

Mount Jumbo East Little League



LITTLE LEAGUE PLEDGE

I TRUST IN GOD:

- because through my faith in God I have been given the spirit and strength to play Little League Baseball.

I LOVE MY COUNTRY AND WILL RESPECT ITS LAWS:

- because my nation is my home and I will, if called upon, defend it honorably. The laws of my country were made to protect my rights and the rights of others. They deserve my respect.

I WILL PLAY FAIR:

- because through fair play, teamwork, sportsmanship and friendship, I have learned that honesty is a fundamental principle and an essential attribute to my future success and happiness.

AND STRIVE TO WIN:

- because friendly competition has taught me to win with class and lose with dignity, and to gain from my mistakes.

BUT, WIN OR LOSE, I WILL ALWAYS DO MY BEST.

- because success is not winning or losing. Success is giving all I have to give, all the time. It is my total effort. It's simple...winning is fun and has its rewards. Losing hurts, but as long as I have done my best, I've never lost at all!

MISSION STATEMENT

Mount Jumbo East Little League Baseball's primary objective is to implant firmly in the youth of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be decent, healthy and trustworthy adults.

PARENT INFORMATION BOOK

******Please read carefully******

Welcome to the Mount Jumbo East Little League. We would like to present you with some information about our organization

MOUNT JUMBO EAST LITTLE LEAGUE

Welcome to Mount Jumbo East Little League. Mount Jumbo Little League was chartered in 1970. In 1995, Mount Jumbo was divided into two separate leagues; both operated under one board of directors. Because of the tremendous population growth in the Missoula area at the time, each of the three existing leagues - Mount Jumbo, Mount Sentinel, and Westside - had their boundary lines divided to create five separate leagues. Including the Mullan Trail League in Frenchtown and the Clark Fork League in Superior and Lolo Peak in Lolo, the Missoula area has eight leagues. Since 1999, Mount Jumbo East has operated independently from Mount Jumbo West. Creation of the additional leagues in Missoula has given more children the opportunity to benefit from the experience of being selected as an "All Star" to represent their league in tournament play.

The physical area that represents Mount Jumbo East Little League has a western boundary of Waterworks Hill, a southern boundary of the Clark Fork River, and extends as far east as Clinton and as far north as Seeley Lake. If you live on the west of Waterworks Hill or south of the Clark Fork, your child will play for another Little League. **Remember: it is not which school your child attends -- it is your place of residence that determines which league you play in.**

Mount Jumbo East will field tournament teams for Big League, Senior Baseball, Senior Softball, Junior Baseball, Junior Softball, Major Baseball, Major Softball, Minor softball and Minor Baseball. Senior/Junior/Major/Minor softball and Senior/Junior/Major/Minor baseball may participate in Inter-league play, playing teams from other Missoula Little Leagues. T-Ball and Farm league programs will only be scheduled with other Mount Jumbo East teams.

INITIAL PLAYER CONTACTS

Coaches will contact their teams to schedule practices soon after try-outs (Maj/Jr/Sr), early to mid-April (Farm/Min), or late April/early May (T-Ball). If you have not been contacted by these times, please call the appropriate league director listed on the last page of this booklet.

LITTLE LEAGUE PLEDGE

Coaches will be asking our players to cite the Little League Pledge (on front, bold-type words only) at the start of all games. So you may want to review this with your child.

LEAGUE AGES Ages (as of **April 30 of the current year for baseball and January 1 of the current year for softball**) for the various divisions:

Big League Baseball/Softball	17, 18	
Senior Baseball/Softball	15, 16	
Junior Baseball/Softball	13, 14	
Major Baseball/Softball	11, 12	
Minor Baseball/Softball	9, 10	
Farm League (co-ed)		7, 8
T-Ball (Co-ed)	5, 6	

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee for T-ball up through Major league is as follows: \$35 for one player, \$50 for two players, \$65 for three players. The fee schedule is for Big League, Senior League, and Junior League, is \$45 for one player, \$70 for two players, \$95 for three players. **A \$10 late registration fee is assessed to those who do not sign up by March 1.**

MEMBERSHIP IN MOUNT JUMBO EAST LITTLE LEAGUE

Any adult interested in actively furthering the interests of Mount Jumbo East Little League may become a Regular Member. Members have the right to vote during Board elections and can volunteer as managers, coaches, Board members, and umpires. Member responsibilities include actively volunteering time and talents to the League and attending the Annual Meeting (in September). All managers, coaches, Board members, and umpires must be Regular Members in accordance with Little League regulations. Regular Membership is **\$5.00 annually**, payable at any time prior to participation. All league volunteers are required to complete a Volunteer Application and provide a copy of photo identification (e.g., drivers license) each year and are subject to a background check as required by Little League Baseball International.

FUND RAISER

Mount Jumbo East Little League players currently conduct one primary fund raising activity. All players **are required** to sell tickets for a league raffle. Income from this fundraiser allows our league to operate on a sound financial basis. The fundraiser profits help to keep the cost of the program affordable. Player fees account for less than half of the cost of running the league. The cost for one player is \$70 to purchase two booklets of raffle tickets. The cost is an additional \$35 (one more booklet) for each additional player.

PICTURE DAY

"Mount Jumbo East Picture Day" – will be announced at a later date. Teams shall have their pictures taken in full uniform. Individual pictures are optional and can be ordered by filling out the photographers order form supplied by your team's manager or coach a few days in advance.

Team sponsors receive a plaque with a photo of the team they sponsored each year so it is mandatory for all teams be at Picture Day to get their picture taken.

FIELD MAINTENANCE

Throughout the season, there are "work days" on designated fields. Players will be notified by their coaches or managers. When asked, please come & help. We do not have professional (paid) field crews and must rely on parents & players to make certain that the fields are maintained. Pride in our fields as evidenced by time donated to improve and maintain them is crucial to keeping our fields in the safest, greenest, cleanest state the playing condition of any ball field has a direct impact on how well your players are able to perform. Mount Jumbo is committed to improving our fields every year and we often need extra help. Please make yourself available whenever possible.

Note: MJELL does not have a clean-up crew to clean up after games. This is the home team's responsibility. **Please help out -- pick up whatever your family brings to the park and dispose of it properly.**

FIELD LOCATIONS

Mount Jumbo East does not own any of the fields we use, thus games are scheduled at a variety of fields. Teams often play on multiple fields throughout the season, and determination as "home" or "visitor" team is not necessarily associated with field location. Inter-league play will take place at various locations throughout the Missoula area against other leagues, while intra-league will take place on "Mount Jumbo East" fields.

Mount Jumbo East uses the following fields:

Bonner School Field is located in back of Bonner Elementary School in Bonner.

Donovan Park is found by exiting I-90 at Turah exit. Turn left towards the northern frontage road; turn right on the frontage road (heading east) for approximately 3 miles. Field is on left side of road, before you get to the gravel pit.

Kelly Pines Field is across from the Stimson Lumber Mill in Bonner.

Mount Jumbo Field is the ball field across from the Mount Jumbo School in East Missoula. Turn east off Old Hiway 10 at the new bank.

Mount Jumbo School T-Ball Field is located just east of Mt Jumbo Field above.

Odegaard Park - situated in West Riverside - turn is opposite the large Town Pump on Hiway 12 (before the bridge into Bonner) You will be on 1st Street; go straight toward hill until you reach the fields (#1 is west field; #2 is east field; T_Ball is in the SW corner).

Pineview Park is located west of Rattlesnake School in Missoula on Pineview Drive.

Rattlesnake School is located on Rattlesnake Drive on the east side of Rattlesnake School.

We are guests of the schools and groups that own the fields we play on. Please treat both the fields and their owner/caretakers with respect.

CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP

Mt Jumbo East Little League holds all players, coaches, parents, and other spectators to the highest standard of sportsmanship. Conduct should remain supportive of all players, coaches and umpires at all times. A player has a positive Little League experience only if all involved refrain from unconstructive criticism, verbal taunting, disputes with coaches and umpires, and any other unsportsman-like conduct. Such behavior will not be tolerated and may result in removal from Little League without refund. Our umpires and league officials are in charge of all games and have the authority to remove **ANY** person from the field or stand. When asked to leave the field please do so without incident. Please review Little Leagues "Double Goal Program". If you feel you have a legitimate issue contact the league President that evening.

ALCOHOL/DRUG USE

The Mount Jumbo East League reminds all parents that **ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND DRUGS ARE PROHIBITED AT ALL PRACTICES AND GAMES.** If you bring any type of alcoholic beverage, tobacco or drugs to the fields, you will be asked to leave. Please don't embarrass your player, coach or umpire by forcing the issue - - leave it home!!!! This also includes any get-togethers that a team may have during and after the season. If it involves our players using LL equipment and facilities, alcohol, tobacco and drugs are not to be present in any form. This includes the in the spectator areas as well.

UMPIRES

MJELL will furnish at least one umpire at each game (minors and above). This assigned umpire may ask for a volunteer to umpire the bases from parents or relatives at the game as spectators. Please be ready to come forth and help us out by umpiring. You will still be able to see the game and, at the same time, will be contributing a little extra to your child's enjoyment.

Each year we receive complaints of no umpires assigned to games. We do the best we can with those who are willing to do the officiating. If you are not willing to help out, please be patient with those who are. If you would like to umpire, just let the manager know - we are certain we can find a place for you. Just call the Umpire-In-Chief for more information.

An Umpire Clinic is held in Missoula prior to each season. During this clinic, current rules are reviewed and any new rules are specified. All umpires, manager, and coaches are **required** to attend this clinic since ignorance of the rules does not excuse breaking of the rules. All coaches and managers are required to attend. . Please contact the MJELL Umpire-In-Chief or the Assistant Umpire-In-Chief, if you have any questions.

One thing to remember - **OUR UMPIRES ARE NOT PROFESSIONALS!** They are just everyday people trying to promote baseball and softball for the youngsters in our area. Please treat them with respect. **DISRESPECT CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED, EVEN IF THE UMPIRE HAS MADE A MISTAKE!** If you have a problem, please contact your League Director, League President or UIC to discuss it.

Mount Jumbo East is working very hard at putting the best umpires on the field. We encourage training for all umpires and give coaches an opportunity at **every** game to critique the umpiring in written form. The league reviews these forms and works with individual umpires to become better.

Do not create a scene at the field in front of the players and other adults. We are all role models for our youngsters so we should always act with understanding and courtesy.

MANDATORY PLAYING RULE

Children will not develop their skills of play if they do not receive playing time as both a fielder and a batter. Mount Jumbo East Little League enthusiastically endorses this developmental concept above and beyond the competitive aspects of the game. Therefore, all coaches for Mount Jumbo East Little League are **required** to strictly adhere to mandatory playing rules. If you see that these rules are not being followed, please notify the League director immediately.

It is also required that all eleven (11) and twelve (12) year players attend the major baseball and softball tryouts. Mount Jumbo East Little League strives to draft all twelve (12) year olds into the major division. A parent can request that his or her child not be drafted. They must have that player's coach from the previous year involved in the decision. The final decision to keep a twelve year old in the minors is reserved by the Mount Jumbo East Little League Board of Directors if necessary. It is not the intention of this league to create a situation that may harm, either physically or mentally, any player.

Each Senior/Junior/Major player is to play two full innings (6 consecutive outs) in the field and bat once in each regular season game. If this does not happen, please notify your League Director. This is a National Little League Rule, which we intend to enforce. In fact we stress that players should play more than the minimum required by Little League including allowing each player to start a game occasionally. We need to know if coaches and managers are not following this concept. (The only exception may be for disciplinary reasons, in which case parent and child should be notified of the coach's disciplinary decision and the reason for it.) **Each Minor/Farm player is to play three full innings in the field, with their position being changed so that they have an opportunity to both outfield and infield, be a starter at least every third game and everyone bats.**

UNIFORMS

Players in the Major, Junior and Senior Divisions are issued full uniforms for games. The entire uniform, including league hat/visor must be worn or the player will not take the field for the game. (Softball players have the option - either no hats/visors or everyone in hats/visors!) Players in the Minor and Farm Divisions are issued uniform tops and hats. All uniform components are to be turned in at the end of the season to the player's manager. (Please make sure you launder them properly - cold water only!)

All players are given team hats - which they keep. Players in the T-ball and Farm divisions are issued T-shirts and hats, which they are allowed to keep after the season is over. Please make sure your player wears his/her league hat during games. It not only helps them to feel like a ballplayer, it can make the difference of protecting the eyes when looking for a ball in the sky.

ALL STAR TEAMS

Players for the All-Star Teams will be selected in the following manner:

Managers will host a clinic for all 9 – 10 and 11 – 12 year olds prior to meeting with each regular season manager to discuss the players at the clinics. The top ten players selected will become All-star team players, the manager and coaches of the All-star team will select the final 2 to 4 players to round out the final roster.

- Any player wishing to be considered for the All Star Team is asked to sign a commitment form. If a player cannot commit for the entire month of July, he/she should discuss the situation with the team manager prior to returning the form. If your child has other plans, check and see if there is a possibility of working around a schedule. Please don't take the spot from another child who would be able to participate the entire time the team is playing.
- Each regular season manager (or coach, if designated by manager) of the Junior and Senior teams will meet, nominate, discuss, and vote for the players nominated. The top 10 players selected will become All-Star Team players. The manager and coach of the All-Star Team will select the final 2 to 4 players to round out the All-Star roster.

Players will be assessed a white fee for participation. This covers the cost of the all-star hat, uniform shirt, and socks that players keep. . Pants and belts will be provided and must be returned at the end of play. All fees must be paid to the manager prior to the beginning of play.

It is important to remember that should a team win state they will travel to regional play and possibly beyond. Generally World Series play ends in mid to late August. These teams are selected to play to win and advance. Players minimum mandatory playing times are minimal and all players need to realize that it is possible to just play the minimums.

WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LITTLE LEAGUE INSURANCE

Warning: Protective equipment cannot prevent all injuries a player might receive while playing baseball or softball.

The CNA Little League Insurance Program is designed to afford protection to all participants at the most economical cost to the local league. It can be used to supplement other insurance carried under a family policy or provided by parent's employer. If there is no other coverage, Little League insurance - **which is purchased by the League, not the parent** - takes over and provides benefits, after a \$50 deductible per claim, for all covered injury treatment costs up to the maximum stated benefits. This plan makes it possible for Little League to offer exceptional, low-cost protection with assurance to parents that adequate coverage is in force at all times during the season.

If your child sustains a covered injury while taking part in Little League Baseball or Softball, here is how the insurance works:

File claim initially under insurance carried by the family, i.e. Blue Cross, Blue Shield, or any other insurance protection available.

Should your family insurance plan not fully cover the injury treatment, the Little League CNA Insurance Policy will help pay the difference, after a \$50 deductible per claim, up to the maximum stated benefits. This includes any deductibles or exclusions in your own insurance.

If your child is not covered by any family insurance, the Little League Insurance Policy becomes primary and will provide benefits for all covered injury treatment costs, after a \$50 deductible per claim, up to the maximum benefits of the policy.

Treatment of dental injuries can extend beyond the normal 52-week period if dental work must be delayed due to physiological changes of a growing child. Benefits will be paid at time treatment is given, even though it may be some years later. Maximum dollar benefit is \$500 for eligible deferred dental treatment after the normal 52-week period subject to the \$50 per claim deductible.

If you need to file a claim, please contact your League President. Please report any and all incidents.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

If you have any questions or problems, please contact the Director of the league your child is playing in or any Board member. During the season, if you have a problem or concern, please first approach your coach about the matter. If you feel the coach does not resolve the problem to your satisfaction, contact the League Director.

MOUNT JUMBO EAST LEAGUE DIRECTORS

Senior Baseball	Wayne Wade	549-6780
Junior Baseball	George Goble	549-4789
Junior/Senior Softball	Maureen Price	258-5324
Major Baseball	Doreen Ginn	880-9007
Major Softball	Todd White	728-3340
Minor Baseball	Rod Austin	531-3636
Minor Softball	Todd White	728-3340
Farm League (co-ed)	Rod Austin	531-3636
T-Ball (co-ed)	Rod Austin	531-3636

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Rod Austin	531-3636
Vice President	Todd White	549-4789
V.P.Equipment and Fields	Duane Meiers	330-2031
Vice President Baseball	Wayne Wade	549-6780
Vice President Softball	Maureen Price	258-5324
Fund Raiser Coordinator	Jackie White	728-3340
Secretary	Susan Firth	493-0733
Treasurer		
Fields/Safety Mgr.	Tex Seaton	543-1292
Fund Raising Coordinator	Jackie White	728-3340
Player Agent	George Goble	549-4789
At Large Director	Ray Bidwell	

UMPIRES

Umpire-In-Chief	Emmit Tucker
Assistant Umpire-In-Chief	Jake Ginn

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

Clinton Area Rep	Duane Meiers	330-2031
Potomoc Area Rep	Wendy McDaniel	