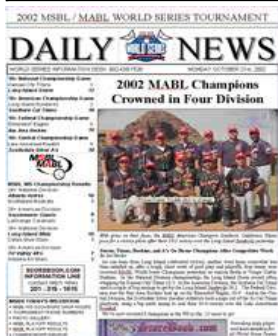


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TEMPE DIABLO STADIUM COMPLEX FIELD ETIQUETTE GUIDELINES

All Stretching, long and short toss will be conducted in the outfield at all times.

NO PRE GAME INFIELD

Only wear Baseball Cleats on the Field of Play. Do NOT wear your cleats anywhere else inside the facility except for the Field of Play & Restrooms located behind the dugout. (I.e. NO CLEATS in seating Bowl, Concourse, Ramps and Press Box – Turf Shoes Only)

PLAYERS – When taking practice swings or Fungos for Outfield Practice you must take your practice swings on the dirt area/warning track and NOT on the Grass.

Soft toss and tee work will be conducted on the warning track. Please make sure you supply your own net to catch the balls.

Playing catch will only be allowed on the playing fields. Do not throw or hit baseballs against any walls or fencing.

Use the bullpen next to the field that your team is playing on.

Batting cages are closed as are the bullpen mounds located at the clover leaf entrance.

RESTROOMS are located behind each Dugout for your use.

No Glass containers are allowed anywhere inside the Stadium

No animals are allowed in the Stadium, except for Seeing Eye dogs.

Lack Of Rule Knowledge Costly To Some MABL Teams



The newly remodeled playing field at Tempe Diablo Stadium looks terrific. In all the city of Tempe spent more than \$20 million dollars to renovate and add 4 more baseball fields.

19th Annual MSBL WS Set To Open At The Tempe Diablo Complex *Week One Included An Expelled Player, And A Division Winner Getting Disqualified!*

By Tom Prendergast

If your reading this paragraph then your already off to a better start than some of last weeks managers. We had a few issues that came about from lack of communication. But the good news is that we are back playing at the newly remodeled Tempe Diablo Stadium. As part of the \$20 million dollar renovation project, the stadium got a new playing field complete with a new look both inside and out. In addition to improvements to the stadium, four new baseballs fields were added and the existing auxiliary fields were completely redone. In all, the complex now includes seven regulation baseball fields, a practice infield and a very modern, state-of-the art minor league clubhouse.

We will be using six of the seven fields for this tournament, field # 3 is reserved for the Angels personnel at all times. ***Please inform your players that at no time may they use that field for warm-ups or infield practice.*** Wil Gorman (Tempe Diablo Complex manager) has requested that at least for this year, no teams be allowed to take pre-game infield practice before any game, on any of the new fields. Each team manager will receive a two-page list from Wil with the Tempe Complex user guidelines for the stadium and the auxiliary fields. ***At the top of the list is "NO SPIKES" anywhere inside the seating area of the stadium.*** To help make this easier for the players, Wil has opened the clubhouse doors behind each team dugout so players may use the restroom facilities during games.

Just like last year, the same rules apply for the Papago and Maryvale Complex when it comes to pre-game warm-ups and areas of each complex that are off *(continued on page 2)*

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2006 WS Available Stadiums

Hohokam Stadium

Grand Canyon University

Maryvale Stadium

Peoria Stadium

Phoenix Municipal Stadium

Scottsdale Stadium

Surprise Stadium

Tempe Diablo Stadium

Stadium Announcers

As in prior years, all
stadium games will
have announcers
where P.A. systems
are available.

The announcers will
also maintain the
scoreboards, where
appropriate. Please make sure to bring a
complete copy of your teams roster,
including first and last names along with a
jersey number for each player.



In case of an emergency (protest or rule
clarification) contact the MSBL / MABL
WS tournament director at one of the
following phone numbers:

WS Office Line (602) 438- 0242
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Proper Pre-Game Procedure Before All MSBL/MABL WS Games

By Tom Prendergast

In an attempt to standardize the pre-game procedures and meeting at home
plate with managers and umpires, I would like to emphasize a few key points:

- 1) Whenever possible we would like to request that both umpires arrive at the field a minimum of thirty (30) minutes prior to the game. If only one umpire is on hand then he should dress for the plate and head to the field.
- 2) Fifteen minutes prior to the game both team managers should attend the home plate meeting. After introductions the umpires will give each manager a white WS umpire evaluation card. Please make sure that the umpires names are listed on them.
- 3) The umpires will go over the normal ground rules for the field that you are on. Pointing out anything that could be an issue during the game. Open gates, dugout poles, invisible out-of-play line, etc.
 - A. Both teams should exchange complete rosters, with first and last and last names and jersey numbers. Identify up to two (2) courtesy runners per team. (Also identify any A/B batters)
 - B. Know time limit rule and curfew (if any). Which starts after the first pitch (the field umpire will then announce official start time)
 - C. The home team scorekeeper is keeping the official book and the umpire should periodically verify the score with them during the course of the game.
 - D. In the event that either team would like to lodge a protest they must first ask for time and then do so through the home plate umpire. The game clock continues to run during the protest. All protests must be called in by the on-field umpires. This process begins once the protesting team hands the umpire \$50 in cash.

Protest Procedure:

- 1) Manager asks for time. Tells the home plate umpire he would like to protest a call. Hands the umpire \$50 in cash.
 - 2) Umpire calls the WS office and asks to speak to the tournament director. Identifies himself and the situation and then hands the phone to the protesting manager.
 - 3) After explaining the protest situation to the WS tournament director the protesting manager hands the phone back to the umpire. The umpire answers any questions that the tournament director has.
 - 4) If the protest is upheld, the umpire gives the money back. If the protest is denied then the umpire keeps the money.
- E. Ask if either team has any questions. If a manager requests to see a players photo ID and the manager refuses, note that on the back of the blue score card.
- D. In the event a team is protesting an eligibility issue, just inform the umpires and the other manager before the game is over. No need to give the umpires \$50. This will be handled at the WS office.

2006 MSBL WS Opens At Tempe Diablo Complex *(continued from page 1)*

limits. In the past we've had some issues with players urinating in and around the field or dugouts. Needless to say any player or players who are caught urinating anywhere but the restrooms will be expelled from the tournament. In addition to that MSBL / MABL national tournament rules and regulations are in play. These rules can be found in the front cover of the Official MSBL / MABL Scorebook as well as on line at the national website: msblnational.com.

Before each game, both managers (along with their scorekeepers) should exchange their starting line-ups and complete rosters. This is also a good time to notify the other manager of any special player waivers that your team may have received from the national office. In the event of any questions regarding this issue, please call the World Series office (602) 438-0242.

Problem Solving And Trouble-Shooting (What To Do If This Happens)*By Tom Prendergast*

OK, so it's year number 19 for the MSBL / MABL World Series in Arizona. Over that time we've played thousands of games. History has a tendency of repeating itself, sometimes over and over. So chances are that problems that came up in the past will happen again.

Getting Lost (Players / Umpires or an Entire Team)

The greater metropolitan Phoenix area is a continuously growing metropolis. On any given day of the year you will probably run into at least one road construction project, which could lead to you (or more likely a team) losing their way and ending up lost. When this happens, simply call the WS office and advise us of the situation. Obviously, this is less critical when it happens in the morning. As the day goes on and with so many fields without lights, it becomes a little more problematic. By informing the WS office of the situation early, that allows us to come up with a back-up or contingency plan.

Only One Umpire Shows Up For The Game

Boy I hate it when this happens, but chances are it will. During the course of 1000 plus games this will probably happen. If only one umpire shows up to work your game, then he will be behind the plate. Please notify us at the WS office as soon as you can so we can send another umpire to the field. If for whatever reason one team manager refuses to take the field without two umpires, MLB rules allow for the home plate umpire to recruit another person to assist him.

Gates To The Field Are Locked (Poor Playing Field Conditions)

You arrive at the park and the gates to the main entrance are locked. Usually the park is available one (1) hour prior to the start of the scheduled game. In some cases the groundskeeper may simply be trying to keep people off the field before the game. In any event, call the WS office and we will get the gates open.

A more serious problem would be if when you arrive at the field the playing conditions are less than ideal. I'm not talking about no foul lines or a batter's box, I mean standing water, high grass, a hole in the pitcher's mound or batter's box. If that happens then I definitely want to hear from you. Part of the experience of playing in Arizona are the great fields.

Lights Won't Come On (But The Sprinklers Do)

It's late in the game and the home team is behind by two, with no outs and the bases-loaded. Your 3, 4 and 5-hole batters coming up and emotions are running high. Does this scenario sound familiar? It should. Here's what's happened in the past: either the lights wouldn't come on (either because they are on a timer or somebody forgot to leave the light box open) or the sprinklers do! When this happens, one team (the one that's winning) usually regards this as an act of nature and wants the game to be declared over or the other team (the one that's losing) insists that the game be suspended and completed at a later date.

A quick call to the WS office will resolve this problem. We have all of the field contacts so chances are we can get the problem fixed. *(continued on page 4)*

MSBL / MABL World Series Final Score Cards

In an effort to insure accuracy when it comes to game scores, the WS office would like the home plate umpire to verify the final score with each team's manager after the game. These blue score cards have a place for the date, day, time, division, fields, and the umpire's names. We would like each card filled out with the visiting team and home team and next to these names we would like for the umpire to write in the score.

On the back of these cards is a place for the umpire to list the pitchers that participated in the game. Due to this years participation requirements (for pitchers) you will need to make sure your pitcher is listed on the back of the card for verification purposes.

It's also probably a good idea to list your pitchers in the scorebook that pitch each game.

MSBL Travel Services

The official website for booking travel arrangements to all 2006 MSBL National tournaments.

Easy-To-Use Format
Unbeatable MSBL Discounts
for Airlines and Hotels
View travel time from your hotel to
MSBL WS fields

Call Rich Rosenblum

(800) 645-3350

www.MSBLTravel.com

HardBall Magazine Coverage

This year HardBall magazine will assemble a group of writers (some professional) and photographers to provide comprehensive coverage of the event.

Championship Game Score Keeping

New this year for all championship games will be the implementation of a rule that requires each team that is a finalist to supply a scorer. This means that for each championship game there will be two official scorers. The WS office will provide a scorebook.

Ken Vanderpoel will be the HardBall liaison, and after the game he will collect both of the scorebooks, rosters, and of course contact information for both team managers.

The purpose in doing this is to ensure that HardBall gets accurate and timely scoring data from all World Series Championship games.

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Date	Day	Time	Division
Field	HP Ump	Field Ump	
Visitor	Score		Manager's Signature
Home			Manager's Signature

For every game that gets played during the MSBL / MABL World Series we would like a blue score card filled out and returned to the World Series UIC at the end of the week.

Problem Solving (What To Do If This Happens) *(continued from page 3)*

In the past we have made every effort to get this game completed the same day. If we can't get somebody to turn the lights on or if the sprinklers make the field unplayable, my first option is to find a vacant field to complete the game as quickly as possible. Failing to do that, I will suspend the game and re-schedule it at a later date and time in the tournament.

Serious Injury To A Participant (Life Threatening or Sprained Muscle)

In the event of a possible serious injury, always call for help or assistance. If you don't have your cell phone on you ask someone in the stands to call 911. Only after the situation on the field has stabilized should you call the WS office and let us know what's going on. If a player is unable to be moved off the field because of the injury, the game clock stops. A less serious injury will not result in a time stoppage.

Protest Issues / MSBL Special Play Rules and Regulations

The official protest procedure is listed on page 2 (under pre-game procedures) so follow that when the situation arises. Here are a few sample protests that we had in prior years and I suspect we will get these again:

- **Batting Out Of Turn** (cannot protest, just an out if the opposing manager alerts the umpire before the next pitch).
- **Participation Rule** (handled by the WS office) During a Central League game, a player or players fail to get an official at-bat. In this division, every guy is required to appear offensively in a game. Not handled by the umpires!
- **ID Check** (Every player is required to have a photo identification) A team manager may request to see an opposing player's photo ID in any game (during a stoppage in play). He may do so by requesting the umpire to ask the other manager for that player's ID. If the other manager refuses, then play continues and we handle the follow up in the World Series office. No penalty is assessed at the field and the player may continue to participate in the game. There is no need for a \$50 protest fee when this happens.

MSBL / MABL Umpire Abuse Policy (In effect for the 2006 World Series Tournament)

Any of the following actions can (and will result) in a player being ejected from a game and or suspended from the tournament.

- 1) Pushing an umpire or intentionally blocking an umpires movement
- 2) Sustained arguing of an umpire's decision
- 3) Using abusive, profane, threatening or obscene language or gestures
- 4) Throwing any equipment in anger
- 5) Creating a disruptive or dangerous situation



MSBL World Series

UMPIRE GRADING CARD

Date: _____ Field: _____

Home Plate Umpire: _____

Overall Rating _____

CIRCLE ONE

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
1. Ball/Strike Consistency	1	2	3	4
2. Hustle (In Position)	1	2	3	4
3. Control of Game:	1	2	3	4
4. Rule Knowledge:	1	2	3	4
5. Attitude. Conduct:	1	2	3	4

Field Umpire: _____

Overall Rating: _____

1. Hustle (In Position):	1	2	3	4
2. Control of Game:	1	2	3	4
3. Rule Knowledge:	1	2	3	4
4. Attitude. Conduct:	1	2	3	4

Comments: (A written comment must accompany a rating of 1):

Signature _____

MSBL/MABL World Series Umpire Evaluation Cards Are Helpful In A Number Of Different Ways

By Tom Prendergast

For several different reasons the MSBL Umpire Evaluation cards that we hand out are important. First and foremost it gives you (the team manager) the opportunity to rate your umpires performance in 4 or 5 separate categories.

When these are returned (and we probably get about a 30% of them back) it allows our UIC (Dick Jolly) to get some feedback from the teams.

These can be turned in at World Series headquarters (or in some cases you can hand them back to the umpires). As you might imagine sometimes this delivery system doesn't always ensure that the cards get to back to the WS office in a timely manner, if at all.

However, if you and your team has an especially bad situation with an umpire then please feel free to either call or come into the MSBL / MABL World Series office and speak with myself or UIC, Dick Jolly. And on the other hand if you felt the umpires did a really good job, then we'd like to know that as well.



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