



SPRING 2018 Season and Championship Recap

Congratulations to all the boys and girls that participated in the Spring 2018 Merrick Bellmore Little League season. Both Softball and Baseball had great seasons, and although rain was a consistent theme throughout, the end of the season featured great weather and even better games.

A special thank you to all the parents, especially those that volunteered to coach, assist, bring snacks, carpool, and cheer on all the boys and girls the entire season. Without you and the time you give, the league would not be successful.

At the end of each season, as the tournaments come to an end for the competitive divisions, the winners of each divisions are decided. Below, we celebrate those winning teams and acknowledge their achievements.

We look forward to seeing you again in the fall (click [here](#) to register)!

Thanks,

Adam Cohen, President, MBLL
& The Board of Directors

BASEBALL

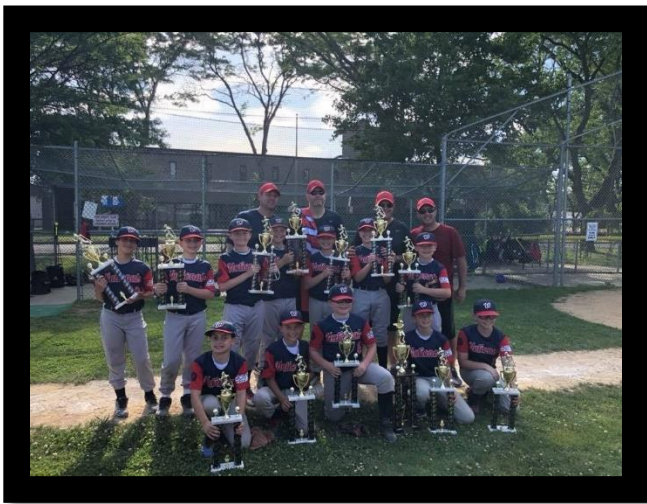
12U/13U Diamondbacks (Linn/Dubs)



MBLL's re-introduction of 12U/13U Intermediate Division baseball, played on a 50/70 diamond, was a resounding success this spring. The players were very excited to continue playing little league baseball on a bigger field -- complete with leading and pick-offs. The Diamondbacks, led by Managers Jordan Linn and Mark Dubs, were a powerhouse throughout the season and prevailed over excellent competition to bring home the coveted championship.

Every player on the D'Backs roster contributed to the team's winning effort throughout the season and post-season, and the team's coaches and parents are extremely proud of every single one of them.

11U - Nationals (Ostroff)



After a back and forth game early on, the Nationals pulled away for good with three runs in the third inning. In the third Zach O singled on a 2-0 count, scoring one run and Nationals scored two runs on a stolen base. Jake W led things off on the pitcher's mound for Nationals. He allowed three hits and four runs over four innings, striking out eight and walking zero.

For the Marlins-Rogers, Lucas R led things off on the hill. He allowed five hits and five runs over three innings, striking out one and walking zero. Joseph threw two innings in relief.

Nationals scattered ten hits in the game. Zach and Dylan L all collected multiple hits for Nationals. Zach led Nationals with three hits in three at bats.

Brendon went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead Marlins-Rogers in hits.

Boys 10U – Diamondbacks



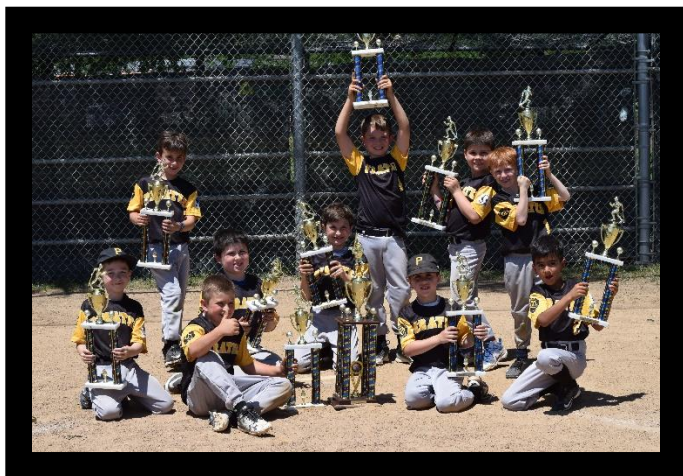
The 10U season ended with an extremely competitive and close game. The World Series game featured the 1st place Red Sox vs 2nd place Diamondbacks. The name of this game was pitching and defense. After a run in the top of the first the pitching and defense shut down the offense. Pitching on both sides by Matty Tolipano and Lucas Lucchi for Red Sox and Ryan and Derek Yormack for the Diamondbacks was exceptional. Two great plays in the outfield for the Diamondbacks sealed a very exciting 1-0 victory to make them the 2018 10U Champions!!

Boys 9U – Astros



The 9U Astros finished off a great season with a World Series Championship. With some hard-fought wins against the stiff 9U competition, they were able to build character and a never quit attitude. They had a ton of fun along the way, learned how to work as a team, but most importantly always have a positive attitude and believe in yourself!!! Congratulations to the Astros, and the entire 9U division on a great season.

Boys 8U - Pirates (Casano)



The 8U Pirates completed an excellent playoff run with a win in the World Series against the Blue Jays. The game was action packed with big plays, big hits, double plays and diving catches. In the early going, it looked to be all Blue Jays with strong pitching from Danny LaScala, and runs scored through timely hitting and heads-up baserunning.

In the third inning, the Pirates were able to rally and break through to take a 5-4 lead, backed by strong plays in the field by Ryan Adelstein, Ryan Ruisi, and Matt Pucella. By the 6th inning, the Blue Jays had pulled off a rally of their own to tie it 6-6 sending the game into extra frames.

The game was eventually won in the 8th on a hit by Pucella to left field plating two runs, giving the Pirates a 7-5 lead that closer Sean Jackson held with 3 strikeouts to end the game.

Congratulations to both the Blue Jays and the Champion Pirates for a well-played game and great seasons!

Boys 7U – Indians (Mann)



The Indians completed an undefeated, 13-0 season with a 17-2 victory over the Braves in the 7U World Series on Thursday, June 21st at Bruce Gary Field. Ethan Mann pitched 3 scoreless innings with 8k's and also starred at the plate going 3-3 with 2 HR's, a triple and 8 RBI's. Hayden Tepper capped off the victory with a long fly ball over the CF's head in the bottom of the 4th to knock in Tyler Gish for the game-ending run.

The Indians had contributions from everyone throughout the season, and their victory was a tremendous team effort. Congratulations to all the 7U teams for an amazing season!

SOFTBALL

Girls Majors – Team Silver (Kenny)*

It is very important to mention the Girl's Majors semi-final between the Merrick Bellmore Silver and Merrick Bellmore Pink teams. These girls have been in our league since they were 5 or 6 years old and this game was an awesome display of how far they have come over the years.

Six different girls pitched in this game, and all pitched extremely well. There were also great defensive plays on both sides. Many believe it was the best softball game that they had ever witnessed in the league.

Silver went on to play East Meadow #1 in the final and unfortunately lost the game. Many of the girls could not make the game and the belief is that if we were at full strength the outcome would have been different. The coaches of the Majors feel that all the girls from both teams had a great season this year.

The final score was Silver 3 Pink 2.

**No team photo available at this time*

Girls Minors – Team Red (Robbins)



The Girls Minors Softball Final, in a back and forth affair, saw Team Red (robbins) defeat Team Navy (seals) by the score of 19-14. For team Red, every member of the lineup contributed on offense in scoring a season high in runs. Team Red also received some timely pitching in the 5th and 6th innings to help secure the win. In all, it was truly a team effort that got Team Red to the final and culminated in a Team Red championship