

To: Major/Minor Baseball players

From: MHLL Board of Directors

Re: All Star and Honors Team Selection

As teams pass the mid-point in the 2009 season it is time to begin planning for post season teams. This letter is intended to answer most of the questions that players and parents may have about the selection process, time commitment, and rule changes.

At the end of the 2009 season all teams are disbanded. At this point, All Star and Honor Teams are selected from the pool of players who have submitted applications for post season play, and have participated in over 60% of regular season games. Player accounts must be paid in full AND all appropriate documentation (birth certificates, proof of residency) must be on file no later than May 31, 2009. MHLL is eligible to field teams for the following tournaments: Majors All Star, 11/10 year old All Star, 9/10 All Star, 11/12 Honors and 9/10 Honors. The deadline date to turn in forms to your manager is Thursday May 21, 2009. **NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

The selection process is as follows: Major players will select 6 peers and Major Managers will select the remaining players to form the Majors All-Star Team. The 11 year old All-Star Team and the 11/12 year old Honors team will be selected by the Major Managers. The 9/10 All-Star Team and the 9/10 Honors team will be selected by the Minor Managers. The team selection will be forwarded to the Board for Approval. If the board decides that a player will not represent the league in a positive manner, the board will have the player removed from the roster and ask the Managers to select an alternate.

Murrayhill is one of the few little leagues in the country that allows its major players the opportunity to select six players to the Majors all-star team. Players need to take this responsibility seriously and not turn it into a popularity contest. Do not ask your friends to vote for you. Any player found soliciting votes for the all-star team should be immediately reported to the player agent and the player will be subject to disciplinary action which can include removal from any post season team.

To be selected for a MHLL post season team is a privilege and an honor. It signifies that the player is recognized by the managers, coaches and MHLL officials as having the skills and character to represent our league. Post-season tournaments are played against teams from other leagues. MHLL has a reputation for fielding tough, competitive teams and ones that conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on our league. This standard of conduct is expected of all PLAYERS, PARENTS, COACHES, MANAGERS AND LEAGUE OFFICIALS.

Players need to understand that the minimum play requirement for all-stars is one at-bat and three defensive outs. Some players will only play the minimum even though he is a top player on his regular season team. Each player needs to be willing to accept his role on the team. Parents need to understand that this up to each manager to decide playing time, and is not open to discussion with the manager.

The degree of commitment required of all players and their parents during post-season play is higher than required in the regular season. Practices will begin immediately after the announcement on June 15th. Team announcements will be posted on the MHLL website (Murrayhilllittleleague.com) by 9 a.m. Player's are required to attend ALL practices. If a player misses or is disruptive at practice he can be removed from the team and another player may be selected to fill the spot. Practices may be in the morning, afternoon or evening. Sometimes there may be practices twice a day. Parents are expected to get the players to ALL games that are within driving distances. If teams advance to tournaments that require overnight lodging and meals parents need to plan for additional expenses. Families must make their own travel arrangements at their own expense. The league provides uniforms and normal equipment required for the teams, anything beyond that is up to the team and the parents to provide. The league is charging a fee of \$35 for each player selected to a post season team. This fee will cover the additional field cost charged by THPRD, a post season hat, and a hitting jersey. This fee will be collected after the teams are formed.

Tentative 2009 Tournament Dates:

Major All Star

District (Alpenrose) July 11th
State Eugene July 18th
Regional's (San Bernardino) August 7th
World Series August 21st to 30th

10-11 year old All Star

District (Tigard) July 9th
State Dist. 1 July 20th

9/10 All Star

District (Lake Oswego) July 5th
State Dist. 1 July 20th

11/12 Honors

Alpenrose June 27

9/10 Honors

Tigard/Lake Oswego June 27

Players making a tournament team must provide the following documents by June 17th:
PROOF OF AGE: the only acceptable form is a government issued birth document certifying the participant's date of birth.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY: Residence refers to a place of a bona fide continuous habitation. Three or more documents of proof may include: parent(s) or guardian driver's license, voting registration card, school records, welfare record, federal, state and local records, homeowner or tenant property insurance or utility bills. Player's must be prepared to supply three pieces of documentation.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTACHED FORM AND RETURN IT TO YOUR MANAGER. **NO FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 21st.**

If you have any questions please call Kim Albert 503-515-5312

Murrayhill Little League Post-Season Player Application

Player Name: _____

Manager Name: _____

Current Team: _____

I am playing in (Circle one) Majors/Minors:

My league Age as of April 30, 2009 is: _____

Yes, I would like to be considered to participate with:

Either an All-Star or Honors post season team: _____

All-Star only post season team: _____

Honors only post season team: _____

No, I am not available to participate with an:

All-Star or Honors post season team: _____

Player signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date: _____

Your application to eligible to participate in Post-Season play must be turned into your manager by Thursday, May 21st.

No Late forms will be accepted.