



Morden Minor Softball

COACHES/MANAGERS MEETING – APRIL 23RD, 2025 @ 7PM

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Agenda

- ▶ League Review – Tiger Hills
- ▶ Important Resources
- ▶ RAMP registration
- ▶ Coaching requirements
- ▶ Equipment/Uniforms
- ▶ Managers duties
- ▶ Team Fees
- ▶ Tournaments
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- ▶ Communication Flow
- ▶ Season Accomplishments

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Softball League – Tiger Hills

- ▶ Morden Softball is part of the Tiger Hills Girls Minor Softball League
 - ▶ Tiger Hills Girls Minor Softball : Website by RAMP InterActive
(tigerhillssoftball.com)
- ▶ League for 'AA' and 'A' ball ('AA' may be moving to its own league in the future but for now it is status quo)
- ▶ Certain age groups are split into divisions
 - ▶ Morden falls into the EAST DIVISION
 - ▶ Applicable to U11 and U13 and U15 for 2025
- ▶ All scores must be reported to the applicable Tiger Hills registrar
 - ▶ THE HOME TEAM OF THE GAME SUBMITS THE **GAME REPORT**.
 - ▶ MORDEN reports scores to the EAST REGISTRAR.
 - ▶ Email a picture of the game report to tigerhillsregistrar@gmail.com



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Important Resources

- ▶ Tiger Hills website: <https://tigerhillssoftball.com>
 - ▶ Playing rules for each age group
 - ▶ Diamond Dimensions
 - ▶ League Schedule w/ Diamond locations for games
 - ▶ Game Report Forms
- ▶ Softball Manitoba: www.softball.mb.ca
 - ▶ Coaching requirements
 - ▶ Provincial Tournament dates/registration and playing rules
 - ▶ Clinics
- ▶ Morden Minor baseball: www.mordenminorbaseball.com
 - ▶ Diamond Map, Development opportunities, Coach/Manager resources
- ▶ Access Event Centre: www.mymorden.ca/access-event-centre
 - ▶ Sports Field Schedule and Online Booking Form
- ▶ The Locker – Coaching Certification Courses
 - ▶ <https://thelocker.coach.ca/>

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RAMP REGISTRATION

- ▶ Coaches and Managers need to REGISTER HERE: Morden Minor Softball
<https://www.rampregistrations.com/login?v3=68c7f58ba4>



- ▶ Enter your NCCP number/Respect in Sport Certificate number

- Upload your criminal record check

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Coaching Requirements

- ▶ Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders – online
 - ▶ https://sportmanitoba.respectgroupinc.com/koala_final/
- ▶ Foundations of Coaching Softball: Part 1 – online - thelocker.coach.ca
- ▶ Understanding the Rule of Two – online – thelocker.coach.ca
- ▶ Community Softball Coach Clinic – in-person
- ▶ Making Ethical Decisions – zoom call online – signup through the calendar on thelocker.coach.ca
- ▶ Making Ethical Decisions + Online Evaluation (Do after zoom course) - online
 - thelocker.coach.ca

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Coaching Requirements - continued

- ▶ Reimbursement of coaching clinics
 - ▶ Morden Minor Baseball will reimburse you for any in-person coaching clinics that you attend and any online coaching course \$75+ once only upon a passing grade.
 - ▶ To receive your reimbursement, you must submit the following to treasurer.mmb@gmail.com and steve.mullin83@gmail.com:
 - ▶ Receipt of payment for the course
 - ▶ Certificate of completion or passing grade
 - ▶ The 'Making Ethical Decisions' course is a free course. If you choose to challenge it for the \$85, you pay that on your own and will not be reimbursed.

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Equipment & Uniforms

- ▶ Equipment Manager for Morden Minor Baseball
 - ▶ Nathan Pitt – npitt29@gmail.com & Tim Hildebrand 204-823-2128
- ▶ Team equipment bags can be picked up April 23rd in the baseball equipment room
 - ▶ Go to the Huron arena dressing room area and go through the maze, past the equipment cages, until you come to a brown door.
- ▶ Uniforms – Jersey (provided), Black baseball pants, Hat/visor
 - ▶ Style guide on MMB website under your specific division information
 - ▶ Managers, please keep track of who has what number jersey and fill out the google form online [HERE](#) or <https://forms.gle/5Au7kXVJDccx4E7v9> so we can be sure they are returned at the end of the season.
 - ▶ All jerseys not returned at the end of the season will be charged to the player
 - ▶ Will be picked up at the coach/manager meeting, April 23rd
 - ▶ Any jerseys not picked up will be given to the coaches/managers to pass out.

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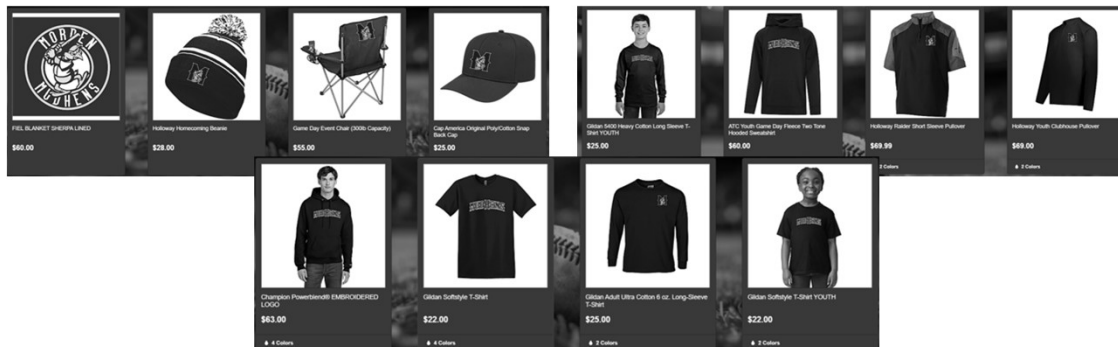
Jersey Care Instructions

- ▶ In 2024, MMB invested in new jerseys as a part of our rebranding initiative.
 - ▶ Please care for the jerseys by following these instructions.
- ▶ JERSEYS ARE ONLY TO BE WORN TO SOFTBALL/HARDBALL
 - ▶ They are not to be worn to school!
- ▶ Wash in cold water and HANG TO DRY
- ▶ Stains and dirt can be dealt with by rubbing under cold water.
- ▶ Damaged/Stained jerseys
 - ▶ Parents will be charged for replacement jerseys by invoice from Morden Minor Ball at the discretion of the MMB Executive and the uniform manager.

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Apparel Orders

- ▶ The link to the apparel order with Olympic Source for Sports is now live.
- ▶ Orders for apparel can be made on this website:
 - ▶ <https://mudhens2025.itemorder.com/shop/home>



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Managers Duties

- ▶ TeamSnap or GameChanger – set up your team, enter your schedule, sync to your cell phone calendar!
- ▶ Schedule for each team can be found on the Tiger Hills website
- ▶ Scheduling Practices
 - ▶ Use the online booking form on the Access Event Centre website
- ▶ Rescheduling games
 - ▶ You are responsible to work with the manager of the opposing team and find a time/diamond that work.
 - ▶ If it is a home game, reference the sports field schedule to see what is available.
 - ▶ If you need a diamond that has been labeled with a practice, let me know and I will move the practice to a different space so you can schedule the game. **GAMES HAVE PRIORITY.**
 - ▶ **DON'T FORGET THE UMPS!** – Umpire Scheduler – Alex Howe – Ph: **204-770-6734**, email: r.alexhowe@gmail.com
 - ▶ To cancel a game, contact Alex Howe by text message.
 - ▶ To book ump for a rescheduled game, contact Alex Howe by text or email indicating your ump requirements. Mention it is for Softball, age group, time and diamond!

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Managers Duties - continued

- ▶ **DIAMONDS BOOKED**
 - ▶ I have booked diamonds for all the known games on the schedule.
 - ▶ I have also booked a few practices times.
 - ▶ I have reserved practice times throughout May/June that can be used by teams not having a game.
 - ▶ Please review the calendar handout and let me know which practice spots your team would like – BY Friday, April 25th.
 - ▶ I will then release the rest of the practice times back to the city.
 - ▶ ****Diamonds can not be booked for practices if there is a game to follow to allow for the diamond to be prepared and the lines chalked.**
- ▶ **NOTE:** Only the **managers** of each team may book diamonds. A list of the managers is provided to the city. Anyone booking a diamond that is not on that list will be personally charged for the use of the diamond and/or batting cage.

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Managers Duties – continued

Requests to the City of Morden

- ▶ All requests for diamonds and batting cages need to come through the manager.
 - ▶ Batting cage availability is on the AEC website (just like the diamonds)
 - ▶ You are required to book the batting cages for your team
- ▶ Provide your team name as follows:
 - ▶ U11 Maroon Softball
 - ▶ U11 Black Softball
 - ▶ U11 Gold Softball
 - ▶ U13 Maroon Softball
 - ▶ U13 Black Softball
 - ▶ U13 Gold Softball
 - ▶ U15 Gold Softball
 - ▶ U17 Maroon Softball

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Managers Duties - continued

- ▶ CODE OF CONDUCT
 - ▶ The past couple of years the Tiger Hills league faced some challenges regarding comments from coaches and spectators.
 - ▶ To emphasize a no tolerance stance on abusive behaviour, we require that all parents sign the code of conduct form provided in the package.
 - ▶ Managers are to collect these signed forms and hold on to them throughout the season.
 - ▶ If you come across and any abusive behaviour towards kids, umps, coaches or spectators, please report it **ASAP** to your convenor. *We want this season's concerns/issues reported this season!*
 - ▶ A copy of the parent code of conduct form can be found in the managers page on the MMB website

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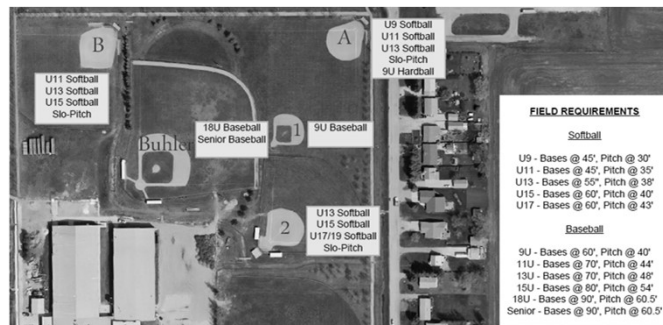
Volunteer opportunities

- ▶ Parental participation is encouraged at all times!
- ▶ Find volunteers for
 - ▶ Handing out and collecting fundraising forms
 - ▶ Jersey assignment and records
 - ▶ Scorekeeping at games
 - ▶ Carpooling to away games
 - ▶ Running stations at practices!
 - ▶ League/Home Tournament rep(s) (if applicable)
 - ▶ 2025: U9 Home Tournament – June 14th
 - ▶ 2025: U15 League tournament June 27-29

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Diamonds - Morden

- ▶ Softball Diamonds
 - ▶ Diamond A – U9, U11, U13
 - ▶ Diamond B – U11, U13, U15
 - ▶ Diamond 2 – U13, U15, U17/19
- ▶ This map is posted on the website!
- ▶ PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THE PLUGS ON THE DIAMOND ARE NOT AT THE CORRECT DISTANCES.



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Team Fees

- ▶ Team Activities
 - ▶ Figure out how many tournaments, if any, your team will attend.
 - ▶ Figure out what, if anything, you would like to spend on a wind-up
- ▶ Team Fee Suggestion:
 - ▶ Ask each player to contribute enough to cover the activities above.

All of the above is at the discretion of the team.

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Tournaments

- ▶ Tournaments
 - ▶ Sanctioned tournaments are listed on the Softball Manitoba website under MEMBERSHIP. Fees to be covered by your team.
 - ▶ Each age group has a league tournament. That **fee is covered by Morden Minor Ball**.
 - ▶ Email the treasurer (treasurer.mmb@gmail.com) to get a cheque written. This cheque will be taken along and given to the tournament organizer for your specific age group.
 - ▶ Provincial Tournament – Must register by June 1st.
 - ▶ Can combine two teams into one for provincials. Fee to be covered by your team.
 - ▶ <https://www.softball.mb.ca/form/4832> to find more info
 - ▶ Hosting a League Tournament – U15 in Morden – 12 teams!
 - ▶ We will need a min of two representative from the U15 team to work with our MMB tournament rep, Evan Vermette.
 - ▶ This does not need to be the manager. We encourage you to find a parent volunteers.

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Provincial Tournaments

- ▶ *New* for the 2025 Season – Due to the number of players in the U11 and U13 age groups, we are going to be sending two teams from each age group.
- ▶ Evaluations will be held between May 11th and May 25th – exact dates TBD.
- ▶ Teams will be made and communicated by May 26th.
- ▶ Coaches who wish to coach one of these teams must apply to the MMB Softball Committee. Additional details to be communicated closer to evaluations. Coaches will be determined after the teams have been decided.
- ▶ Registration Deadline – June 1st.
 - ▶ Tournament fee of \$400/team will be split between players on final rosters
 - ▶ <https://www.softball.mb.ca/form/4832> for more info
- ▶ U15 and U17 may register at any time.

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Exhibition Games

- ▶ Exhibition Games can be planned for the time between the league tournament and provincials.
 - ▶ There is no cost for use of the diamond.
 - ▶ Your team is responsible for the cost of the umpire.
 - ▶ This year, all umpires across the Tiger Hills League are paid \$50/ump per game
 - ▶ A secondary ump is paid \$30 per game.

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Weather & Safety

- ▶ The city will inform the managers if the diamonds are closed due to adverse weather or too much moisture.
- ▶ The umpire makes the call as to whether to continue a game due to adverse weather.
- ▶ If you are on the diamonds for practice and there is thunder and lightening present, it is not safe to continue practice.
 - ▶ U9 please follow these guidelines.
- ▶ THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE IS THE PRIORITY.

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Questions/Concerns/Issues

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Line of Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ MMB Convenor for age group ▶ MMB VP of Softball – Jaimee Berard ▶ MMB President – Steve Mullin ▶ Tiger Hills President – Tasha Worms ▶ Softball Manitoba Executive | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 2025 Convenors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ U9: Sandi Sawatzky ▶ U11: Sam Hiltorst ▶ U13: Lynsay Olafson ▶ U15: Evan Vermette ▶ U17/19: Leslie Donaldson |
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Umpire Abuse

- ▶ Umpire Abuse
 - ▶ Take action! If an umpire is being treated unfairly, please step up and say something. We do not tolerate bad behaviour/comments to umpires.
 - ▶ Action can come from the coaches, managers or parents.
 - ▶ Please report any umpire abuse your convenor who will then communicate with the MMB president who will take further action.
 - ▶ Softball Manitoba has equipped all umpires with a red communication card. This card serves the following purposes:
 - ▶ Pre-game Plate Conference
 - ▶ Addressing Disrespectful Behaviour
 - ▶ Non-Verbal Signaling



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MMB Softball Accomplishments

- ▶ Managers - Please keep track of your team's accomplishments in the areas of:
 - ▶ Tournaments attended
 - ▶ How you placed in each tournament
 - ▶ Provincials attendance
 - ▶ How you placed in provincials
- ▶ Share your highlights on our social media pages by texting Natalie Vigier at 204-794-7062.
 - ▶ Make sure to reference the age group, team name, and add a short description and accompanying pictures!

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Mission Statement:

To provide an opportunity for all youth in Morden and surrounding area to play baseball and/or softball in a safe, respectful, affordable and enjoyable environment.

Thank you for taking the time to
participate in making the Softball
program a success!

GO MUD HENS!

