

# 2026 Spring Miracle League Coaches / Field Marshals Meeting

MAINTAIN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

PROVIDE A GREAT BASEBALL EXPERIENCE

COMMUNICATE W/PARENTS

HELP DEVELOP BUDDIES

all important

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SAFE ENVIRONMENT – *Constantly aware...bats, balls, runner, hitters, throwers, etc.*

## COACHES

- Must be there at least **30 minutes** before game...and greet players/parents
  - One Coach to Meet and Greet
  - One Coach out on the field
- Have batting order ready – batting template can be found under Season Info – Docs and Forms
- Suggest fielding positions
- No metal bats are to be used. If a player brings one, please keep in bag until they are ready to bat. **SOME COACHES** are bringing a metal bat for use by all players. **BUT** they must be placed out of reach when not in use.
- COMMUNICATE w/PARENTS
- Communicate issues during the game with field staff

## COACHES AND FIELD MARSHALS – LEAD YOUR BUDDIES

- You Focus on Greeting Players and Parents --- ML Board will match Players with Buddies
- Make sure the Buddies focus on safety – “protect the player”
- Make sure the Buddies understand their player’s issues – **BUT IN MORE GENERAL TERMS** and for **TODAY**
- Show some how to create a more positive player experience
  - ...player name to the announcer
  - ...simple player involvement
  - ...warm up exercises
  - ...extra balls in the outfield

## FIELD MARSHALS – Currently Not Available

- Be there at least 10 Minutes before your shift and check in!
- Team spirit – chicken dance....

## IMPORTANT COACHES NOTES

- Schedules posted on the website.
- You have access to player information, including phone numbers. If you are not familiar or have forgotten how to do this, please contact Tracey and she will walk you through it.
- Please call all the families a week before the first game: introduce yourself and remind them of the game schedule on the website, **FIELD LOCATION** and **DIRECTIONS** and that they can arrive 30 minutes early. If you would like a sample script for calling, contact Tracey; we will send it to you. It would be helpful for you to designate a “team parent” that could help you with calls in the event we have a weather situation, in organizing team pictures and for an end of season celebration.
- **PLEASE LET US KNOW, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, IF YOU HAVE TO MISS A GAME.**
- When you arrive 30 minutes early, it allows one coach to be on the field during warm up and one coach to be at the front greeting the families. This is especially important the first couple of games as we try to get to know all the new kids.
- Review the diagnosis/comment. Ask any questions you may have. We will also provide the roster/diagnosis/comments in an accordion file on the registration table. They are organized by team, look for your tab. **REMEMBER** these are confidential so please return them to the file after the game.
- As the season progresses, please work with the parents regarding precautions, like/dislikes, and approaches we can take that makes the experience a good one for both player and buddy.
- If you can, please designate one buddy at each game to help with set up/clean up and sanitizing. Lysol Wipes in each dugout.
- If we have an abundance of Buddies, we can ask one to help with the Announcer duties, one to be a catcher and one to be a chicken as we have 2 costumes.
- Please work with the buddies, especially the new ones, offering suggestions in working with the player and acknowledging their good work occasionally.
- **Remind buddies to tell the announcer who the player at bat is.**
- Let announcer know if player is noise-sensitive, turn down the PA system.
- We will play 2-3 innings but no longer than one hour. If your team is short players at a game, let the batting order repeat at least one inning. **Ensure that the game will last AT LEAST 50 minutes.**

## **How to Enable the Ability to Receive Text Messages (for your personal use)!**

- Click on the LOG IN button under Season Info on our website: [www.austinmiracleleague.org](http://www.austinmiracleleague.org).
- Then Log in to your personal account.
- Select the desired account.
- Click **Account Settings**.
- Under **Account Settings**, click **GENERAL**, then add your mobile phone number.
- Under Communication Preferences make sure both the email and mobile phone number are checked

### **HOW TO MESSAGE FROM TEAMCENTER**

1. Sign in and go to your team's TeamCenter.
2. On the left side navigation, choose the Roster tab.
3. Click Message.
4. Select the recipients in the "To" field.
  - Choose All Players and All Staff to send the message to the entire roster.
5. Type the message and click Send.

### **HOW TO CHAT FROM TEAMCENTER**

NOTE: You must be rostered to a Team in order to chat.

1. Sign in and click My Organizations on your SE Bar.
2. Under My Teams, choose a team.
3. On the left side navigation, click the Chat tab.
4. Input your chat message and click Send

Please see the Coaches Manual on our Website under SEASON Info -> Documents and Info

**And THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!**