



Information for Parents & Players

Little League Programme 2009-2010 Season

This information is designed to inform new parents and remind "old" parents the requirements you and your child will need to adhere to once selected into a Representative team. Please encourage and support your child throughout this process. Not everyone trialling will be successful in making it into the Little League team, however this should not discourage your child from playing further and developing their skills.

1. Coaching Staff

At this level the Head Coach is called the **Manager**; the Manager has been **selected after undergoing an interview process**. The appointed Manager has a support team to assist them. The support team consists of Coaches (the Manager's assistants), an Executive Officer, and Official Scorer. Specialist coaches may also be involved with the team.

2. Selectors and Trials

The **Selecting Panel** comprises of the **coaching staff** and **qualified/experienced representative from each Club and MWJBL**. The selectors are to select the best team to represent MWJBL in the Little League competition.

Trials will be conducted on advertised dates. Players are allocated a number that will identify them for the duration of the trials. Selectors grade each player in a series of set drills. At the end of each trial date these results are collated and the players with the lowest rankings may be eliminated. We shall be selecting about 14 players for Little League.

All teams will be selected during this trial process and the **team will be announced** on the MWJBL website by 8pm Saturday 07/02.

Players may be selected to play in a particular position, and this may not necessarily be the position they may have nominated. The Coaching Staff will determine the playing positions for each player in their Team.

During the trial process **all parental communications must come through MWJBL Secretary**, Gail Henderson. MWJBL are responsible for the trial process, not the Coaching Staff or selectors.

3. Team Management

Once selected, **all concern** and questions **regarding your team or your child** are to be directed to the **Team's Executive Officer (XO)**, this is the Manager. Should the XO not satisfactorily resolve an issue, please contact Gail Henderson. Please allow the coaches to coach and the XO to manage.

4. Training

Training requirements are determined by the Coaching staff and may vary throughout the season. Generally, each team trains two nights a week. The Manager may choose to run extra training for pitchers and catchers. **Players are required to attend**, and be on time, for **all training sessions**.

5. Participation

The rules for the Little League competition **do not allow for replacement players** therefore **EVERY member of the team MUST attend EVERY game**; our team cannot complete at any level of the competition unless all team players there.

There is also a **minimum number of defensive outs** that guarantee the minimum amount of time a player will spend on the diamond. Some players may be on the diamond more than others, and both parents and players must accept this. Because of the pitching restrictions, some players who are selected firstly as a pitcher may be kept in reserve as relief pitchers. The same can apply to catchers who will be off the diamond to complete bullpen work with the pitchers.

6. Uniforms and Other Costs

As a representative player for MWJBL Inc there are costs involved. Listed below is the approximate cost for first time players, items marked "mandatory" must be purchased by all players, including returning rep players.

All players selected will be pay for their uniforms on fit out day and most items will be supplied on the spot, others, such as items that require printing will be delivered to you via your team Manager. Any parent with a genuine financial need should talk to Naomi Elvy (0422 131 152), our Treasurer to make alternate payment arrangements, all information will be held in strict confidence.

There may be some other team functions (such as a pizza night) or additional training (such as sprint training) that may incur additional per player cost, these types of events are infrequent and inexpensive.

7. Commitment to the Team

Your commitment to the Little League team must be your **first priority**. **All team schedules must be strictly adhered to**. As exclusions from Representative team activities or training will not be granted, please consider your options before allowing your child to trial, particularly if you are planning an extended holiday or wish them to trial for another sport or representative programme.

This programme does run into the winter sporting season and as the rules do not allow for replacement players please consider carefully allowing your child to trial; our team **WILL** be disqualified if we cannot field a team.

8. Parental Participation

There is little parental duties in this competition as all games are played away from our home ground. Parents' main function will be to ensure your child adheres to all team schedules and instructions. Any duty required will be rostered by your XO

Please remember that to be selected in a MWJBL Inc Representative Team is a great honour, and requires players to be totally committed to their training and playing, only the parent can ensure this happens, this starts with ensuring your child and their summer and winter sporting and school commitments can cope with these games.

This commitment can only be achieved with FULL parental support.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

- All **registration forms** are due to the Secretary no later than 6pm on Thursday 28th January, late registrations will incur a fee of \$30
- **Trials dates** are Sunday 31/01/10 & Sunday 07/02/10 between 9.00 – 11.00am both days at Aquatic Reserve
- **Team announcement** will be made via the website by 8pm on Sunday 07/02/10
- **Uniform fit-out** 09/02 6pm at 3 Warekila Road, Beacon Hill, all players must attend
- Selected players are required to pay for you uniform order on 09/02/10 at the fit out
- **Training** times TBA at Aquatic Reserve
- **End of Season Presentation** is done at the following season's hat Presentation Dinner, on a Friday in August 2010, date TBA at the Harbord Diggers Club,
- **Game Schedule;** Shellharbour Tournament 08-11/04/10, with 15-18/04/10 as backup dates, Australian Tournament June long weekend (TBC) in Qld, Asian Tournament in Jakarta approx July 2010 (TBC) and USA Tournament approx Aug 2010 (TBC)

SUMMARY OF COST

There is a significant cost commitment our parents will also need to meet:

- **Playing Uniform**
 - White Playing Pants \$35
 - Maroon t-shirt (with number) \$22
 - Maroon Belt \$12
 - Maroon Socks \$12
 - Little League Hat \$27 (mandatory)
- **Training Uniform**
 - Grey drawstring Pants \$25, Grey looped pants acceptable \$45
 - Maroon or Grey rep training T-shirt \$20
 - Maroon Belt (for looped pants only) \$12
- **Other Costs**
 - Travel costs in the event the Australian tournament is held interstate
 - Maroon Playing Shirt \$72 (needed for Nationals only)
 - Walk-out shirt \$25 and shorts \$23 (needed for Nationals only)
 - Kit bag \$65 (needed for Nationals only)
 - Team Photo approx \$20
 - End of Season Presentation approx \$30/attendee

COMMITMENT REQUIRED

The following commitments will need to be fulfilled:

- **Players**
 - Attend all training sessions and trial games
 - Attend all tournament games, approx April – August 2010 max
 - Sign and abide by the MWJBL/BBNSW Code of Conduct
 - Abide by the Representative Team & Game Protocol guidelines
- **Parents**
 - Ensure your child is able to fully commit to the team
 - Ensure your child attends all training and team functions and be on time
 - Some team rostered duties as needed
 - Assist the League with a specific task like fundraising or sponsorship
 - Abide by the MWJBL/BBNSW Code of Conduct
 - Sign the MWJBL Child Images policy
 - Abide by the Representative Team & Game Protocol guidelines

If you have any questions please contact me on 0412 554 899 or via email at peaches53@optusnet.com.au, if I am not available you can contact Naomi Elvy on 0422 131 152.

Gail Henderson
Secretary