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MSBL WS Covid-19 Protocols Require Masks To Be Worn



All players and spectators must wear masks upon entering and leaving all stadiums. For players your mask need to remain on until you reach the field.

While visiting restrooms and restroom areas, as well as concession stands, everyone must wear a mask. The same rules apply to all auxiliary field complexes. Fans in attendance must wear a mask while sitting in a group of 10 or more. In a group of 10 or less, they can remove them. A complete list of our 2020 MSBL WS Covid-19 protocols is listed on page 3 and at www.msblnational.com.

Age Exemptions - 2020 was to be the start of a no new age exemptions for all MSBL WS age divisions 50+ and higher. You could only have "grandfathered" age exemptions from the 2019 MSBL WS. On April 22nd, the National Office expanded the existing "age" exemption rule to assist teams affected by the Covid-19 virus, which allowed teams to recruit a sufficient number of players to be able to form a team. Beginning in 2021, the MSBL National Office will reinstitute the no new age waiver for age divisions 50+ and higher once again.

Ex-Pro Guidelines and Requirements -

These rules are clearly stated (and posted on page 4) and this year we are requiring every manager to submit a signed form that indicates they understand the rules and that their team is in accordance with them. There can be no misunderstanding of any of these specifications, as it will result in possible forfeiture of games won. We are asking all managers to review their roster to make sure their team is in full compliance.

New World Series Official Roster - Prior to the start of every game, each manager must exchange rosters, which include first and last names, number, age and any pro experience. In addition, each team manager must have their player's photo ID's with them at all games. Failure to provide the player's photo ID, under proper protest, will result in a forfeiture of the game and all games the player participated in.

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33rd MSBL World Series (*) Opens With Many Changes!



The infield at Tempe Diablo Stadium is in great shape this year - based on the fact that no games were played on it this summer, due to Covid-19 issues in and around Arizona.

202 Teams Set To Participate In This Years MSBL WS Tournament *Extraordinary Circumstances Created Huge Challenges for MSBL Leagues in 2020*

By Tom Prendergast

I have been attending the MSBL/MABL World Series tournament every year since 1989. Like many players, the first thing I do when I return from Arizona is circle the dates on my calendar for the next years MSBL WS. As a player / manager and later as a tournament staff member, few events have more meaning in my life than this tournament. I looked forward to this year round. It's a special time of the year and presents a great opportunity for me to see old friends and foes on the ball field.

The last time we had to deal with any kind of major disruptions at our WS was in 2001 when the terrorist's attacked us and changed our way of life. That year, many of our players who were policeman or fireman couldn't attend and many more were mourning the loss of people lost in the attack. As devastating as that was, we knew who our enemy was and the steps we had to take to make sure that wouldn't happen again.

The events of the last 6 months with the Covid-19 virus has literally brought our world to a standstill. Every MSBL across the country was effected in one way or another. Either through a delayed start, shortened season or in some cases, no games at all. The restrictions placed on sports leagues varied greatly based on the local CDC (Center for Disease Control) guidelines.

The National MSBL office wasted little time in formulating a plan (along with generating new protocols) for all leagues to implement and follow, once they were allowed to resume play. In many cases these were adopted by other sports leagues and most local CDC's accepted them as their own guidelines.

Our due diligence paid off and we need to remain just as vigilant (if not more) during this years World Series. So in order to make sure we are following these protocols, MSBL WS staff members will be on hand at most of the facilities we are using to help remind players and spectators to keep their guard up and practice social distancing (whenever possible) and continue to wear a mask around others when they are not on the playing field.

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**MSBL/MABL National Tournament
World Series Playoff Eligibility Form**

To be Presented To Tournament Staff Member Before Your Initial Playoff Game

Team Name: _____ Division: _____

Team Manager: _____

To be eligible to play in the playoffs and championship game, a player must have had at least one plate appearance in 2 round robin games or have pitched 3 outs in each of 2 round robin games or a combination of the two (ie: Pitch 3 outs in one game and 1 plate appearance in another) within the preliminary round robin.

This must be documented in your scorebook and the scorebook of your opponent or the player(s) would be deemed ineligible.

Team Roster

Players (List Alphabetically)	Games Played
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I hereby certify that all players listed above participated in the games also list above.

I agree that if any information above is false or inaccurate, my team faces possible forfeiture.

Manager Signature

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Parking Restrictions at Salt River Fields



Here's a map of the complex showing parking and restricted areas. Security will place some A-frame signs to help point people in the right direction. We realize there will be first time visitors who aren't familiar with the complex as well as returning visitors who previously parked in the "Desert Parking Lot" on the north side of property which is not available this year.

MSBL WS Round Robin / Playoff Participation Requirements

To be eligible to play in the playoffs and championship game, a player must have had at least one plate appearance in 2 round robin games or have pitched 3 outs in each of 2 round robin games or a combination of the two (ie: Pitch 3 outs in one game and 1 plate appearance in another) within the preliminary round robin.

Note: This must be documented in your teams scorebook and the scorebook of your opponent or the player or players will be deemed ineligible to participate in the playoffs.

To make sure that both teams are on the same we have a form that every manager will need submit before the playoff game begins, listing his teams players and the number of round robin games they appeared in during pool play.

In addition, for 2020, we are asking all team managers who have granted exemptions for their team to identify this to the other team by placing an asterisk (*) by their names when you exchange lineup cards. Since it's incumbent on the managers to "police" the exemptions, this is an important element to avoid any controversy.

New for 2020: If your team has a roster of 18 or more players for any given game, you can ONLY have 2 age exempted players in your lineup (either offensive or defensive) at any one time. We have really attempted to help teams in need, but not to take advantage of the leniency.

Team rosters - this year every teams roster that they submit at check in will be posted on the MSBL WS website.



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2020 MSBL World Series **COVID Protocols**

- **All Stadiums** – All players and spectators must wear masks upon entering and leaving the Stadium. Masks are to be worn until the playing field is reached. While visiting the restrooms and restroom areas, as well as concession stands, everyone must wear masks. The same rules apply to all auxiliary field complexes.
- Fans, while watching the game, must wear masks while sitting in a group of 10 or more. In a group of 10 or less, they can remove their masks.
- On the field, wearing a mask is an option to the players but should be strongly considered.
- All players to have their own masks available to them at all times.
- Dugouts:
 - 6 foot social distancing must be maintained. Players can spread out, outside the dugouts and stands if necessary. Best to have the next 4 hitters in the lineup remain in the dugout and all others remain outside. Highly suggested but not mandated.
- All players/teams at this point, should be fully educated on Social Distancing and to do what they are supposed to do. You must implore everyone to be diligent.
- No Sharing of Equipment. Any disinfectant must be team provided.
- All Managers and umpires must wear masks at Home Plate meeting when reviewing ground rules and exchanging lineups.
- No Post Game Handshakes (We will leave it to the teams to find an appropriate form of recognition)
- Umpires will NOT hold game balls, defensive team will provide balls to their pitcher. After the 3rd out is recorded for each inning, the defensive team will carry the ball back to their dugout and the offensive team will bring a new game ball out for the next ½ inning.
- When holding a meeting on the mound all participants need to maintain safe distances from each other. The meeting would be limited to a maximum of 3 people.
- Extended liability waiver to be signed by every participating player noting the risks of COVID (Online Waiver)
- Pitcher will not be allowed to go to their mouth between pitches. If this is done, the ball must immediately be replaced by the defensive team, and the ball discarded. If this happens again, a balk will be called. If no one is on base, a ball will be added to the count.
- If a MSBL World Series participant were to test positive for COVID during the tournament, the team manager MUST immediately report this to the tournament office. That individual player would need to quarantine himself according to local Arizona guidelines and would be ineligible to participate the balance of the tournament.
- Team Managers are responsible for leaving a clean dugout after each game.
- Players that are not in the field as either a fielder, batter, on deck hitter or base coach, are encouraged to wear masks if in close proximity to teammates.
- It is optional for all Base Coaches to wear masks unless specifically in close contact with runner.
- If a MSBL official or MSBL appointed field monitor sees an infraction to the above stated rules, a warning will be issued. A second violation will mean ejection from the game and possible forfeiture of the game.

We are extremely fortunate to have the MLB facilities and Stadiums, and though lengthy, these protocols are not invasive and need to be 100% adhered to. We are all in this together and with cooperation, we will ensure a healthy and safe environment for all!

2020 MSBL/MABL World Series Ex-Pro Rule Summary By Division

National Divisions	No Limit on number of ex-pro players as long as out 3 years
American Divisions	Can have 2 players who are out at least 3 years who played AAA or higher and 2 players who played A or AA
Federal/Mountain Divisions	Can use up to 2 players who played A or AA and are out at least 3 years
A player who played in the Rookie League, Independent League or who was invited to MLB Spring Training and released without any minor league affiliation will not be considered as Ex-Pro for the above 4 divisions only.	
Central Divisions – All	If a player has played pro ball (with the exception of Major Leagues) and has been out of pro ball for 20 years, this player is eligible to play in the Central Division. Ex-Pros are limited to 2 per team with no restrictions to position or limitation to round robin, playoff or Championship appearance. The above includes any professional affiliate above Rookie Ball. (Includes all levels of “A” ball)
Cactus Divisions – All	No Ex-Pros (MLB, AAA, AA, A) are allowed no matter the length the time out unless out of Pro Ball for 30 years and played no higher than “A” ball. Ex-Pros are limited to 2 per team and may NOT pitch in round robin or playoffs.
Independent/Rookie League Players	
Central Divisions – All	Ineligible unless out 10 years. Can only pitch 45+/50+/55+/60+/65+/70+/73+ Divisions
Cactus Divisions – All	Ineligible unless out 15 years Can only pitch 45+/50+/55+/60+/65+/70+/73+ Divisions
Foreign Professional Players (Japan, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Venezuela)	
Central Divisions – All	Ineligible unless out 10 years. Can only pitch 45+/50+/55+/60+/65+/70+/73+ Divisions
Cactus & Desert Divisions – All	Ineligible regardless of length of time out