

Policies and Procedures Using Fields for Practice McAllister Park Little League

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Background

McAllister Park Little League (MPLL) owns, operates, and maintains 16 baseball fields on property leased from the City of San Antonio within the boundaries of McAllister Park. Six of the fields are located in the area referred to as the Lower Complex. Ten of the fields are located in the area referred to as the Upper Complex.

MPLL historically has only provided League fields for practice use by MPLL teams between the draft and the start of either the fall ball or spring season, and for all stars.

In the past MPLL has attempted to obtain additional practice fields for League teams outside of the fields described above. For access to these fields during the spring season, the League has historically required teams to donate \$500 for associated expenses.

With the combination of the Upper Complex and the Lower Complex, MPLL can now dedicate fields to league games and league practice. However, MPLL cannot provide practice fields beyond what was historically provided without continuing to collect donations for associated expenses.

General Guidelines

Upper Complex: The 10 fields at the upper complex will be used for only games. The use of these fields for practices will not be allowed. Any exceptions must be approved by the MPLL president.

Lower Complex: The 6 fields at the lower complex will be used for select tournaments, MPLL make up games, and practice. Practices will be scheduled as outlined in the next section. The use of the fields for MPLL approved select tournaments or MPLL make up games will supersede the use for practice.

Lower Complex Practice Scheduling

For the purposes of discussing practice scheduling, the year will be divided into the following seven periods:

- Spring Practice
- Spring Games
- Tournament Season
- Summer
- Fall Ball Practice

- Fall Ball Games
- Winter

The approximate duration of these periods and availability to the fields by MPLL league teams, approved select teams, and other teams is described in the table on the following page. Also included are required donations to MPLL for use of the fields.

During the spring practice period, League VP's will have the following field assigned for scheduling practices:

- Field 1 – LL Majors
- Field 2 – AA and Softball
- Field 3 – Juniors and Seniors
- Field 4 – Machine pitch
- Field 5 – AAA
- Field 6 – T-Ball

During the fall ball practice period, League VP's will have the following field assigned for scheduling practices:

- Field 1 – 11/12 Baseball
- Field 2 – 9/10 Baseball
- Field 3 – Junior Baseball
- Field 4 – Machine Pitch
- Field 5 – Softball
- Field 6 – T-Ball

Team Expectations

All teams using the MPLL lower complex for practice are expected to do the following at the completion of their practice at a minimum:

- Put bases away in the blockhouses.
- Rake and water all infield dirt areas
- Pick up all trash
- Turn out the lights
- Lock all blockhouses and field gates

Teams that do not perform these functions at the completion of a practice will be issued a warning by the League. A second offense will result in a two week suspension in the use of MPLL fields for practice without a refund in donation amounts. A third offense will result in a suspension in the use of MPLL fields for practice for the remaining of the period without a refund in donation amounts.

Period	Approximate Timeframe	MPLL League Teams	Approved Select Teams*	Other Teams
Spring Practice	Spring Draft to Start of Spring Season (First Week of February to End of Spring Break)	Scheduled by League VPs	Not Available	Not Available
Spring Games	Duration of Spring Season (End of Spring Break to Last Week of School)	\$500 Donation**	\$500 Donation**	\$50/hour Donation
Tournament Season	End of Spring Season to End of All Star Tournament (Last Week of School to Beginning of July)	Scheduled by League	Not Available	Not Available
Summer	End of All Star Tournament to Fall Ball Drafts (Beginning of July to First Week of September)	Not Applicable	\$200 Donation**	\$50/hour Donation
Fall Ball Practice	Fall Ball Draft to Start of Fall Ball Season (Second Week of September)	Scheduled by League VPs	Not Available	Not Available
Fall Ball Games	Duration of Fall Ball Season (Second Week of September to End of October)	\$250 Donation**	\$250 Donation**	\$50/hour Donation
Winter	End of Fall Ball Season to Spring Drafts (November to First Week of February)	Not Applicable	\$200 Donation**	\$50/hour Donation

*Approved select teams will only include teams where 100 percent of the players are also registered for the current or preceding MPLL spring season and the team has MPLL board member as a sponsor.

**Every effort will be made to schedule each participating team two practice times a week.

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