**Spring Season AAA and Summer AAA/AA Tournament Teams**

**Policies and Practices**

\*Tournament teams are Summer All-star Teams that play after regular season is complete\*

1. **Coaches Selection process and requirements**
   1. All those interested in being a head coach for a **Spring Season AAA** team must submit an email application by the designated due date. **Summer Tournament AAA/AA** team coaches must be an active coach in regular season play and submit an email application by the designated due date.
   2. MJLL Board of directors will review all applications and select head coaches for all teams.
   3. MJLL has the right to remove any and all coaches if their child does not make the team. (Coaches’ players do not automatically make the team, this is based on evaluations)
2. **Evaluations**
   1. All registered players in MJLL are eligible to attend try outs for their divisional Spring Season AAA team(s).
   2. Players that complete a minimum of 8 regular season games will be eligible to attend try outs for their divisional Summer Tournament AAA/AA team(s).
   3. MJLL will provide 3 try out dates and times for spring teams and up to 3 try outs for summer teams.
   4. Any interested players must attend a minimum of 2 try outs for spring and 1 for summer but are encouraged to attend all try out dates.
   5. The designated Head Coach for each team will be required to run the try outs. Stations will include the following:
      1. 1- Pitching/Catching Station
      2. 1- Hitting Station
      3. 1- Fielding Station (infield and outfield)

(Coaches can also select to play a game if they choose)

1. **Evaluators** 
   1. MJLL will select 3 to 5 evaluators (these will be “baseball” people, former players or coaches within the community)
   2. Assigned coaches can select up to 3 additional personal evaluators.
   3. Players will be graded 1-5 based on abilities (pitching, catching, hitting, fielding and baseball ssense/awareness)
   4. ALL evaluators must have NO affiliation with any players trying out (this includes family or friends of players)
   5. **People helping execute the drill stations ARE NOT evaluators.**
2. **Team Selection Process**
   1. A minimum of 12 players must be selected for each team based on availability and skill.
   2. A board member will compile the board evaluator’s evaluation numbers and establish a 15-man team based off the evaluation numbers. The 15 players that finish with the average top 15 scores will be listed 1 to 15, highest to lowest.
   3. The head coach will do the same as the board.
   4. The head coach and MJLL board members must agree on the top 9 players. i.e. Coaches will be given a chance to explain their selections if there is a difference in the”1-9” list. (ex. player’s attitude or past history with players or parents are examples of reasons why a player may not be selected. If MJLL board members and the head coach cannot come to a valid agreement or reason why a player is or is not selected for the team, that player may be added/removed after a board vote.
   5. The last 3 spots will be picked by the head coach, as long as they are players within the top 15.
   6. All teams will be posted on [**www.mjlittleleague.com**](http://www.mjlittleleague.com) **and Facebook** promptly upon completion of team selection.
3. **Players Expectations**

If a player is to commit to a AAA team, it must be understood by the player and parents that there is an expectation of almost 100% commitment. The goal of these teams is to field strong, competitive teams. In order for that to be successful we need players and parents to respect the time commitment these teams will demand.

Team Fees – It is typical for AAA teams to have additional fees in addition to the Little League fees already paid. The fees will cover items such as tournament fees, team apparel, etc.

MJLL and coaching staff have the right to suspend or remove a player from any team, at any time for disciplinary action (any suspension from regular season will carry over to the Summer Tournament season)