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Tournament Staff Clarifies Participation Rule For Central and Cactus Divisions

By Tom Prendergast

Several protests in week one convinced the WS tournament staff that the current rule (as listed in the official scorebook) was poorly written and confusing. On two occasions last week I used the newsletter to try and explain the intent of the rule. I think it's safe to say that I was not successful, and in fact, I only added to the confusion. Under Central & Cactus Division Requirements, paragraph A reads as follows: At least 14 uniformed players must have at least one plate appearance during the game. (only applies in 9 inning games). Well what if the game doesn't go the full nine innings because of the time limit? Up until this year, this rule always implied to "scheduled" 9 inning games. Because the written rule doesn't specify this, it simply states that - this rule only applies to 9 inning games. Effective immediately; teams in the Central and Cactus divisions only need to get a plate appearance for 14 batters if the game goes the full nine innings.

MSBL / MABL WS Spotlight on Steve Faigin (Chicago MSBL)

Some players enjoy a couple of years renewing hardball skills. Then there are career guys. Steve Faigin began playing MSBL when it started in Chicago in 1988. For fifteen years now he has managed a World Series team, still pursuing a WS championship but loving every trip to the Valley of the Sun. The CFO of an Illinois engineering company, Steve is married to wife Ellen and has four children, Hayden, Seth, Amanda and Myles. Steve is also serves as the treasurer for the Chicago North MSBL. Inducted into the World Series Hall of Fame in 2007, Steve has all the qualities of an excellent teammate, respected manager, and leader of a well established MSBL league. If baseball is being played in October, you can find Steve Faigin in Arizona.

MSBL Championship Teams Always Find A Way To Win!



25+ WB Central Champions, the Rhode Island Brewers needed extra innings on Sunday for an exciting and entertaining 10-9 victory over the World Dirtbags at Tempe Diablo Stadium.

25+ WB Chandler Bat Central Championship Game Recap - Hardball Online Report RHODE ISLAND BREWERS 10, WORLDWIDE DIRTBAGS 9

After Tyler Martin made a game saving diving catch in the bottom of the 9th to force extra innings, Kyle Fernandez, who was the starting pitcher for the Brewers, ended up driving in the game winning run in the top of the 10th inning to give the Brewers the 25+ Chandler Bat Central Division title at Tempe Diablo Stadium. Rafael Hernandez picked up the win in relief, while C.J. Silva, who had started a pair of games earlier this week and was the first out of the bullpen, picked up tournament MVP honors. The Dirtbags were led by a 3-for-5 day from Dave Villa.—Patrick Lagreid

18+ WB National Championship Game SoCal Snappers 8, Puget Sound Ravens 2

Waylen Sing Chow had three hits, two runs and an RBI helping lead the Snappers, managed by Frank Sansone, to their fifth World Series title in the 18 National Division on Sunday at Maryvale Stadium. The Ravens were led by a three-hit performance from Jamie Miller but couldn't keep up with the hot-hitting Snappers.—Jason Johnson

25+ WB American Championship Game AJW WHITE SOX 9, LONG ISLAND BLACK SOX 1

Eight strong innings from starting pitcher Dennis Neal and a five-run fifth inning highlighted by a RBI double from Steve Rodgers gave the White Sox all they needed to claim their first championship trophy in the 25 Chandler Bat American title game at Tempe Diablo on Sunday morning. Chris Schacca drove in the lone run for the Black Sox.—Patrick Lagreid



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55+ WB Central Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
St Louis Cardinals	3	0	0	6	13	1000
Houston Yankees	3	1	0	6	25	750
Sacramento Royals	2	1	0	4	13	667
Fog City	1	2	0	2	33	333
North County Indians	1	2	0	2	24	333
Motor City Orioles	1	2	0	2	31	333
All Star Baseball Academy	0	3	0	0	31	000

55+ WB Central Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
Chicago North Cubs	3	0	0	6	22	1000
Ft Worth Phillies	2	1	0	4	14	667
Santa Ynez Sox	2	1	0	4	20	667
Inland Angels	2	2	0	4	20	500
REBL Knights	1	2	0	2	29	333
So Cal Fire	1	2	0	2	40	333
Long Island Athletics	0	3	0	0	23	000

55+ WB Cactus Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
South Bay Zephyrs	3	0	0	6	8	1000
Comtek Orioles	3	0	0	6	9	1000
California Bears	3	1	0	6	23	750
Sacramento Dragons	2	1	0	4	9	667
Canadian Playboys	2	1	0	4	10	667
Texas Blue Jays	2	1	0	4	20	667
Arizona Diamondbacks	2	1	0	4	26	667
Puget Sound Mariners	1	2	0	2	22	333
Snowbirds	1	2	0	2	29	333
Chicago North TSP's	1	2	0	2	30	333
Mid South Warriors	0	3	0	0	25	000
Tri Valley Giants	0	3	0	0	56	000
Milwaukee Rattlers	0	3	0	0	70	000

65+ WB American Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
San Diego Mudcats	2	0	0	4	2	1000
USA Volkers	2	0	0	4	2	1000
LA Athletics	2	0	0	4	6	1000
Philadelphia Phillies	2	0	0	4	10	1000
San Antonio Broncos	2	0	0	4	14	1000
Lehigh Valley Moondogs	0	2	0	0	17	000
65 Express	0	2	0	0	28	000
Ports	0	2	0	0	36	000
St Paul Saints	0	2	0	0	40	000
Tri Valley Giants	0	2	0	0	51	000

65+ WB Central Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
St Thomas Suns	2	0	0	4	22	1000
Tri Valley Giants	2	0	0	4	23	1000
Arizona Scorpions	1	1	0	2	16	500
Ohio Classics	1	1	0	2	25	500
Dodgertown West	0	2	0	0	34	000
San Diego Angels	0	2	0	0	44	000

65+ WB Central Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
San Antonio Red Sox	2	0	0	4	11	1000
Chicago Grays	2	0	0	4	13	1000
Red Deer Legends	1	1	0	2	17	500
Tucson Aces	1	1	0	2	34	500
New England Red Sox	0	2	0	0	19	000
Team America	0	2	0	0	35	000



Photo above: Puget Sound Mariners pitcher, **Stu Johnson** delivers a pitch on Tempe #2 yesterday.



Photo left: AJW White Sox pitcher, **Dennis Neal** picked the win in the title game vs LI Black Sox.

Photo below: Texas Blue Jays batter, **Rick Wright** singles to left against the Mariners on Tempe 2



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74+ WB Division Results

South Dakota Rushmores 9
 San Diego Padres 7
 (SD Rushmores lead 1 game to none in best of 5 game series)

2014 MSBL / MABL World Series tournament rules are listed in the official WS scorebook!

55+ WB Central 1 Results

Houston Yankees	7
All Star Baseball Academy	6
St Louis Cardinals	9
Fog City	4
Sacramento Royals	8
North County Indians	4
Motor City Orioles	19
Houston Yankees	7

55+ WB Central 2 Results

Santa Ynez Sox	9
Long Island Athletics	8
Chicago North Cubs	5
Inland Angels	4
Inland Angels	14
REBL Knights	2
Ft Worth Phillies	16
So Cal Fire	5

55+ WB Cactus Results

Snowbirds	18
Milwaukee Rattlers	4
Texas Blue Jays	8
Puget Sound Mariners	7
South Bay Zephyrs	5
Sacramento Dragons	0
California Bears	5
Canadian Playboys	4
Arizona Diamondbacks	22
Tri Valley Giants	9
Comtek Orioles	17
Chicago North TSP's	0
Mid South Warriors	11
California Bears	11
South Bay Zephyrs	13
Puget Sound Mariners	6
Comtek Orioles	13
Tri Valley Giants	4

65+ WB American Results

San Antonio Broncos	8
65 Express	7
San Diego Mudcats	13
LeHigh Valley Moondogs	2
USA Volkers	16
Ports	1
LA Athletics	13
St Paul Saints	3
Philadelphia Phillies	27
St Paul Saints	7

25+ WB American Champions - AJW White Sox**18+ WB Central Championship Game****San Gabriel Valley Yard Dogs 3, Santa Rosa Rosebuds 0**

Yard Dogs most valuable player Mario Holguin pitched a complete game four-hit shutout leading the team to their first World Series title. Leadoff hitter Martin Rodriguez set the table all afternoon for the Yard Dogs by reaching base four times, stealing two bases and playing solid defense at both middle infield positions. Anthony Villamore pitched seven solid innings for the Rosebuds but the offense couldn't break through.—*Jason Johnson*

The Way We Were! 1988 - 1990 MSBL World Series

By Tom Prendergast

My introduction to the MSBL World Series was as a player - manager the first two years. I still get goose pumps just thinking about it. Our team flew into Phoenix and went right to our hotel, where we quickly changed into our KC Royals uniforms and headed out to Scottsdale Community College to practice. That night I attended the mandatory managers meeting held in the Buttes amphitheater. The room was packed. A stoic MSBL founder, Steve Sigler came to the podium and went over the rules and answered questions for what seemed like hours. I vaguely remember a lot of questions about something called "the courtesy runner rule". The next day we played our first game at the spring training home of the Milwaukee Brewers, Compadre Stadium and then headed to Apache Junction HS for our second game. Each field was better than the next. We ended the week 0-6 (and the same thing happened the next year) but we got a taste of playing baseball in an incredible atmosphere, and we were hooked. Like many other managers, I encountered some bad calls by umpires, teams with no first names on their lineup cards, and some guys didn't even have matching uniforms. And I remember thinking that we were spending a lot of money to play. Sometimes we would get to a field and the gates were locked, or the sprinklers would come on and occasionally the lights wouldn't work. After the game we would call our score into the office, where tournament director, Kurt Knop would answer the phone and take our score. If we wanted to get the standings we would head over to Tempe Diablo Stadium and visit the novelty shop, where the divisions were posted on the walls. The next morning, game recap sheets with all the scores and standings were delivered to our hotel and we would study them during breakfast. And when we weren't playing we were usually scouting our opponents, who were playing on another field. What was important to me then was that I was playing competitive baseball, in an organized event (continued on page 4)

65+ WB Central 1 Results

Tri Valley Giants	16
Dodgertown West	12
Ohio Classics	11
Arizona Scorpions	10
St Thomas Suns	19
San Diego Angels	14

65+ WB Central 2 Results

Chicago Grays	11
Red Deer Legends	8
Tucson Aces	9
Team America	8
San Antonio Red Sox	11
New England Red Sox	8

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18+ WB Central Division Champions - The Yard Dogs



25+ American Long Island Black Sox batter, **Elliott Ayala** appears to be way out in front on this pitch and it doesn't seem likely that he could make contact. The first person who can explain this picture will win \$50. (This photo was not altered) email: tpkcmsbl@aol.com

The Way We Were!

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with guys my own age. There was really nothing like this and I felt extremely fortunate to be a part of it. I still feel that way today, as the tournament director. Through the years we have made a lot of improvements to the event. The amount of planning takes months and scheduling 300 teams is way more time consuming than 38. As with any kind of business that's been around for 27 years, we have made adjustments. Like adding divisions, age groups and expanding the event from one week to three. By being proactive and taking these steps we have kept the tournament competitive for all levels. To me it's a great compliment that we attract as many former professional players as we do. In order to allow those guys to play, we came up with some different criteria's, which worked well in the beginning, but probably needs some tweaking. OK maybe a lot of tweaking. The purpose of the original Central division was to establish a place, that would ensure all levels of players would be able to compete, which would include players with like skills. I don't think our current system is accomplishing this goal. It's our intention to take a long look at the process we have and to make it better by returning to the original concept and have it in place for next years event.



PAPARAZZI ALERT - only in the MSBL / MABL WS Daily News, a photo of the elusive, **Adam Sigler** (left) with **Mike Cadenazzi** (right).

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