



MEDIA LITTLE LEAGUE



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NEWSLETTER

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Key Dates in 2006

Registration – Media Community Center

January 28 (Saturday)	Noon – 3:00pm
January 30 (Monday)	6:00 – 9:00pm
February 4 (Saturday)	9:00am – Noon
February 6 (Monday)	6:00 – 9:00pm

Player Evaluations – Springton Lake MS

February 11 (Saturday)	Noon – 1:30pm	10 year olds
	1:30 – 2:30pm	11 year olds
	2:30 - 3:30pm	12 year olds
	Late Registration accepted	

February 25 (Saturday)	Noon – 1:30pm	8 year olds
	1:30 – 3:00pm	9 year olds
	3:00 – 3:30pm	10-12 year olds

March 3 (Friday) 6:30 – 7:30pm Make-ups All Ages

Board Mtg. w/ Coaches – Media Community Center

March 1 (Wednesday) 8:00pm in Parlor Room

Field Day – Media Little League Complex

All Board members, Coaches and Parents expected to pitch in and help out

March 25 (Saturday)	9:00am
March 26 (Sunday – if needed)	10:00am

Picture Day – Media Little League Complex

April 8 (Saturday) Times to be announced

Season Begins – All Leagues

April 17 (Monday)

Opening Day Ceremonies / Media Little League Complex

April 22 (Saturday) Parade starts at 9:00am

Volunteers Needed!

Media Little League is a 100% volunteer organization, and we are firmly committed to creating the safest and best environment possible for your child. In order to provide the best possible environment, we need your help. Please get involved by signing-up as a volunteer. We need:

Team Parents	Snack bar openers and closers
Bat-A-Thon Volunteers	Fence and Ad Book ads
Umpires	Team sponsors

President's Message

As Media Little League embarks on its 55th year of baseball for the youth of our community, we once again look forward to the excitement that brings our families together. The foundation of our efforts is to provide a quality experience for the families and friends that participate in our League. The face of Medial Little League's Complex will continue to evolve as it has over the past few years. However, at the heart of the organization, our goal remains the same. That is, to demonstrate to the youth of our community positive role models through competition, sportsmanship and physical wellbeing.

The ability of the League to continue relies on the support of its membership. The membership provides essential services such as coaching, volunteering and fundraising. The Bat-A-Thon has become the League's primary fundraising initiative. The monies generated from Bat-A-Thon have enabled the Board to cope with the ever increasing enrollment of MLL. Complex improvements have included the construction of a new field in 2005, installation of additional batting cages and the equipment necessary to deliver baseball instruction at a high level. I, as the President of the League, will ask the membership to once again support the Bat-A-Thon as the most effective way to meet the financial needs of the League and to allow our kids to have a fun and challenging experience.

Many new and exciting directions have been taken in the recent past by our League and we look forward to continuing and expanding these programs into the future. Last year we introduced a series of free clinics for children in the League to improve their baseball skills. This year, the Board will focus on teaching the teachers. We have arranged to have All Star Baseball Academy's professional coaches instruct our volunteer coaches on the essentials of running an effective and safe baseball practice. Other new programs to look forward to in the upcoming season will include changes at the Continental and National League levels to make the games more competitive and exciting, and a new volunteer program that will hopefully rejuvenate the spirit of volunteerism at Media Little League.

I would like to wish everyone a successful, happy and productive season. If you would like to share thoughts and ideas that will make our League better, seek me out at the Complex this spring. I would love to hear from you and don't forget, come out and volunteer your time.

Respectfully,

Peter J. McGough
President, Media Little League

Stump The Ump – by Mark “Big Blue” Holland
Situation 1

One out, runners on first and second. Batter smashes a double to left. Runner from second scores but runner from first is thrown out at the plate. The batter advances to second safely BUT is declared out on appeal for missing first base.

Does the run score?

Situation 2

Runner on first, no outs, the batter hits a fly ball to left field. As the ball hits the left fielder's glove, the runner tags and breaks for second. The ball is juggled (actually pops up in the air) but the center fielder makes the catch before the ball hits the ground. The defensive team appeals that the runner left before the ball was caught.

Is the runner out for leaving too soon?

Back in the day...

Recently we asked some folks around the league: How has baseball changed since you were a kid playing in Little League?

“The enthusiasm and knowledge of the coaches and parents has remained consistently excellent. However, the technology and facilities have far exceeded our expectations.”

“When I was a kid most of us played ball outside of Little League whether it be in a sandlot, a park or in the street. Today very few kids show up with that experience.”

“I played ball with my friends from the neighborhood all day long and then went and played my Little League games a couple of nights a week. Today, kids watch too much television and play too many video games, which does not sharpen their skills at all. You rarely see kids out playing the neighborhood pick up games like you use to.”

While everyone agreed that the game itself, the basic rules and how it's played has remained the same, the biggest difference was that almost no informal, non-organized baseball happens anymore.

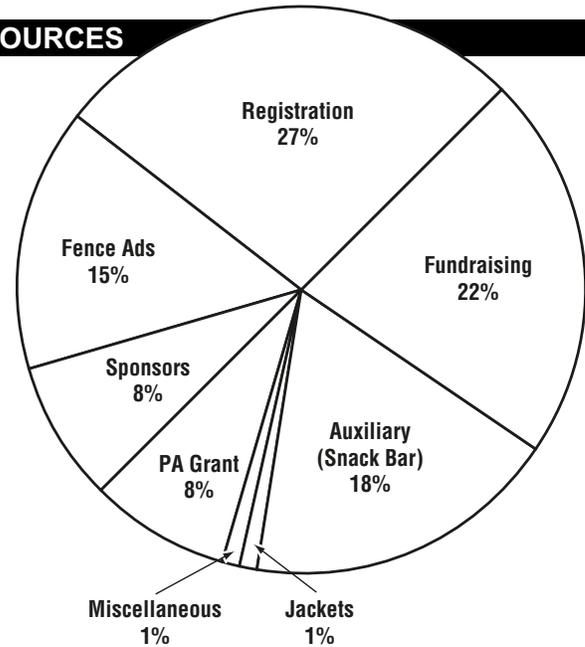
So what do you say guys? Put down the controllers, call up your friends and just go play the greatest game ever invented. Because trust me, you'll make up your time on the computer when you're an adult. But you'll never regret squeezing in another inning of baseball with your friends. No one will ever remember the number of aliens you destroyed in StarCraft, but everyone will still talk about the great game saving catch you made in that pick-up game, even after you turn 70. Trust me.

ANSWERS TO STUMP THE UMP
Situation 1 - The Answer 4.09(a) NO run scores. The runner crossed the plate on a PLAY in which the batter-runner made the third (3rd) out BEFORE he/she touched first base.
Situation 2 - The Answer 2.00 Catch. NO the runner is not out. The runner may tag up and advance the instant the first fielder (the left fielder in this case) touches the ball. (First touch)

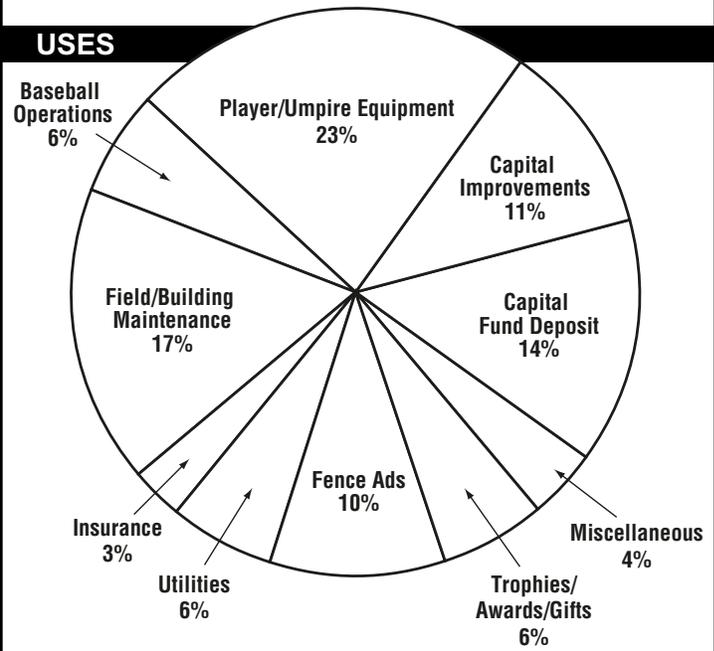
League benefits from strong membership support in 2005

Through the continued efforts of our Media Little League community, we were able to improve baseball for our youth in several key areas this past year. Most significant was the addition of Fred Dotts Field which will someday host games by children of today's players. Without the dedication and sacrifice from everyone, none of these achievements would have been possible. Thanks again to all of our membership for their strong support of Media Little League baseball.

SOURCES



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Bright Future for the "Young Guns"

Media Little Leagues 9/10 year old Tournament team, nicknamed the "Young Guns" completed a successful campaign this past summer in District 19's 9/10 year old tournament finishing as runners up with a 4-2 record. Media lost to the eventual Pennsylvania State Champions Upper Darby. Media lost to UD 4-3 in their first meeting in the District tournament which featured a play at the plate in the bottom of the 6th with 2 outs, UD was able to score the run and go on and win the game. The second meeting was in the championship game played on July 22nd at Upper Darby's fields, where Media played a hard fought game but came up just short 6-4. Media had beaten Del Val 13-0, Haverford 15-5, Drexel Hill 12-2 and Aston-Middletown 11-3 before taking on Upper Darby in the championship game

The same group also played under the team name of Rose Tree Rebels, an AAU sanctioned program. Here the team finished in 1st place in the Brookline Tournament played in late June, scoring 60 runs in 4 games while allowing only 4 runs for their opponents. The Rose Tree team also entered the Swarthmore Wood AAU tournament, which was a tournament for boys ages 11 and 12 year olds. The team went to the Final Four and finished with a 2-2 record as 10 year olds in a mostly 12 year old tournament. To cap off their summer All-Star program, the rebels were champions in the 9th annual Newtown Edgemont Tournament 10 year old division. The Rebels won all their games (BYC 11-6 and Drexel Hill 22-2, Newtown Edgemont 11-1, Aston Middletown 13-3 and faced the



same Aston Middletown team in the championship game defeating them 7-3).

This IS a very talented group with a bright future for the league, Media Little League looks forward to a few years of very competitive baseball from the boys. Team members were: Josh Bannister, Danny Furman, Cole Gamber, Brian Gross, Philip Kotcamp, Kevin McGarvey, Eric McGough, Joey Murray, John Owens, Eric Poyton, David Splain, Shane Williams

Coaching Staff:

Manager: Peter McGough. **Coaches:** Scott Kotcamp, Ed Williams, Tony Antonello and David Splain.

MLL 11/12 District Team has best finish in a decade

The 2005 version of the Media Little League 11/12 District Team was a dandy. Many of the boys on this team had been playing summer ball together since they were 8 years old and it showed. Knowing several very good teams lurked within the District 19 field we felt our boys had a realistic shot at the title. Our first test would come early with a first



round match-up against a tough Drexel Hill team. As expected this was a hard fought and exceptionally well played game. Unfortunately it would not go our way with Drexel Hill winning 3-1. Losing the first game of this double elimination tournament would be very difficult to overcome, but this MLL team would not go down without a fight and began it's marathon through the "losers bracket" with solid victories over Mickey Vernon and Haverford. With these victories, only the elite teams of the District remained. Our next game would be against the defending 11 Year Old Districts champions and 2005 12 Year Old District favorite, Upper Darby. To make the task at hand more difficult the game was to be played at Upper Darby's home complex. Arriving to fence draped championships banners throughout the complex our boys made us proud. With several difficult calls going against us the boys played the game of the lives and beat Upper Darby. It was quite a night. Unfortunately our quarterfinal game against Drexel Hill did not go well and we were eliminated from the tournament. Our 4th place finish (out of a field of 12) was our best in over a decade. Congratulations to all the boys and thanks to their families and everyone who supported us. Our 2005 District team representatives were Brian Bosco (C/P), Ben Davis (OF/P), Jake Enterlin (1B/P), Conner Gallen (OF), Adam Junkin (C/3B/OF/P), Julian Heller (2B), Conner McCarren (OF/1B), Joey McLaughlin (OF/2B), Kevin Melone (SS/P), Ryan Myers (3B/SS) and Ron Tassoni (C/OF).

2005 - Media Little League Champions

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MOPPERT BROS.	FABIAN-BABER, INC.	ROSE TREE GETTY	UP POLICE
Mgr – Scott Bosco Coach – Bob Junkin Coach – Craig Vendetta	Mgr – Chet Brown Coach – Jerry Baber Coach – Doug Kline	Mgr – Todd Brown Coach – Joe Solomon	Mgr – Bill Haines Coach – Bill Young Coach – Jim Mitchell
Alex Abramowitz Brain Bosco Alex Donahue Jack Donahue Adam Junkin Chris Kambic Kyle Longacre Taylor Longacre Connor McCarren Ian McLarney Omar Randall Brian Vendetta	Rowan Baber Conor Bradley Ryan Bradley Zander Brown Joe DeMalavez Brian Fitzgerald Daniel Furman Zachary Kline Kevin McGarvey Nabeel Minhaj Anup Singh Sanjit Singh Nicholas Strong	Eli Avart Logan Boone Casey Brown Matt Divis Corey Hansen Thomas Higgins William Manganiello Jack Misco Timothy Quinn Brian Snow Michael Solomon Hugh Taussig-Lux	James Covello Connor Diggins Ryan Frawley Andrew Haines Colin Kinslow Matthew Lunger Matt Mitchell Ryan Smith Mark Teamerson Howie Viguers Rebecca Viguers Nick Young



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