



## **MIRACLE LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The following rules and regulations must be adhered to by all Coaches, Players, Spectators, and Buddies while participating in the Miracle League. This is a fun, recreational league and we expect all participants to have good sportsmanship.

### **Games:**

- Before the games start we will have a short Buddy meeting in the middle of the field
  - This will include a short recap of what is expected of the buddies and to ensure all are wearing a Buddy shirt.
  - A Buddy will volunteer/be assigned to pitch and catch for the game at this time.
- Games commence with the playing of the national anthem.
- The Buddy that volunteered/is appointed to be the pitcher and catcher will take their positions.
  - All other buddies help individual players as needed.
- Games consist of two innings and are approximately one-hour long.
- Each player will get to bat twice and be in the outfield twice.
- The Home Team will sit in the First Base Dugout and will Bat second after all the players in the away team have bat. The Away team will Bat first. They sit in the Third Base Dugout.
- Panama City Beach Parks and Recreation will provide all necessary equipment including balls, soft bats (no wooden or metal bats allowed for this league), and a baseball tee if needed.
  - Players are not permitted to use their own equipment other than Batting Helmets and gloves as discussed below.
- Players will swing/be pitched to until they make contact with the ball for a hit.
- Players are allowed to steal bases with the exception of home base.
- No player will leave the dugout until the previous play is finished and players have stopped stealing bases.
- Once all players have batted twice the game will conclude.

### **Players:**

- Players must be a minimum of 3 years old, there is no maximum age on players.
- All players must wear the designated uniform given to them for the season that consists of a Team Shirt and uniform Hat (hat is not mandatory but should be the hat of choice on the ballfield). Appropriate athletic shoes and pants/shorts must be provided by the player/parent.
  - No custom shirts or non-uniform shirts allowed.
  - No Metal Cleats allowed.
  - Rubber or plastic cleats are permitted but not required.
  - No Jewelry should be worn.
- Batting Helmets can be requested but are not necessary for this league. Should a player wish to use their own batting helmet it must be approved by the league coordinator and cannot have a face guard.
- Batting Gloves are not required but can be worn if desired
- Catching gloves



### **Coaches:**

- One Head Coach and One Assistant Coach is allowed per team
  - Any additional family members or friends may participate in the league as Buddies, please see below Buddy section for more details.
- Coaches must fill out the mandatory Coaches Application and Background Check Forms by the designated date each season.
- Once approved, coaches will be given a badge and a coach's shirt that must be worn at all games.
  - No custom shirts or non-uniform shirts are allowed
  - Badges must be worn at every game- No Exceptions.
- Coaches/Parents are responsible for making sure their team/players have a snack for after the game and water during/after the game.
  - Water fountains are available for players to refill their bottles before, during, and after the game.
- Panama City Beach Parks and recreation will notify coaches of all game and special event dates/times. Coaches are responsible for making sure players/parents are notified prior to their game each week, and are aware of any changes to the schedule due to inclement weather, etc. as necessary.

### **Buddies:**

- Buddies are volunteers that want to give back to the league.
- They must check in every game day prior to games starting.
- New Buddies will be given a Buddy shirt that they are required to wear while volunteering as a Buddy. Repeat Buddies are asked to re-wear the shirt given to them previously until it become unfit to re-wear.
- Buddies must be a minimum of 11 years old to participate in the field.
  - Buddies 11 and under can only participate as a Buddy in the dugout and will not be allowed to participate on the field.
  - Buddies under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.
- Players are encouraged to recruit their own Buddy for the season as Buddies are not guaranteed throughout the season.
  - Parents, please be prepared to be a Buddy should there not be enough volunteers. Buddies are not guaranteed for each game!
- Every game day we will have a Buddy meeting in the center of the field to instruct new Buddies/refresh repeat Buddies of what is asked of them:
  - The Buddy's job is to protect the player and ensure they have a good/safe time
  - Buddies may also help aid a player with throwing or catching the ball based on the Player's needs.



**Awards:**

- Each player will receive an award at the end of the season.
- Trophies will be awarded after the Fall Season and Medallions will be awarded after the Spring Season.
- Each season will include an end of season award ceremony. No other end of season parties will be permitted.
  - Coaches/Parents will provide dessert, snacks, and drinks for their teams at this function, other goods may be necessary.
  - Panama City Beach Parks and Recreation will provide the main dish, and paper goods at this function.

**Unsportsmanlike Conduct Defined:**

- Unsportsmanlike conduct can include, but is not limited to the following: Having a "bad attitude" (i.e., continually complaining or griping, open defiance, rebellious nature, back talk, disrespectfulness to any person including players, adults, officials and staff), intentional rudeness or crudeness, taunting, baiting, questioning a staff's judgment or showing disgust with decisions, and profane or insulting language or gestures, using, possessing of drugs, alcohol or tobacco, stealing, any verbal or physical abuse of any person, or willful damage to the fields or their fixtures will be caused for suspension from the program, either temporarily, permanently or even for life from any Parks & Recreation activity.



**Please reach out to Panama City Beach Parks and Recreation directly with any questions or concerns. The League Coordinator Don can be reached by phone at 850.233.5045 or by email at [dwalton@pcb.gov](mailto:dwalton@pcb.gov).**



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