



MEDIA LITTLE LEAGUE



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NEWSLETTER

Winter 2008

KEY DATES IN 2008

Registration – Media Community Center

January 26 (Saturday)	Noon – 3:00pm
January 28 (Monday)	6:00 – 9:00pm
February 2 (Saturday)	9:00am – Noon
February 4 (Tuesday)	6:00 – 9:00pm

Player Evaluations – Springton Lake Middle School

February 9 (Saturday)	12:30 – 2:00pm	8 year olds
	2:15 – 3:30pm	11 year olds
	3:30 – 4:30pm	12 year olds
	Late Registration accepted	

February 23 (Saturday)	12:30 – 2:00pm	10 year olds
	2:15 – 3:30pm	9 year olds
Make-ups	3:30 – 4:30pm	11-12 year olds

February 29 (Friday) 6:00 – 7:00pm Make-ups All Ages

Players Selected to Teams for Each League

March 2nd, 4th and 6th

Equipment Distribution & Practices Start

(Majors; American; National)

March 9th (Saturday)

Field Days – Media Little League Complex

All Board members, Managers, Coaches and Parents expected to help clean up and prepare fields/complex

March 29 (Saturday)	9:00am
March 30 (Sunday)	No Practices 10:00am

Picture Days – Media Little League Complex

April 2nd, 3rd and 5th Times to be announced

Season Begins – Major, American and Nat'l Leagues

April 5th (Saturday)

Opening Day Ceremonies / Media Little League Complex

April 12 (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

It's only January, but for baseball junkies on the Media Little League Board of Directors, the 2008 season is ramping up fast with registration right around the corner. For me this year, the upcoming season brings both excitement and a bit of sadness, as my youngest son is playing his final year of Little League. While there may be more baseball in his future, I know it won't be the same as the Little League experience for him or our family. For my son there won't be the excitement of Opening Day; the "hanging out" at the complex or the opportunity to have a burger and fries for dinner (followed by a bag of Swedish Fish) instead of that chicken cutlets and broccoli he would have had at home. For me and my wife it means an end to the unique environment the Media Little Complex offers where we see friends and neighbors on a daily basis, enjoy the weather (usually) and feel good knowing that our son is having fun playing ball or just hanging about the complex.

Now let me update you on what has occurred in the off season and what we have planned for this year. With two big projects behind us (new American League field and new Major League infield) we used this past fall as an opportunity to reseed bare spots both on the fields and common areas. Over the coming months we plan to re-landscape several areas around the complex with the goals of reducing erosion, improving safety and upgrading the overall appearance of the complex.

As you know, ongoing field maintenance and complex improvements require funding. We've been very fortunate over the past few years to benefit from the support of our membership. Your support comes in many forms, but it is your support of the Bat-A-Thon® that makes the greatest difference in our fundraising. Besides allowing us to re-invest in the complex, it also allows us to keep registration fees modest, which allows more kids to play in our league.

In our continued effort to provide the best youth baseball experience possible, we will again offer pre-season training opportunities to our volunteer coaches and umpires and age appropriate instructional opportunities for our players. We will also continue to promote an environment for the kids that are consistent with the values of Little League Baseball. These values include sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for others. Youth sports serves up some ideal "life lessons" and it's up to us as parents and coaches to use them effectively.

Before closing, I would like to acknowledge the terrific success of all our post season tournament teams last summer, especially our 10 year old District team which advanced all the way to the Pennsylvania state finals. Great job by the players, coaches and parents!

I look forward to seeing and meeting all of you this year. Please come out and support the kids, support the league and let's Play Ball!

Respectfully,

Scott Bosco

2007/08 President, Media Little League

Stump The Ump

Situation 1

Bases loaded...one out...score tied 5-5 in the bottom of the seventh, the batter smashes a knee-high line drive that the pitcher reaches for but can't get. The ball hits the umpire positioned in the infield. It might have been a base hit...or...maybe a double play. **YOU MAKE THE CALL?**

Situation 2

Baker hits a home run to lead off the third inning...the proper batter should have been Able; an alert fan in the second row calls this to your attention. As the umpire... should you acknowledge the batting out-of-order and nullify the home run? **BAKER BATTED OUT OF ORDER, UMP! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?!**

Situation 3

Runners on 2nd and 3rd. The batter slashes a hot grounder to the 3rd baseman, the runner breaks for home as the fielder fires to the catcher. The runner is tagged out then disgustedly bumps the catcher...preventing him/her from making a play on the runner advancing to third. **DO YOU SEND THE RUNNER BACK TO SECOND?**

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:

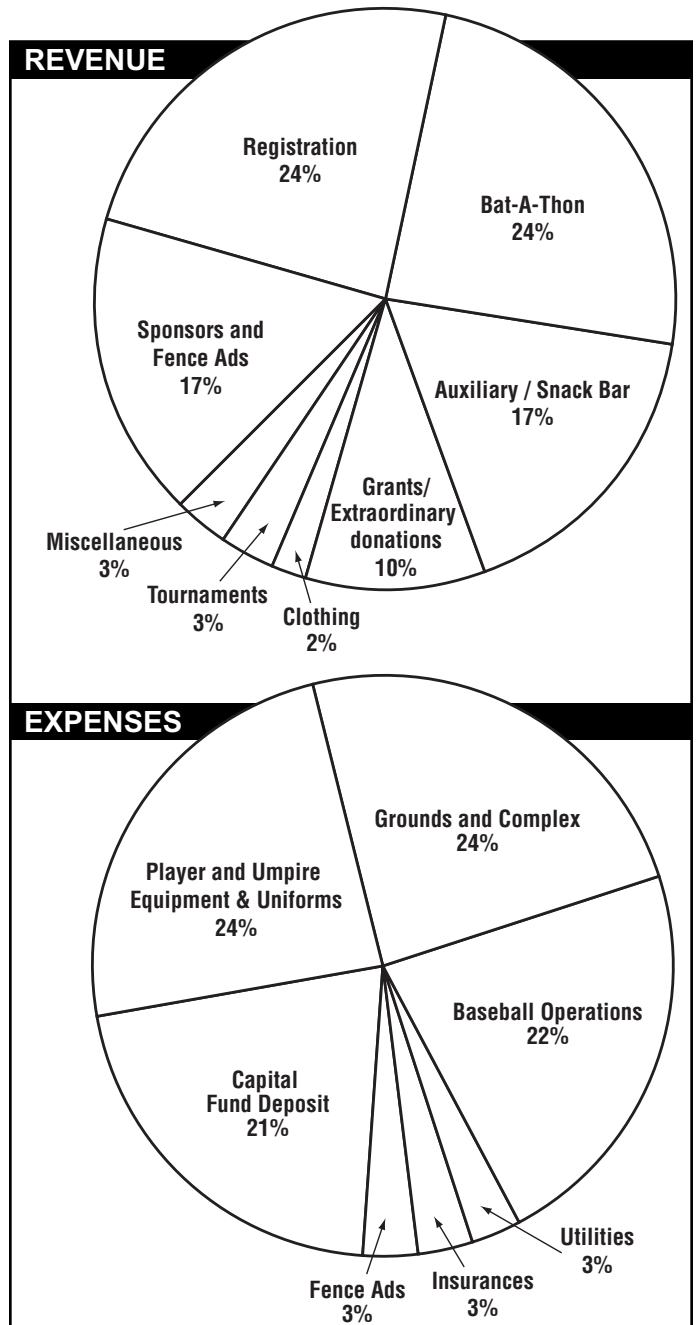
I will teach all children
 to play fair and do their best
 I will positively support
 all managers, coaches
 and players
 I will respect the
 decisions of the umpires
 I will praise a good effort
 despite the outcome of the game

Situation 1
 Answer 2: 6.08(d). This game is history. The ball is dead; the batter is awarded 1st base... and...the runner from third is forced home to score the winning run.
Situation 2
 Answer 5: 6.07(a). Batting out of order is an appeal play. The appeal must come from the defensive team. Since the defense did not appeal...the home run stands.
Situation 3
 Answer 9: 7.09(f). You send the runner back to the dugout. He/she is out for the interference of his/her teammate. Double play.

ANSWERS TO STUMP THE UMP



Opening Day Celebration!



11/12 Team Makes Run To District Finals

Looking to repeat the magic of their predecessors, the 2006 District 19 Champions, the 2007 edition of the 11/12-year old team battled their way once again to the District finals. Alas, lightning would not strike twice, as they fell to rival Aston-Middletown. Along the way, however, they played some inspired baseball.

Unlike the 2006 championship team that came from nowhere to capture the title, the 2007 team was not about to sneak up on anyone. Most of the players on this team had left calling cards behind as 10 and 11-year olds by advancing to the District finals in each of the two preceding seasons.

In 2007, they began District play with dominating 4-inning victories over South Marple and Nelson Little Leagues. Next, they rallied for 3 runs in each of the last two innings to pull out a rousing 6-4 victory over Newtown-Edgemont, the 2006 District Champions in the 11-year old division, on N-E's home turf. After suffering an 11-4 loss to Aston-Middletown, they faced old nemesis Upper Darby in an elimination game that would send the loser home and the victor on to the District finals. The Media 9 (well, OK, 11) used their bats and gloves in a unanimous vote against an early start to their summer vacations. In a breakout second inning, Media brought nine batters to the plate, scoring

eight runs, and breezed to a 10-2 victory. On the very next day, the team returned to their home field for a rematch against Aston-Middletown in the District Championship. Although they battled to the last out, Media was unable to match the combination of AMLL's hot bats and power pitching, falling to the visitors once again by an 11-4 score.

Although this group of players fell just short of the championship in each of their three years of District play, their consistent excellence, as demonstrated by three consecutive appearances in the finals, speaks volumes about the dedication and hard work of the players and their coaches. During that time, no other team in their age group advanced to the finals more than once. These guys did it three times! Congratulations to all.



Media's 2007 11/12 District team was comprised of: Josh Bannister, John Fender, Daniel Furman, Cole Gamber, Brian Gross, Kevin McGarvey, Eric McGough, John Owens, Eric Poynton, Hunter Tierney, and Shane Williams.

11 Year Old District-19 Team

The members of Media Little Leagues 2007 11 year old District 19 tournament team were: Kevin Bosco, Dan Grandieri, Sean Heidig, Ethan Heller, Bobbi Ieradi, Philip Kotcamp, Will Manganiello, Peter Mamola, Connor Martin, Alex McLaughlin, Christian Miller and Bryn Mizell.

The team played in several tournaments and won the annual Newtown Edgmont tournament beating Aston Middletown. In the District 19 double elimination tournament, the team went to the finals coming from the losers bracket, but lost in the if necessary game to Havertown 2-1.

"I became a good pitcher when I stopped trying to make them miss the ball and started trying to make them hit it."

– Sandy Koufax



Media Little League's 9-10 Year-Old

Boys of Summer!

Media Little League has a lot to be proud of this year. For the first time in the 56-year history of the League, all three District Teams (ages 9/10, 11 and 12) were in the Final Championship Game of Little League District 19 Tournament Play.

The accomplishments of Media Little League's 9/10 year old team are particularly notable. The team started their post-season play by going undefeated (5-0) to claim the championship of the Phoenixville tournament.

In their subsequent Little League Tournament play, they battled a number of very good local teams to win the District 19 Championship with a record of 7-1. Moving on to the increasingly competitive Section 8 Championships, the team again battled hard against Championship teams from Districts 21 (Morrisville), 22 (Horsham) and 27 (Great Valley), finishing with a 4-1 record as the newly crowned Section 8 Champs. Next up was a trip to Old Forge, PA to take on teams from Sections 5 (Jenkins Township – near Scranton), 6 (Northampton-Council Rock), and 7 (Red Land – near York/Harrisburg) in the Eastern Regional PA Championships. Media Little League was the only team in the entire State tournament series to go undefeated (4-0) in Pool Play to win the Eastern Pennsylvania State Championship.

In advancing to the PA State Tournament as the eastern PA representative against Western PA representative Collier Township, the team proudly represented: 16 Districts, 236 Little Leagues, and between 70,800 to 118,000 players! In a best of three series for the PA State Championship, Media and Collier Township split the first 2 games, but the amazing journey for the Media Little League team ended in a difficult 1-0 loss in the final game of the year.

The teams' 10-young men roster include: (Left to Right) Michael Solomon, Nate Engleka, Timmy Quinn, Kevin "K Mac" McGowan, Danny "Irish" Healey, Brian "SnowMan" Snow, Kevin "K Mo" Mohollen, Stephen "Stevie" Furman, Danny Enterlin, and James Kantner. The team was led by (Back Row, Left to Right) coach Shawn Quinn, manager John Mohollen, and coaches Leo McGowan, and Tom Furman.

Referring to these boys, the Media Little League web site noted "They played as one cohesive and well-integrated unit and were a joy to watch. They played their hearts out, encouraged each other and truly showed a positive and mature sportsmanship, well beyond their years." With this Media Little League 9/10 year old Tournament team being the first in the history of the MLL franchise to advance to the state finals, these boys have a lot to be proud of!

- written by Kathy Heupler



#24 James Kantner



#17 Danny Enterlin



#7 Timmy Quinn



#4 Kevin "K-Mo" Mohollen



#34 Michael Solomon



#3 Nate Engleka



#6 Danny "Irish" Healey



#5 Kevin "K-Mac" McGowan



#2 Brian "SnowMan" Snow



#10 Stephen "Stevie" Furman

Manager: John Mohollen

Coaches: Shawn Quinn, Leo McGowan and Tom Furman

Little League – No Bigger Youth Sports Organization in the World

Little League Baseball is the world's largest organized youth sports program. With nearly 3 million Little Leaguers and more than a million adult volunteers in every U.S.



state and 103 other countries, no other youth sports organization comes close. It is estimated that there are about 1 million Tee Ball players nationwide in the Little League program.

Little League is also the only sports organization of ANY kind that holds a federal charter of incorporation, cloaking the program with the protection of the United States Congress.

U.S. Presidents have honored Little League in the past. Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy both proclaimed National Little League Week as the week in which Flag Day occurs in June each year. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the legislation giving Little League its federal charter. President Ronald Reagan invited Little Leaguers to a celebration on the South Lawn of the White House in 1984. President George H.W. Bush held a celebration of Little League's 50th Anniversary at the White House in 1989, and personally delivered Poland's first Little League charter to that country later that year.

Little League in the Future

One of the most endearing aspects of baseball is the timelessness of the game and the magic of spending an afternoon or evening enjoying it with friends and family. Everyone has their own special memories and everyone gives something to and takes something away from the game. In many ways, what we love most about baseball is how it connects us to our past. To walk out onto a Little League field as an adult, you can't help but feel immediate nostalgia. It was a special time in our lives and we want that same experience to be there for our children.

But how by the end of this century will things have changed? Will grandparents who live in another state log on to the webcam helmets of their grandchildren to get an "inside" view of the game? Will gloves or other equipment undergo any design or material changes? Will robots come out and dry the fields after a rain stoppage? Who knows? But this we do know -we hope it goes on forever and continues to bring families and communities together to have fun and create many more memories to share with one another.



Shane Victorino joins MLL players on Opening Day

Commissioner's Corner

Dave Crawford – Continental League

Well we are gearing up for another great season in the Continental League. The Continental League is a machine pitch version of baseball for ages (6-8). This season we will be concentrating on learning the basics of baseball, while having fun in a safe environment. This league is great because you get to watch your children develop during the season into real baseball players. So let's have some fun this season, and I will see you on the fields.

Tim Broadhurst – National League

Happy New Year to all our members and your families. This year I'm very honored and excited to be the new Commissioner of the National League. Right from the start you will notice some changes this season. The pitching machine will be used to give the kids time to get their "groove" back while also helping our managers work extra hard to develop as many pitchers as possible. We will change one or two rules that were unique to our division to assist in the natural progression of the players toward the standard Little League rules when they get to the American League. We're also planning some indoor practices to beat back mother nature and her cruel spring showers. Having coached in the T-Ball, Continental, and the National Leagues (sometimes simultaneously) and last year being the T-Ball Commissioner, I always look forward to seeing the progression of the kids as they progress through the Leagues. I hope this is an enjoyable season for everyone involved and I can't wait to play ball!

Joe Cavalcante Named Sportsman of the Year

Media Little League's American League Commissioner, Major League Manager and long-serving Board Member Joe Cavalcante was honored with the Sportsman of the Year award from the Media Old-Timer's Association on November 7, 2007. A packed house including many of Joe's friends and fellow board members turned out to celebrate the occasion and hear a moving speech delivered by Mr. Cavalcante after he received the award. Joe has supported youth sports in our community for many years and has volunteered his exceptional counsel and hard work while serving on the boards of Media Little League and Media Hoops. Congratulations Joe. We're proud to count you among our own!



Joe Cav rallies the troops one more time

Snack Bar Permanent Workers Needed

Although it doesn't get nearly the credit it deserves, one of the critical operations that allows Media Little League to be successful is our Snack Bar. Not only does the Snack Bar crew work incredibly hard to produce the food, drinks and snacks for our players and their families, but they also account for 20% of our annual revenue each year.



Everyone from all of the leagues has taken their turn in working their shifts, but behind the scenes are a few dedicated individuals, without whom the proper functioning of the Snack Bar would come to a grinding halt. This core group handles all of the ordering, re-supply, repairs, scheduling and administration of the Snack Bar and have worked tirelessly and given generously of their time to ensure the success of this vital component to our organization.

Media Little League is actively seeking a few good permanent workers to join this core group and help maintain our high level of commitment to providing our players and their families with a well run and reliable Snack Bar. If you are interested in learning more about these positions, please come and talk to Ann Brown or Chris Owens at Registration when you come in to sign up your ballplayers this year. And know this, if you do take on the role and fill it, you will be an instant MVP in our League.



On Top of the World

"Good pitching will always stop good hitting and vice-versa."

– Casey Stengel



Major League Slide

2007 - Media Little League Champions

MAJOR LEAGUE	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE	CONTINENTAL LEAGUE
CARMAN INSURANCE	QUOTATIONS	PATRIOT CONSTRUCTION	CARAMANICO & SONS
Mgr – Edward Snow Coach – Tom Furman Coach – Rick Kron Coach – John Mohollen	Mgr – Anthony Martinelli Coach – Shane Raines	Mgr – Phil Freedman Coach – Brian Lansberry Coach – Andrew Panzo	Mgr – Tom Scanlon Coach – Tim Grady Coach – David Jacobs
Timothy Aman Joshua Bannister Michael Cancelosi Kevin Dlugos Daniel Furman Alex Kron Anthony Lombardozzi Kevin McGowan Alex McLaughlin Kevin Mohollen Albert Smith Joseph Solomon	Benjamin Aman Daniel Enterlin Jeff Gregg Matthew Lunger Anthony Martinelli Jack Norton Bradley Quinter Ashton Raines Christopher Skahill Justin Troilo Joseph Volciak Justin Volciak	David Bettenhausen Jack Buttimer Christopher Byrd Alexander Felton Sam Freedman Michael Lansberry Nicholas Newman Andrew Panzo Austin Peters Jay Stubblebine Robert Swanson Carter Tnkesley Max Verna	Casey Calloway Christopher Cosenza Zachary Freitick Jacob Grady Derrick Hill Alexander Jacobs Drew Jacobs Samuel Kelk Kyle Langan Fredrick Potts Seamus Scanlon Jacob Schumacher Nicholas Wagner



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