

2024 Mercer County
Little League
Harrodsburg, KY
Safety Plan

League ID#: 03170305

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# Mercer County Little League Mission Statement

The purpose of Mercer County Little League Baseball, Inc. (MCLL) shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy, and trustworthy citizen.

#### Mercer County Little League Safety Plan

Mercer County Little League will distribute a copy of this Safety Manual to all Managers, Coaches, League Volunteers, and the District Administrator. A copy will also be made available on our league website, <a href="https://www.mercercountylittleleague.com">www.mercercountylittleleague.com</a>

# EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS LOCAL POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE SQUAD DIAL 911

Be prepared to give dispatcher clear directions to the field/area the player/person is injured. Be ready to assist in helping direct first responders to the location once they are on the scene and ensuring a clear path for them to get to the injured.

#### Inclement Weather

In the event of bad weather, Anderson Dean Community Park has in place a storm warning system. A siren will sound if there is bad weather in the area. Once the siren has sounded, each manager should make sure his team is off of the field and inside the dugout. Teams and coaches are to remain in the dugout until the all clear horn has sounded from the warning system. Once the all clear is given, teams and coaches are cleared to resume practice/game activities.

## **Volunteer Screening**

Mercer County Little League has implemented an online signup process directly through our website, <a href="www.mercercountylittleleague.com">www.mercercountylittleleague.com</a>. We also provide the Official Little League Volunteer Application upon request from anyone without access to the website. All background checks are performed through J.D. Palatine for all volunteers who have signed up to help.

## **Fundamentals Training**

Mercer County Little League is providing fundamentals training for both players and coaches. One coach/assistant coach is required to attend for each team in the league and is required to receive this training once every 3 years. The coaching clinic will be held in March 2024 [date TBD] with a coach from Mercer County High School providing fundamentals and drills for different age groups. Mercer County Little League is also partnering with the Mercer County Senior High School Baseball team to provide a players clinic for all little league players. The

players' clinic is scheduled for March 2024 [date TBD]. Little league players will be provided with fundamental training and drill instructions for individual divisions.

#### First Aid Training

Mercer County Little League will provide a first aid training course in March 2024. A representative from the local Mercer County Firefighter/EMS will be in attendance to provide basic first aid training as well as actions to take when calling 911 and what information to provide the dispatcher/first responders. We encourage our coaches to educate themselves on concussion laws and training as well as what signs to look for regarding heat exhaustion. If any players show signs of a concussion/heat exhaustion, that player is to be removed from the game and be evaluated. If there are any questions or concerns for a player's safety, do not let them play.

#### **Pre-Game Field Inspections**

Coaches and umpires are required to walk/inspect the fields prior to practices or games. Any hazards or unsafe playing conditions should be reported to a board member. The board member will alert the Safety Officer and President so the Anderson Dean Park office can be notified of safety concern. The annual Facility Survey will be completed each year by the Safety Officer and League President.

# **Concession Stand Safety**

Mercer County Little League does not own/operate the concession stand that is located in the center of the baseball facility at Anderson Dean Community Park. The concession stand is operated by the Park and is inspected and given operating approval by the Kentucky Department of Health.

#### **Equipment Check**

Mercer County Little League has a dedicated board member assigned to check and maintain all equipment. The equipment will be checked prior to the beginning of the season and any damaged/unusable equipment will be discarded and replaced. Coaches are required to inspect the equipment prior to each practice/game and report any damaged items to the Equipment Manager. Umpires are also required to inspect equipment before the start of each game.

## Accident Reporting and First-Aid Kits

Prompt incident reporting is required. Mercer County Little League will use the provided incident tracking form from the Little League website and will provide completed accident forms to the Safety Officer within 24-48 hours of the incident. Each team will be issued an updated first aid kit which is required to be available at every practice and game.

#### Little League Baseball Rules Enforcement

Mercer County Little League will follow and enforce all Little League rules. Each coach may receive a current year rule book or can download the Little League International app to access the rulebook. Any rule changes will also be discussed at the coaching clinic. Local league rules are also provided to each volunteer and are available on the league website under the documents section.

# League Player/Coach Data Registration

League player registration data or player roster data as well as coach and manager data must be submitted via the Little League Data Center.

#### 2024 MCLL Volunteer Guidelines

This document shall serve as a list of guidelines and regulations, under which all Mercer County Little League volunteers must adhere and follow. Any violation or neglect of these guidelines that is deemed intentional, or particularly egregious, shall result in a suspension, removal, or ban from MCLL. Mercer County Little League takes a serious approach to protecting all of its players well-being, and the wholesome ideals of playing baseball for both competition and for fun; and thus will stop at no cost to foster an environment conducive to that.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

- 1. Volunteers shall not, under any circumstances, use curse words to or around children.
- 2. Volunteers shall not partake in drinking, smoking, or any form of behavior altering substance while involved in, or around any LL sanctioned game, practice, or event.
- 3. Volunteers shall not make unwelcomed physical contact with any player at any time.
- 4. Volunteers shall not ever insult, degrade, threaten, or otherwise hurt a child.
- 5. Volunteers shall not ever condone LL sanctioned activities to take place at a site outside of MCLL jurisdiction.

#### **COACHES**

- 1. Coaches shall not use physical punishments under any circumstances. This includes, but is not limited to: excessive running, physical conditioning, intentional hit-by-pitches, and etc.
- 2. Coaches shall not mandate any organized practices in excess of 1.5 hours during the regular season.
- 3. Coaches shall not mandate more than 3 organized practices per week before games start, or 2 practices in a week in which you have a game.
- 4. Coaches shall always permit players to get water, use the bathroom, or take a physical break whenever requested.
- 5. Coaches shall demonstrate professional behavior to all league officials, including umpires. There will be no cursing, degrading, insulting, or physical/verbal attacks toward umpires/scorekeepers as this will result in immediate ejection and/or suspension.
- 6. ALL volunteers, including team parents, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, and/or any other volunteers who anticipate being on the field at any time during practices/games must complete the USA Baseball [Child] Abuse Awareness training to meet requirements.
- 7. ALL volunteers, including team parents, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, and/or any other volunteers who anticipate being on the field at any time during practices/games must complete and be cleared on the background check through MCLL to meet requirements.

<sup>\*\*</sup>An example of the Volunteer Application from the Little League website is provided on the next page.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The link and Instructions on how to complete the Child Abuse Awareness training are provided below.

#### **Volunteer Application**

#### **Printable**



This volunteer application should only be used if a league is manually entering information into JDP or an outside background check provider that meets the standards of Little League Regulations 1(c)9. THIS FORM SHOULD NOT BE COMPLETED IF A LEAGUE IS UTILIZING THE JDP QUICKAPP. Visit

A COPY OF VALID GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION MUST BE ATTACHED TO

All RED fields are required.

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Address

LittleLeague.org/localBGcheck for more information.

# Little League® Volunteer Application – 2023 Do not use forms from past years. Use extra paper to complete if additional space is required.

□ Yes □ No Have you ever been refused participation in any other youth programs and/or listed on any youth organization ineligible list?

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Please list three references, at least one of which has knowledge of your participation as a volunteer in a youth program

Zip

**Business Phone** E-mail Address

Social Security # (mandatory)

Home Phone: Date of Birth Occupation

Cell Phone

IFYOU LIVE IN A STATE THAT REQUIRES A SEPARATE BACKGROUND CHECK BY LAW, PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THAT STATE'S BACKGROUND CHECK. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON STATE LAWS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: <u>Little League org / Be</u>

history records. I understand that, if appointed, my position is conditional upon the league receiving no inappropriate information on my background. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Incorporated, the AS A CONDITION OF VOLUNTEERING, I give permission for the Little League organization to conduct background check(s) on officers, employees and volunteers thereof, or any other person or organization that may provide such information. I also understand that, regardless of previous appointments, Little League is not obligated to appoint me to a volunteer position. If appointed, I understand that, prior to the expiration of my term, I am subject to suspension by the President and removal by the Board of Directors for violatio which contain name only searches which may result in a report being generaled that may or may not be me), child abuse and me now and as long as I continue to be active with the organization, which may include a review of sex offender

Date	Date	
Applicant Signature	If Minor/Parent Signature	Applicant Name (please print or type)

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□ Yes

Previous volunteer experience (including baseball/softball and year):

unity affiliations (Clubs, Service Organizations, etc.)

Special professional training, skills, hobbies

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□ Yes □ ¥es

2. Special Certification (CPR, Medical, etc.)? If yes, list:

Do you have a valid driver's license?

Driver's License#:

If yes, list full name and what level? Do you have children in the program?

NOTE: The local Little League and Little League Baseball, Incorporated will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, marital status, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

4. Have you ever been charged with, convicted of, plead no contest, or guilty to any crime(s) involving or against a

(If volunteer answered yes to Question 4, the local league must contact Little League International

If yes, describe each in full:

minor, or of a sexual nature?

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LOCAL LEAGUE USE ONLY:	officeron	System[s] used for background check (minimum of one must be checked]: Review the Little League Regulation 1(c)(9) for all background check requirements	☐ JDP (Includes review of the US. Center of SafeSpart's Centralized Discplinary Database and Little League International Ineligible/Suspended List)*  League International Ineligible/Suspended List)*	U.S. Center of SafeSport's Centralized Discplinary	Database and Little League International Ineligible/Suspended List	*Please be advised that if you use JDP and there is a name match in the few states where only name match searches can be performed our double really unlambeer that they will receive a latter or exact former from TDP is compliance with the Fair Could Benedian Act
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ng information regarding all the criminal records associated with the name, which may not necessarily be the league voluntee

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□ Yes

(Answering yes to Question 6, does not automatically disqualify you as a volunteer.)

(Answering yes to Question 5, does not automatically disqualify you as a volunteer.

Do you have any criminal charges pending against you regarding any crime[s]?

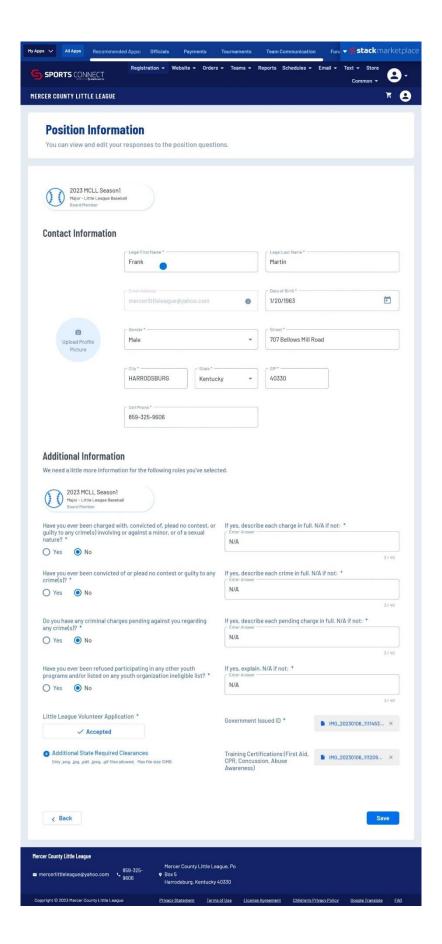
If yes, describe each in full:

Have you ever been convicted of or plead no contest or guilty to any crime(s)?

If yes, describe each in full:

Only attach to this application copies of background check reports that reveal convictions of this application

Employer Address



#### **Child Abuse Awareness Training Requirement**

#### Click the link:

#### https://usabdevelops.com/page/3532/courses

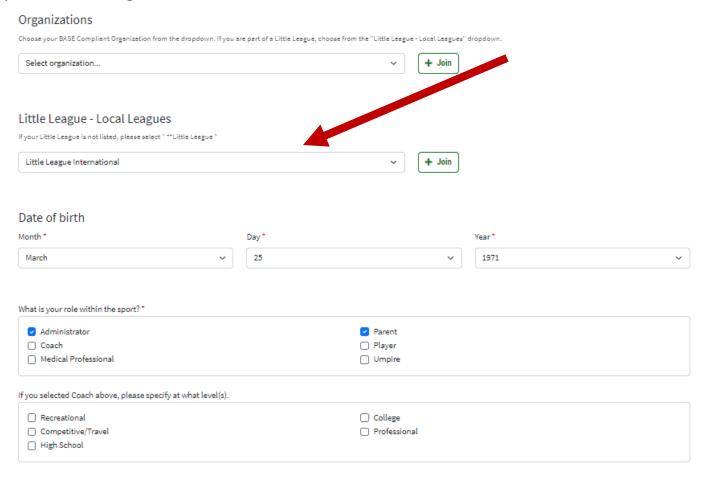
Volunteers will need to register with the site. In the drop-down list, click on "Little League." Once the volunteer has registered for an account, locate the icon for Child Abuse Awareness training for Adults. Volunteers will need to provide a copy of the certificate to the MCLL Board President or a board officer.

Step 1. Step 2.

<b>USA Baseball</b>
Resources for coaches, players, parents, and umpires
Email *
Password *
Sign in
Contact Support
Forgot Password
Don't have an account?
Register



#### Step 3. Fill in the registration boxes and click REGISTER.



Step 4. Once registered, see the course list. Click on Abuse Awareness for Adults.

