

The Mothers of Multiples Club (MOMC) “Everything for Kids” Clothing Sale

The Mothers of Multiples Club (MOMC) holds the “Everything for Kids” Clothing Sale for our members and non-members twice a year. The spring/summer sale is held in March and the fall/winter sale is held in August. The sale takes place at the AgriCenter International, which is located at 7777 Walnut Grove Road, at the corner of Walnut Grove and Germantown Parkway. We are in the West Pavilion at the Agricenter.

This is our Official Sale Handbook with our rules and regulations required for participation in the clothing sale. We have compiled a list of the most often asked questions and answers to hopefully help you understand what is required. Please read carefully and note all changes and new policies **are in red**. Contact Paula Jennings with any questions you may have. It takes everyone working together to make this sale work!

MOMC would like to thank you for participating in our semi-annual sale! We look forward to seeing you and hope you have great success with your items!

1. How do I register for the Sale?

Our space is limited so we allow only so many sellers in each sale. MOMC members get first chance to register before non-members.

There is a **new seller sign up form that must be signed and returned** in order to obtain a seller number, this can be done by email or regular mail. The form is available on the MOMC website.

There is a \$10 entry fee for all non-member sellers. This fee must be paid before the Friday night pre-shop. You may pay the entry fee when you pick up your tags or when you drop-off your items. Please make your check payable to MOMC and have your seller number on your check.

The seller fee will be waived for first time consignors. A first time consignor is someone who has not signed up to sell or someone who has never sold with us before.

There is no entry fee for club members that are current with the current year’s membership dues.

If you have sold in a past sale then your seller number will most likely be the same. **HOWEVER**, you must e-mail Paula Jennings the new Seller Sign-up form to ensure you have a seller number and are registered. The deadline to register will be the Sunday prior to the sale. If space is available you may sign up after this day. There will be a \$10 late fee charged to anyone who signs up after the deadline.

All sellers must have a minimum of 10 items to sell.

For non-members sellers: If you do not have items in the sale you cannot shop early.

2. How do I make my money?

****NEW FOR ALL SELLERS****

All sellers who works a 3½-hour shift will receive 80% of their sales. Any seller who does not work a 3½-hour shift will receive 65% of their sales.

For non-member sellers only: If you cannot work a shift we have a Refreshment Volunteer List. Please email Paula Jennings at rpjennings98@bellsouth.net for more information. This is a limited space option.

Checks will be mailed out approximately 3 weeks after the sale.

3. Tags, Tag Guns and Tagging Your Items, Pick –Up Locations, etc.

These items will be available at club meetings prior to the sale and will also be available at various locations around our city. These locations are listed on our website and in the club newsletter. You **must** use the tags MOMC provides!

Make all checks payable to MOMC. Please put your seller number on the check. Tag guns are \$11 each. Leave your check in the envelope provided at the pick up location.

If you are a non-member seller be sure to write on your check if you are paying for a tag gun and/or your entry fee along with your seller number.

What color of tags do I use?

WHITE TAGS For items to be sold at REGULAR price during the entire sale

RED TAGS For items to be sold at ½ price during our ½ price sale on Saturday

What if I live out-of-town?

Club Members who live out of town may have their tags mailed to them. Please contact Dawn Ballard (dawn.ballard@shelby-sheriff.org) and let her know your current address and the amount of tags you need. This is for Out-of-towners only! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

How do I tag my items for the sale?

Use a black or dark colored pen when filling out the tags. Do not use pencil. Do not write any other number besides the seller number on the seller number line. Top half: fill out seller number and price, Bottom half: all lines. If you use preprinted labels on red tags, use RED ink when printing half price tags labels. If your outfit has 2 different sizes please write both sizes on the tag.

Price your items at 1/3rd –1/4th of what you paid new for the item, think about what you would want to pay for something. Remember to price half-price items in even amounts. No items under \$0.50, and use only increments of \$0.50 when pricing these items. For example: price a book at \$0.50 instead of \$0.25 this makes it much simpler at checkout.

How do I use the tagging gun?

Take the safety cap off the tagging gun, place the needle through the hole on top of the tag, then place the needle and tag into the seam of the clothing item and pull the trigger firmly. Continue to hold the trigger down while you check to make sure the plastic attachment went all the way through the clothing item. Then release the trigger.

How do I hang my items and where do I attach the tag?

The opening on the hanger needs to be facing the left when you hang your item on the hanger. The front of the clothing item when facing you, the hanger should look like the hook on the question mark (“?”). When looking at the FRONT of the clothing item, place the tag on the upper right-hand shoulder seam, any seam or the selvage. of the item. PLEASE DO NOT USE SAFETY PINS TO ATTACH YOUR TAGS.

How do I tag matching items?

Matching items maybe sold as a set or can be separated. To sell matching items as a set mark on tag “DO NOT SEPARATE” and tape the hangers together. Also write on the tag that it is a 2-outfit set. If you want them to be sold as separate pieces on Saturday, tag each item individually.

How do I tag toys?

For toys, tape the TOP HALF ONLY of the tag to the flattest surface possible. PLEASE do not tape the entire tag down! Tip: clear packing tape works better than scotch tape. Do not use staples to seal your Ziplocs.

What kind of condition should the clothes be in?

All clothing items need to be clean, have no stains, and be on hangers. We reserve the right to refuse any item based on condition, style or seasonal nature. We will not accept items that are stained, torn, or missing pieces (buttons, etc) or that smell. Items must be free from animal hair. We reserve the right to refuse any item we feel is unacceptable. Any item that is stained damaged or out of season will be returned to the seller. If you consistently bring in items that are stained or damaged you will not be allowed to sell in future sales.

We will not take items that smell of smoke!

How do I tag onesies, socks, shoes, crib sheets, lap pads, etc?

These items are to be placed inside Ziploc bags. Put the number of items that are in the bag. (i.e., 6-onesies, size 3 month) on the tag. Tape the top half only of the tag to the outside of the Ziploc bag. You may tape the bag close to help deter theft.

All shoes MUST be in Ziploc Bags, with the tag taped to the outside of the bag. No shoeboxes.

Crib sheets, lap pads, etc must also be in Ziploc bags.

DO NOT USE STAPLES TO CLOSE YOUR ZIPLOCS.

Can I bring summer and winter items at the same time?

NO, our March sale is for spring and summer clothes. Our August sale is for fall and winter clothes. Halloween and Holiday outfits will be accepted in the fall. Swimsuits and beach attire will be accepted in the spring.

We will take school uniforms and infant sleepers at both sales.

MOMC will not be responsible for lost tags.

4. What Sizes do you accept? What Items can I bring to sale?

Boys: Up to kids size 16

Girls: Up to kids size 16

Shoes: Up to big kids size 6

We cannot accept juniors or adult sizes in shoes or clothes. We do not have the space. These items will be pulled out and returned to you.

We will NOT accept: pacifiers and used/open bottle nipples (please dispose of nipples before you sale your bottles)

We will NOT accept household items that would not go into a nursery or child's room. Kids dishes, trays, cups, etc will be accepted. If you have a question on an item please contact Paula Jennings.

We can no longer take car seats that have a manufacturing date before 2002 or that is older than 6 years old. Car seats have expiration dates or date of manufacturing on the underside of seat. We strive hard to ensure that the items we have in our sale meet safety standards and are not hazardous to our children. For

more information about car seat expiration date please visit:

<http://babyproducts.about.com/b/2006/07/12/reader-question-do-car-seats-expire.htm>.

5. Volunteer / Shift Requirements?

To receive 80% of your sales you will need to work one 3½-hour shift. If you choose to work more than your required shift the sale committee will be grateful. Please let us know which shift you will use as your required shift.

Members working any shift need to wear their red Mothers of Multiple t-shirt. Shirts will be available at club meetings and also at the sale. Non-Members are asked to wear a RED shirt as well.

You can sign up for your shift when you sign up to sell or by contacting Paula Jennings. Shift times will be posted in club newsletter and on our website. Shift times are on a first come first serve. If you wait until the last minute to sign up, the shift you prefer may not be available.

When you arrive to work your shift please check in with the committee member in charge of that shift, sign-in and see what job you have been assigned.

*****Volunteers must leave their items in their car until after they have completed their shift. At the completion of your shift you may then bring your items in for drop-off. You may NOT bring your items in during your work time.*****

Please do not “shop” during your shift. This includes drop-off and during the actual sale.

For non-member sellers only: If you cannot work a shift we not have a Refreshment Volunteer List. Please email Paula Jennings at rjennings98@bellsouth.net for more information. This is a limited space option.

6. What do I do when I drop off my clothes and other items?

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

- Items must be sorted by gender, size and if matching when dropped off - the consigner will need to organize them before drop off – **shift workers will not do this for you.** If someone else is dropping off your items please inform them of this!
- Each item will be quickly inspected at dropped off. Any item not able to be sold will be returned to the seller with an explanation of why it has been rejected. If they seller cannot wait while their items are being inspected they can pick up their rejected items before the sale begins Friday evening. Any rejected item not picked up by Friday evening at pre-shop will be donated to the charity of the sale committee’s choice.
- Once items have been inspected shift volunteers will put the items out.
- The seller will be informed why any item is being rejected either verbally or the reason will be written on the back of the tag.
- At drop off each seller will sign a disclaimer and a statement stating they have read and understand the new changes to the handbook and the sale. The seller will also let us know if they will be picking up their unsold items or if they are to be donated.

***NOTE:** By signing the disclaimer, you are agreeing not to hold the Memphis Mothers of Multiples Club (MOMC) liable for any lost, stolen or damaged items, or any damage done by the acts of God while your items are in our possession for selling purposes.

7. Pre-Shop Friday night for Members and Sellers

MOMC Members pre-shop starts at 5:00 p.m. Non-member seller pre-shop starts as early as 5:30. Entry times vary depending on volunteer shifts worked. Please see the website for exact times. Times will also be emailed out to consignors the Tuesday before the sale.

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED in the sale at all, not even in the building. This is for liability purposes.

Members and sellers can bring their spouse in during the pre-shop. If you need assistance please let a volunteer know and we will assist you during your shopping. We know this is an exciting and an important event for you and your family! If there is someone else paying for some of your items, please work it out with them ahead of time. If you are pregnant and your spouse cannot attend, please let us know and we will have one of our volunteers assist you in your shopping. **If your spouse cannot attend you may bring 1 guest in with you for an entry fee of \$10. You may not bring your spouse and a guest.**

Everyone must have a nametag when entering the sale.

MEMBERS – To be admitted to the sale your dues must be current. If they are not, you may pay at this time.

NON-MEMBERS –Your entry fee must be paid prior to the pre-shop.
If someone else is paying for your items, please work it out with them ahead of time.

8. Shopping Regulations

Only Club Members and Non-Member sellers will be allowed to shop during the Pre-Sale on Friday night. Remember to be courteous and considerate of the other shoppers. There will be NO HOARDING of clothes. This is not fair for the other shoppers who need the same size clothes. If this occurs, you will be asked to put each item back and will not be allowed to shop on Pre-Sale night.

**Large items such as strollers, cribs, high chairs, etc. will be marked "Sold" along with your last name so you can continue to shop for other items. When you are ready to pay, look for an MOMC worker to assist you in getting that item to the checkout. Friday and Saturday we will have receipts for all big items purchased. You will have to show this receipt at the door when you leave and to pickup any items left for pickup the next day.

Please respect a "Sold" sticker if you see one already on an item.

Please do not hoard items while shopping.

9. MOMC special needs for each sale

WE NEED HUSBANDS to help with each sale in the following areas:

- Pick-up & set-up of racks (Wednesday night before the sale)
- Take down & returning of racks to storage (Saturday afternoon)
- To help carry out items bought during the sale on Friday night and Saturday
- Security—to stand by the door and make sure paid items are all that are leaving!

If your husband works this will count in place of you working! They will need to wear a red T-shirt during this shift. Please contact Paula at rpjennings98@bellsouth.net, if your husband is interested in helping with any of these items.

10. Pre-Sale and Public Sale Guidelines:

Only club officers and sale committee members are allowed to handle money and the registers. If you are assigned to work a register only you and the assigned committee/officer floater will be allowed on your register. Remember working the sale is fun. You will get to meet new people and possible make new friends.