org to register for the 2023 season. Deadline is **Feb. 1**. **\$50 late fee** after this date.
- Look forward to annual events, beginning with **The Pitch** information session in the HHS Fieldhouse lobby on **Jan. 22**.
- Coaching assignments, background checks, safety training and team formation available in **March**.
- Player/team assignments occur early **April**.
- Continued website and communication improvements.
- Reopening of concessions at Steffen fields.

PLAY BALL

2023 IMPORTANT DATES

December 2022

Registration begins

Jan. 22

The Pitch Information Session in HHS Field House Lobby

Feb. 1

\$50 late fee applies to registrations received after this day.

Feb. 4, 11, 25, March 11, 18

Free Open Gyms for MTLL players, coaches and parents

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Oriole Lane

Sign up online; walk-ins welcome

March 2023

- Coaching assignments announced
- Coaching clinics
- Coaches meeting
- Safety meeting

April 8

Team notification deadline

April 17

Outdoor practices begin!

April 18, 23

Umpire Training Clinics

5-7:30 p.m. at Range Line Community Center

April 24

Opening Day for softball leagues

May 1-2

Opening Day for all baseball leagues

May 29

Memorial Day – no games

June 20

Brewers Little League Night

June

MTLL/HEAT Mentor Nights

June 26

Playoff Week - Majors and Juniors

July 1

Fun Before the Fourth Parade and All-Star Game

July 10-11

MTLL Playoffs – Low Minor, High Minor

July 12-13

MTLL Championship Games – Low Minor, High Minor

Late July/August

Mequon HEAT baseball and softball tryouts



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.

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 **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** on **Feb. 4, 11** and **26** and **March 11** and **18** at both Oriole Lane gyms.

Players will have the opportunity to work on fielding, pitching and hitting skills. **New for 2023:** you can expect more structured drills 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 also welcome.



COACHES, COACHING CLINICS & LEAGUE DIRECTORS

MTLL relies on adult volunteers to coach our teams. We offer coaching clinics tailored to various skill levels, both live and through online resources. No prior coaching experience necessary. Dates and locations for in-person clinics will be determined based on need and announced soon.

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 reach out to us at TMYYBA12@gmail.com if you are interested.

BASEBALL SCHEDULES

MTLL Boys Baseball *Rookie and High Minor*

Beginning May 2:

- Rookie and High Minor will have games and practices on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- The Rookie Season ends June 29.
- High Minors will conclude after playoffs beginning on July 10.
- As playoff teams advance, High Minor games continue each night until the championship game on Thursday.

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

BASEBALL SCHEDULES cont.

MTLL Boys Baseball *Low Minor*

- Low Minor will have games and practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Low Minors will conclude after playoffs beginning on July 10.
- 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. Playoffs are the week of June 26. Single games continue into early July.



MTLL GIRLS SOFTBALL

Softball Schedules

Rookie

- Begins May 8 through June 29
- Games and practices held on Mondays and Thursdays

AA

- Begins May 8 through June 29
- Games and practices held on Mondays and Thursdays
- Short travel for away games throughout the week
- Single elimination tournament to follow beginning July 5
- Season ends July 17

AAA and Majors

- Begins week of April 24 through June 16
- Single elimination tournament to follow
- Season ends June 29

Seniors

- Begins June 1 through July 3

All Leagues

- All practices start 2-3 weeks prior to game start dates.
- Home games and practices will be held on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Away games may be any day during the week or Saturdays.

Visit MT-LL.org for more info!



Did you know MTLL also hosts select travel teams called **Mequon HEAT**? Typically, baseball teams are U9 through U15 and softball teams are U10, U12 and U14. The development of most HEAT players began with MTLL (formerly known as Thiensville-Mequon Youth Baseball Association/TMYBA) and have grown their love of the game to this select part of the organization. Our HEAT teams travel to tournaments in surrounding communities and beyond. The skills learned through both of these experiences can continue into high school and possibly beyond. If you're looking for a more competitive atmosphere with an opportunity to travel to other communities to play, consider trying out for HEAT next summer.

- 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

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

Swinging FOR THE FENCES

- The **2022 Swinging For the Fences** fundraiser raised \$16,000
- In late 2021, our **Butter Braids Sales Fundraiser** raised \$1,400

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

SAVE THE DATE!

April 22, 2023

Second annual **Swinging for the Fences** fundraiser

3-6 p.m. | The Annex at Foxtown

Everyone welcome | Tickets required

[Watch HEAT website for details](#)



2022 Heat Season in Review:

- Over 40 volunteer coaches
- Over 130 registered players
- 2 major sponsors
- 2nd Sales Fundraiser
- Inaugural **Swinging For the Fences** social fundraiser event
- Participated in 2 community-based service projects
- Played at Helfaer Field at American Family Field
- Annual travel tournament to Wisconsin Dells
- Offered merit hours for HHS student volunteers
- Hosted 3 tournaments in Mequon and Thiensville
- Fastpitch Fall Ball round robins

2023 HEAT Season Ahead:

- More spiritwear options
- Annual HEAT moms softball game
- Mentor program opportunities

HEAT SPONSORS



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

2022-2023 MTL & Mequon HEAT Leadership Team

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2022 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.