



# MEDIA LITTLE LEAGUE



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## NEWSLETTER

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### KEY DATES IN 2007

#### Registration – Media Community Center

January 27 (Saturday)	Noon – 3:00pm
January 30 (Tuesday)	6:00 – 9:00pm
February 3 (Saturday)	9:00am – Noon
February 6 (Tuesday)	6:00 – 9:00pm

#### Player Evaluations – Springton Lake MS

February 10 (Saturday)	12:30 – 2:00pm	8 year olds
	2:15 – 3:30pm	11 year olds
	3:30 – 4:30pm	12 year olds

February 24 (Saturday)	12:30 – 2:00pm	10 year olds
	2:15 – 3:30pm	9 year olds
	3:30 – 4:30pm	10-12 year olds

March 2 (Friday) 6:00 – 7:00pm Make-ups All Ages

#### Players Selected to Teams for Each League

March 4th, 6th and 7th

#### Equipment Distribution & Practices Start (Majors; American, National)

March 10 (Saturday)

#### Field Day – Media Little League Complex

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

March 24 (Saturday)	9:00am
March 25 (Sunday) No Practices	10:00am
April 1 (Sunday) Rain Date	9:00am

#### Picture Day – Media Little League Complex

March 28, 29 and 31 Schedule to be Announced

#### Season Begins – Major, American and Nat'l Leagues

April 9 (Monday)

#### Opening Day Ceremonies / Media Little League Complex

April 14 (Saturday) Parade starts at 9:00am  
Season Begins for T-Ball and Continental Leagues

### 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

2007 marks the 56th year of baseball for Media Little League as we once again look forward to the excitement that brings our families together. The foundation of our efforts has always been to provide a quality experience for the families and friends that participate in our League. The Media 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: to demonstrate to the youth of our community positive role models through competition, sportsmanship and physical well-being.

The League's ability to thrive relies on the support of its membership. The membership provides essential volunteer services such as coaching, managing the facility, 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 respond to the ever-increasing enrollment of MLL. Complex improvements in preparation for the 2007 season have included rebuilding the Major League infield, repairing the American League outfield, installing irrigation systems on both Major and American League fields, as well as resurfacing the parking lot. As the President of the League, I will encourage the membership to once again support the Bat-A-Thon. It has proven to be an effective way to meet the financial needs of the League through a fun and challenging competition for the kids.

Our League has engaged in many new initiatives over the past few years and we look forward to continuing and expanding these programs in 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 baseball practice. A new Little League program for the upcoming season is the safety initiative "pitch counts". So not only will the games be competitive and exciting, our players will be better protected from overuse injuries.

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

## Situation 1

Two outs. Runner on third. No count on the batter. The batter takes ball one as the runner attempts to steal home on the pitch. The batter interferes with the catcher's attempt to tag the runner sliding into home plate.

**Who's Out?**

## Situation 2

The runner on 1st is stealing as the ball is foul tipped into the glove of the catcher. The defensive manager wants the runner, now on 2nd, to return to 1st because of the foul ball. The offensive manager disagrees and argues that the runner should be allowed to remain at 2nd because of the foul tip. **What's the call Blue?**



**T-Ballers Line Up**

### The Little League Pledge:

I trust in God  
 I love my country  
 And will respect it's laws  
 I will play fair  
 And strive to win  
 But win or lose  
 I will always  
 Do my best

### The Little League Parent / Volunteer Pledge:

I will teach all children  
 to play fair and do their best  
 I will positively support  
 all managers, coaches  
 and players  
 I will respect the  
 decisions of the umpires  
 I will praise a good effort  
 despite the outcome of the game

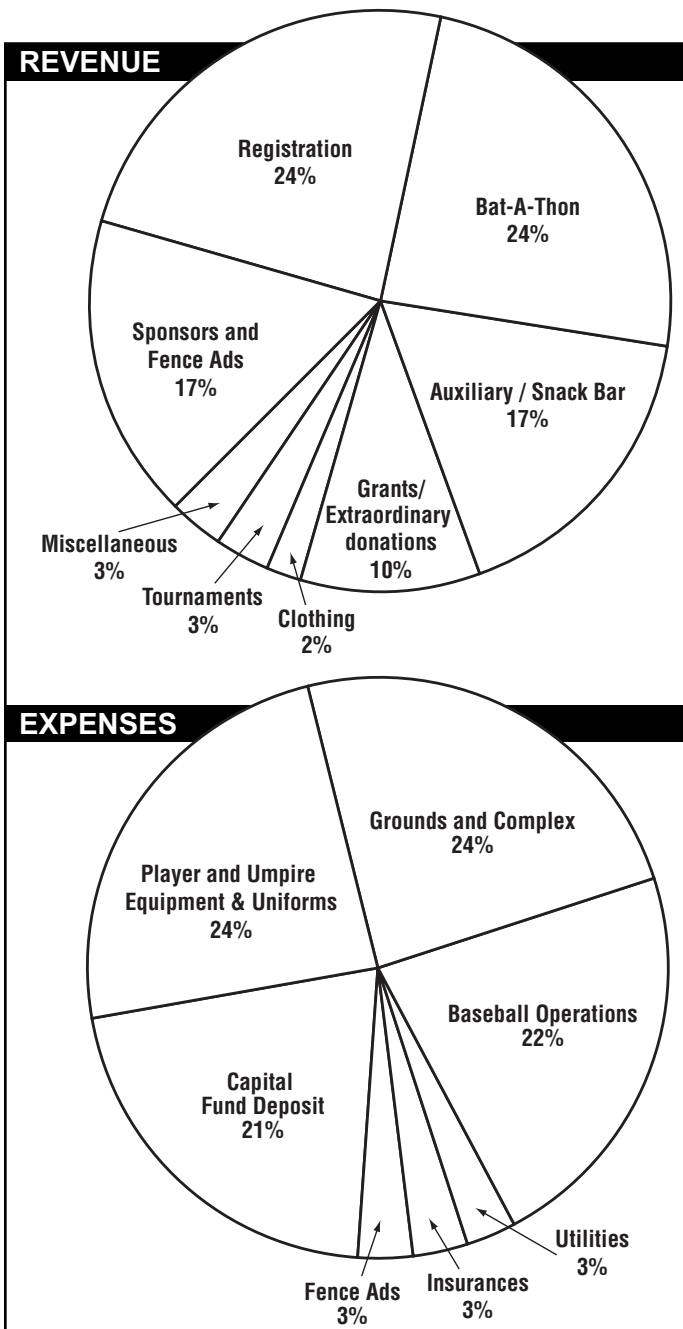
*the ball is in play and runners may advance at their own risk. Runner is granted 2nd base. Rule 2.00—Foul Tip. On a foul tip*

**Situation 2 - The Answer**  
*two outs, the runner is called out.*

*one who is called out, and the run does not score. With less than*

*The batter is called out. With two outs, the batter is always the*

**ANSWERS TO STUMP THE UMP**



## Phanatic Alert



### **Phanatic Works the Crowd**

Hold on to your hats ballplayers! The Phillie Phanatic is returning to the Media Little League Opening Day Ceremonies on April 14, 2007 and he's sure to bring with him his usual maddening mayhem of high-jinx jesting. Witness the parade of colors as all of the Leagues gather on the Major League Field to watch the ceremonial 1st pitch thrown out. And what better way to kick off our season than to receive a high-five from one of the most recognizable mascots in the world. Let's give it up for the Big Green Phanatical Machine!

## Volunteers – The Backbone of Every Community

Little League Baseball is an organization designed to build good citizens. It is a program of leadership, preparing today's youth to be tomorrow's leaders. At our local level, Media Little League relies completely on a devoted legion of adult volunteers who help to ensure that the organization remains properly structured, fiscally sound and runs smoothly. There is always a need for more responsible and enthusiastic individuals who can support and coordinate the numerous events and activities that goes into making each season a success. As volunteers, we can make an enormous difference in the safety, well-being, and overall development of our children, and thereby, our community.

One of the most critical operations that support our League is the Auxiliary or Snack Bar. The Snack Bar generates nearly 18% of our revenue and has depended heavily on the tireless efforts of a few extremely dedicated parent volunteers who open, manage and close the operation every day. Just as retiring Board Members, Managers and Coaches must be replaced with new volunteers to fill their roles, we are looking to develop an Auxiliary made up of 15 to 20 volunteers who will work together to manage the operations of the snack bar. Most of the folks on this new auxiliary would function as Openers and/or Closers. With this larger group would come flexibility (ie - switch a night with someone else). This role would not replace the volunteers

## 9 Year-Olds Finish Strong

After a slow start in their first tournament, the MLL 9 year-old all star team played their best baseball of the post season in the Drexel Hill Tournament, winning seven out of nine games to finish second out of sixteen teams. Perhaps most impressively, the Niners displayed tremendous late-game tenacity, overcoming five run deficits in three successive elimination games, to help them land in the final. It was a total team effort, with every player contributing during their amazing run to the tournament championship game.



**The players pictured above from left to right are;** Tommy Higgins, Dan Enterlin, Nate Engleka, Jack Daly, John Flynn, Cal Samson, Ashton Raines, Brendan Welsh, J.T. Harrar, Timmy Quinn, Steve McAlee and Dom Nunag.

we get from teams playing that day, it would simply insure that someone is there to steer the ship.

If you have an interest in becoming a volunteer with the Auxiliary Team, please talk to a MLL Board Member during registration and ask them how you can get involved. We need everyone to contribute and be a part of our success. Because in the end, whatever we give to our community comes back to us through stronger more meaningful relationships and a greater quality of life that extends on through to the next generation.



**Bat-A-Thon Volunteers Keep the Score**

# Media Little League 12 Year Old

On July 13, 2006, Media Little League completed their improbable run through the District 19 tournament when Jake Enterlin struck out his 8th Upper Darby batter and the Media 12s were the District 19 Champions. On their way to winning the District 19 championships, Media Little League's 12 year olds received great pitching performances, rock solid defense and timely hitting. Before the tournament, only the coaching staff and players believed they had a chance at winning the D-19 crown. It didn't take long, however, for the District to take notice, when MLL beat perennial champ NELL in its opener, 5-4. Along the way, MLL also beat Ridley (7-3), Aston (5-0), Marple (4-0) and Upper Darby twice in the finals, 4-1 and 2-1. MLL's pitchers Jake Enterlin, Ben Davis, Kyle Gillen and Sean Mohollen pitched with poise and control, dominating hitters and at one point combining for 20 straight scoreless innings. When teams did get their bat on the ball, there were superb defensive efforts highlighted by Jim Allen (robbing Aston of a home run), Ronnie Tassoni (not allowing a pass ball or wild pitch in 3 straight games) and Sean Mohollen (playing the hot corner like Brooks Robinson in the finals against Upper Darby). To win the D-19 title also took timely hitting. Leading the way was Julian Heller, who, during the tournament, smashed 7 homeruns, including two games where he had 2 homers. Also hitting for power was Jake Enterlin, Ronnie Tassoni and Joey McLaughlin.

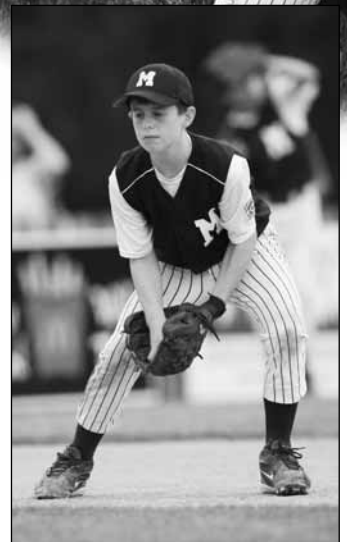
Winning the championship wasn't easy. Media got to the finals, needing to beat Upper Darby twice to win the championship. In the



***Julian Heller Drives Another Ball***



***Ben Davis Throws Heat***



***Sean Mohollen Makes Defensive Stop***



***Greg S***

# Old's - District 19 Champions



first game, Ben Davis pitched all six innings, holding Upper Darby to only 3 hits and no earned runs. Julian Heller knocked in all four runs with 2 doubles and a home run. This set the stage for the championship game which was a real nail biter. Jake Enterlin, pitching on only a few days rest, held Upper Darby to only 3 hits and recorded 9 strike outs, including the final out. Jeremy Davis scored both runs, and Sean Mohollen and Jimmy Allen knocked in the 2 runs for Media. The final strike out sealed Media's first championship in years, 2-1, setting off a frenzied celebration, coroneted with the presentation of the D-19 championship banner.

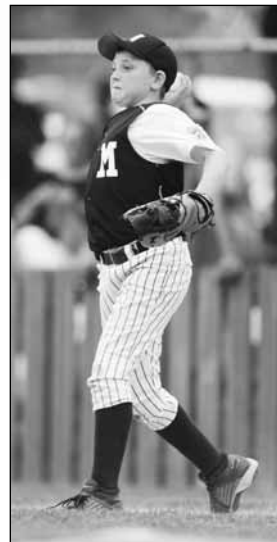
After winning the D-19 title, MLL set it sights on sectionals and the Section 5 title. Again, MLL had a great run, but ended up losing in the Section 5 championship game. In sectionals, MLL showed the guts, determination and skill that made them champions. Down 9-2 in the second inning of the quarter-final game, Media stormed back to win 10-9, thanks to 5 shut out innings pitched by Sean Mohollen, home runs by Ronnie Tassoni and Julian Heller and clutch two out hits by Greg Snow, Jeremy Davis, Kyle Gillen and Beau DiFiore. When the ride ended, this Media team went farther in the tournament and won more games than any Media 12 year old team had in over 50 years. The banner which is now atop Media field will be a constant reminder of 11 kids who, during the summer of 2006, reminded parents, family, friends and the coaching staff, how much fun it is to play baseball.



*Snow Stands In*



*Ronnie Tassoni – Another Day at the Office*



*Joey McLaughlin*



*Coach Heller thinks "Yeah baby!"*

## The Little League Logo

The misinterpretation of an emblem carried by early Little Leaguers in a Williamsport parade on Memorial Day in 1942 resulted in a change in its shape.

Team members carried the banner, a large cutout of an eagle with the words "Little League Baseball for Boys" lettered on the wings. Created by Little League founder Carl E. Stotz, the design confused members of the public who thought the group was the "Little Eagles."

Mr. Stotz was quoted: "... I had the boys marching in the parade and I made one of those eagles. After it was over, at least one of my friends said, 'Gee I sure like those Little Eagles.' That was the thing that made me think we need a different seal than that."

Mr. Stotz designed several new logos and settled on one that combined a baseball diamond, a U.S. flag, and a keystone shape to represent Pennsylvania the "Keystone State," the state in which Little League was founded by him in 1939. The emblem included the words "Character," "Courage" and "Manhood" in the rim of an outer circle.



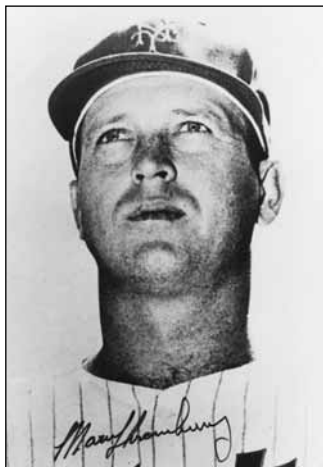
There have been few modifications since Mr. Stotz determined which of the sketches he preferred to use for Little League Baseball. Changes included modernizing the font and changing the word "Manhood" to "Loyalty."



Although the keystone remains Little League's most recognized symbol, an active oval logo with a batter has been used since 2003.

## "Where's the TUMS?"

On June 17, 1962, in a game between the New York Mets and the Chicago Cubs at the Polo Grounds, "Marvelous" Marv Thronberry slammed a two-run triple. But while he was catching his breath on third base, Chicago first baseman Ernie Banks called for the ball and appealed that Marv had missed first base. The appeal was upheld and he was called out. Mets manager Casey Stengel ran out from the dugout to argue the call until umpire Dusty Boggess said, "Forget it Casey. He didn't touch second either!"



## Little League International implements Pitch Count Regulation

Starting with the 2007 season, pitchers in all divisions of Little League will have specific limits on the number of pitches they can throw for each game, based upon their age. The Little League International Board of Directors approved the measure unanimously in August 2006 and became the first national youth baseball organization to institute a pitch count.

For all of Little League Baseball's history pitching regulations have used innings pitched to determine pitcher eligibility. Recently, researchers and medical professionals in the field of sports medicine concluded that the actual number of pitches thrown (i.e., pitch count) is a better way to regulate pitching in youth baseball. The American Sports Medicine Institute and the USA Baseball Medical and Safety Advisory Committee have worked closely with Little League to create the guidelines for the new regulation.

"This is one of the most important injury prevention steps ever initiated in youth baseball by the leader in youth baseball," said Dr. James R. Andrews, the world's foremost authority on pitching injuries.

"This is the right time to make this change," said Stephen D. Keener, president and chief executive officer of Little League Baseball. "We call upon all youth baseball organizations, including travel leagues, to implement their own pitch count programs in the interest of protecting young pitching arms. Our goal continues to be to educate everyone, particularly parents and coaches, on the potential injuries that can occur from throwing too many pitches."

For the past two years, Little League conducted a Pitch Count Pilot Program to determine the feasibility of implementing a regulation. Fifty leagues were studied in 2005, and nearly 500 signed up for the program in 2006.

"Surveys of those leagues showed the overwhelming majority were able to implement a pitch count without any problems," Mr. Keener said. "They also found that they were able to develop other pitchers who might not have otherwise ever taken the mound. And they found that their pitchers were stronger at the end of the season."

The new pitch count rule states that a manager must remove the pitcher when they reach the following limit:

- Age 11-12 . . . . . 85 pitches per day**
- Age 10 and under . . . . . 75 pitches per day**

Pitchers then must adhere to the following rest requirements:

- 61 or more pitches in a day . . 3 calendar days of rest**
- 41 - 60 pitches in a day . . . . 2 calendar days of rest**
- 21 - 40 pitches in a day . . . . 1 calendar day of rest**
- 1 - 20 pitches in a day . . . . . No rest must be observed.**

For more information, visit the Little League link below:  
[http://www.littleleague.org/media/Pitch\\_Count\\_Publication.pdf](http://www.littleleague.org/media/Pitch_Count_Publication.pdf)

## Media Little League Complex Undergoes Significant Improvements

Three important complex improvements took place in 2006. The most significant of which was the refurbishment of the Major League infield. The infield grass had been worn away and re-cut several times over the years as a result of settlement, heavy use and winter weather. In addition to re-sodding the infield, drainage and irrigation systems were both installed. The new major league field is again the marquee field it is intended to be.

The American League field, which was newly built in 2005, received some much needed attention. Due to uncooperative weather in the spring and summer of 2005 the outfield grass never took hold. To address this situation the outfield has been re-seeded and an irrigation system installed. The new shoots have already sprung up and a strong, tight-knit carpet of lush grass is expected this coming spring.

The third major capital improvement was the painting of all complex fences. New fencing is extremely expensive and this project should extend the life of the fencing we have.

All these improvements taken together will help us maintain and improve one of the premiere Little League complexes in our area. Thanks to the continued help and support of our Media Little League community we are working hard to ensure a wonderful baseball environment for families to gather for years to come.



***New Scoreboard Goes Up***



***New Field Drainage Pipes at Major League***



## 2006 Media 9/10 District Team

Our 2006 9/10 District Team represented Media Little League well this past summer. This team distinguished itself as an offensive juggernaut. Over a 5 week period they compiled a 9 win, 7 loss record against tough competition. In the District 19 Tournament Media fought its way to the final four before being eliminated. Along the way Media pulled out a dramatic come from behind victory over South Marple and lost a heartbreaker to Newtown-Edgemont. Overall it was a fun and successful campaign. The boys learned the nuances of the game, played hard as a team and came away with some great memories.

**Players:** Kevin Bosco, Daniel Grandieri, Sean Heidig, Ethan Heller, Bobby Ieradi, Peter Mamola, William Manganiello, Conner Martin, Alex McLaughlin, Christian Miller, Brian Mizell and Kevin Mohollen.

## 2006 - Media Little League Champions

MAJOR LEAGUE	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE	CONTINENTAL LEAGUE
<b>CARMAN INSURANCE</b>  Mgr – Edward Snow Coach – John Gillen Coach – John Mohollen  Timothy Aman Joshua Bannister Kevin Dlugos Daniel Furman Kyle Gillen Grant Jamgochian Zachary Lynch Sean Mohollen P. Matthew O’Connell Drew Platt Shay Roddy David Ruffini Gregory B. Snow	<b>QUOTATIONS</b>  Mgr – Anthony Ferruzzi Coach – Jerry Baber Coach – David Geiger  Kellen Edmondson Nate Engleka Rowan Fabian-Baber John Ferruzzi Ben Geiger Jeff Gregg William “Pete” Mamola Kevin Murphy P.J. Quinn Alex Roberts Christopher Smith Brian Treston	<b>HAP</b>  Mgr – Kevin Luffey Coach – Mark McConnon  John “Jake” Branyan Luke Ciminera Griffin Fitzgerald Andrew Haines Jarett Kline Chase Luffey Stephen McAlee James McConnon Morgan McLean James Morris Nicholas Newman Jaron Teegan-Case Camden Wagner	<b>GUIDANT CORP.</b>  Mgr – Scott Rushton Coach – John Mohollon Coach – Bill Samson  James Bauwens William Bozentka James Hennelly Joshua Hoefner Eric McLaughlin Colin Mohollon Patrick O’Kane Andrew Robinson Christopher Rushton Spencer Samson Vincent Sposato



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