



COACHES

The Miracle League of San Diego ("MLSD") provides children and adults with special needs the opportunity to play baseball in an organized league. Each team typically has at least three coaches (with one designated as general manager) who coordinate all team activities and maintain regular contact with the players, buddies and their families. The season runs from September 10th through November 12th. MLSD has two locations - Engel Family Field in San Dieguito Park (Solana Beach) and Bell Middle School (San Diego). The time commitment is 1 and 1/2 hours each Saturday, and game times begin on the hour at 10:00 am and run through 4:00 pm at Engel Family Field and through 2:00 pm at Bell Middle School.

Coaches are expected to attend most of their team's scheduled games. If they cannot attend a game, they must notify their other coaches no later than Friday evening the date before their game to ensure that the other coaches have proper coverage. Coaches are also expected to attend a pre-season coaches orientation session.

COACH DUTIES

TWO WEEKS BEFORE OPENING DAY

1. Designate a General Manager for the team and select two Team Parents who can assist with arranging the team party at the end of the season and will provide extra help on Picture Day.
2. Contact every player and buddy within two weeks of Opening Day. Please send an email welcoming them to the team followed by a phone call. You must make personal contact with each player, buddy and parent. For new players, make sure to ask the parents about any requirement with buddy pairing and/or expectations.
3. Let every participant know what time to arrive on Opening Day.
4. Sign the Coaches Code of Conduct and provide to the MLSD Executive Director on Opening Day.

MIDWEEK

1. Send an email to all players, buddies, co-parents and co-coaches reminding them of game time and any other pertinent information that week, such as team picture day. Please ask parents and/or buddies to let you know by the end of the day Friday if they will not be able to attend.
2. Prepare a preliminary team line-up Friday evening when you have notice of expected attendees.

GAME DAY

1. Arrive at your designated field 30 minutes prior to game time.
2. Prepare a team line-up provide copies of the team line-up to the announcer before each game.
3. Make sure that buddies know their player pairing for the day with an emphasis on maintaining full-time buddy placements as a priority over floater buddies.



4. Ensure that players and buddies are on-deck and ready to bat while the batter ahead of them in the lineup is at the plate.
5. Ensure that the game keeps moving to avoid running past the start time for the next game.
6. One coach will pitch to his/her team. Please try and ensure that pitchers make contact with the players' bats as quickly as possible. Whenever possible, move players to the tee if they don't hit a pitch after the fifth try.
7. Ensure that buddies interact appropriately with the players and intervene when necessary.
8. Do not allow cleats on the field.
9. Do not allow food and colored beverages on the field.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT PLAYYON.COM/MLSD.

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