

# COACHES HANDBOOK Little Sluggers

Welcome and Thank you for Volunteering with Medicine Hat Little League

### **Contact Information**

**Division Coordinators:** 

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### **Important Dates**

#### **Equipment Pick Up Dates:**

Little Sluggers, Rookie JR, Rookie SR April 24th (4:30pm – 6pm)

All Divisions April 28th (4pm – 6pm)

#### League Begins:

Little Sluggers, Rookie Jr. & Rookie Sr. Monday, April 29

Minors, Majors, & Intermediate/Teenange Monday, April 29

#### League Ends:

Little Sluggers, Rookie Jr. & Rookie Sr. Friday, June 7

> Minors, Sunday June 21 Majors Sunday, June 16

> Teenange Sunday, June 23

#### Year End Jamboree/Playoffs:

#### TBD

#### **Equipment Return:**

TBD

## **Resources**

https://www.mhlittleleague.ca/

https://www.littleleague.org/university/

https://www.littleleague.org/university/coaches/

https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/pitch-count/

http://www.littleleagueab.ca/

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## **Coaches Responsibilities**

- Develop all players in a fun, encouraging, positive environment. All players should be given the opportunity to play all positions. Playing time shall be equal amongst all the team players.
- Police check
- Review division specific rules appendix A
- Safety Plan appendix B
- Equipment Pick Up
- Home Team (When Games Are Permitted):
  - Third Base Line
  - Put bases out and lock up at end of game
  - Official Scorekeeper
- Visiting Team (When Games Are Permitted):
  - First Base Line
  - Official Pitch Count
  - Appoint Game Day Coordinator
- Report pitch count to division director and scores for Kid Pitch divisions and higher
- Attend draft for Minors and older divisions
- Return all equipment at end of season

## League Responsibilities

- To support our volunteer coaches
- Provide necessary equipment tees, balls, bats, bases
- Provide letter for police check to each coach
- Team assessments
- Moderate drafted teams
- Creation of teams for Little Sluggers to Rookie Sr.
- Schedules for each team
- Tournament Schedules
- Weather cancellations will be decided by division director and communicated to coaches via email and TeamSnap notification
- Umpires are scheduled and paid by MHLL
- Complaints or concerns

## <u>TeamSnap</u>

- Each team will have their own TeamSnap account.
- Office staff will upload all teams, contacts and schedules into TeamSnap and give each coach manager access.
- You will be able to send communication to your team via TeamSnap.
- Schedule changes will need to be completed through the office.
- Please call or email office for assistance with TeamSnap

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## Appendix A Division Rules

### **MHLL Little Sluggers Division**



### Cancellations

All cancellations are at the discretion of the division director with consultation with the Field manager. Cancellations will be updated on MHLL facebook page, and emailed to division team coaches. Coaches are responsible for emailing their respective teams of the cancellation. Cancellation decisions will be made by 4:30PM.

### **Start Time**

Little Sluggers practice times will start at 6:00PM.

spectators are to bring their own chairs. Teams will play on varying nights throughout the week either on Tuesday's and Thursday's or Monday's and Wednesday's.

### Preparation\Clean up

Player Information

- There will be two teams scheduled per field
- Players will provide their own equipment (with the exception of bats and balls)

#### <u>Games</u>

Home Team Responsibilities: (listed last on schedule)

- Setting up bases
- Setting up tee
- Supplying game balls
- Shall occupy 3rd base fence line

Visitor Team Responsibilities: (listed first on schedule)

- Putting away bases
- Putting away tee
- Shall occupy 1<sup>st</sup> base fence line

### Equipment

There will be a scheduled day for equipment and uniform pick up at the beginning of the season. Coaches are required to pick-up or coordinate an alternate coach to pick-up team equipment. There will be 4 pylons, 20 Tennis Balls, 5 Bean Bags and some team bats in the equipment bag. This equipment is expected to be returned to MHLL at the conclusion of the season. There will be a scheduled day for equipment drop-off.

## Game Play

Little Sluggers is a Tee-Ball division. All kids will bat from home plate off a tee. Runners will advance a single base for each batter. Defensive players will attempt to make plays to get runners out. Outs are not called and all players are allowed to run the bases. Once all players have batted the half inning is over and the other team gets to bat. Each game will last three innings. Defensive teams will be allowed to have two coaches in the field of play. These defensive coaches will assist players with the game. Offensive teams are encouraged to have coaches on first and third to assist baserunners. Offensive teams will require a coach at home plate to assist with the player at the plate.

### Contacts

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