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2022 MSBL / MABL World Series Division Dates

The MSBL / MABL National office has released the individual division dates for the 2022 MSBL World Series, our 35th anniversary year.

In an attempt to allow more players the opportunity to play multiple weeks, some of the divisions have been switched from their usual dates. As an example, our Father and son divisions, who in the past have played in week two, will now be moved to week 1.

The 40+ divisions will move to week two along with the 25+ divisions. The 35+ divisions will be pushed back to week 3. All of the formats will remain the same.

So mark these dates down on your calendar now and make plans to attend. As the country recovers from the Covid virus we expect our numbers to return to a more normal total of 350 - 400.

Week 1 Divisions

50+ Div Sun - Fri Oct 16th - 21st
70+ Div Sun - Sat Oct 16th - 22nd
F/S Div Thur - Sun Oct 20th - 23rd

Week 2 Divisions

55+ Div Sat - Sun Oct 22nd - 27th
65+ Div Sat - Fri Oct 22nd - 28th
40+ Div Mon - Sat Oct 24th - 29th
73+ Div Mon - Sun Oct 24th - 30th
25+ Div Wed - Sun Oct 26th - 30th

Week 3 Divisions

75+ Div Sun - Sat Oct 30th - Nov 5
35+ Div Mon - Sat Oct 31st - Nov 5
45+ Div Mon - Sat Oct 31st - Nov 5
60+ Div Mon - Sat Oct 31st - Nov 5

34th MSBL World Series Begins In The Valley of the Sun



50+ National OC Sox batter, **Robert Wasmund** drives this belt high fast ball into right center field for an rbi during his teams exciting 17-16 win over the Diamond Dream Mustangs.

310 Teams To Compete In This Years MSBL / MABL WS Tournament

Some Normalcy Returns As 100+ Additional Teams Return To AZ - Up From 202

By Tom Prendergast

The 2021 MSBL/MABL World Series got underway yesterday as the 50+ and 70+ divisions began pool play games. Spectacular weather was a welcome bonus. Most of the players were more than ready for this years tournament. None more so than our 70+ plus teams who are out in force this year. In all, twenty teams are participating in our three 70+ divisions. The National / American division includes 7 teams (which will be split for the playoffs) while 13 teams make up our Central division. Each of these teams play a 5 game round robin pool play schedule, with playoffs starting on Friday.

The 50+ divisions include 39 teams and are traditionally a very competitive group. Our top division (National) has 6 teams, while the Central division has 9. The Cactus division is one of our largest and it includes 19 teams. The Desert division is made up of 5 teams. Teams in the 50+ division play a 6 game pool play with playoffs starting on Thursday.

Our 40+ divisions begin play today with 7 in the National division and 7 in the Mountain division. These teams will also play 6 game pool play schedule with playoffs on Friday.

Protest Involving A Suspected Illegal Player - Last year the WS staff stipulated that both team managers needed to exchange complete rosters, 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game. This way a manager had time to look over the roster and determine if all of the players were actually members on the opposing team. If a team wanted to protest a player, they had to do it before the game started. But, after further review and some suggestions from a few managers, the deadline for protesting a suspected illegal player will be prior to the end of the 4th inning. These protests must be made with a phone call to the WS office.



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No alcohol or tobacco products are allowed before - during or after the game at any MSBL WS locations or stadiums!

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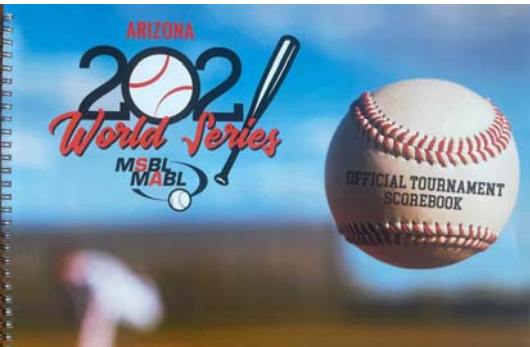
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The official MSBL WS scoreboard

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Score line (760) 898-3700

Both teams need to report the score
from every game. Teams should
always check their runs allowed!

50+ National Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 OC Sox	2	0	0	4	26	1000
2 So Cal Blue Jays	1	0	1	3	14	750
3 3n2 Rangers	1	1	0	2	9	500
4 Diamond Dream Mustangs	1	1	0	2	17	500
5 San Antonio Bombers	0	1	1	1	17	250
6 Aberdeen US Baseball	0	2	0	0	27	0

50+ Central Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Caballeros	2	0	0	4	13	1000
2 Long Island Panthers	1	0	0	2	1	1000
3 Raleigh Braves	1	0	0	2	2	1000
4 Sacramento Bombers	1	0	0	2	1	1000
5 Mezcal	0	1	0	0	5	0
6 Chicago North TSP's	0	1	0	0	6	0
7 Dupage Angels	0	1	0	0	11	0
8 Cal TV Tribute	0	1	0	0	14	0
9 California Hogs	0	1	0	0	19	0

50+ Cactus Division 1						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Diamond Dream Mustangs	1	0	0	2	3	1000
2 Madison Blues	1	0	0	2	6	1000
3 Arizona Cubs	1	0	0	2	11	1000
4 Santa Barbara Waves	0	1	0	0	7	0
5 Dallas White Sox	0	1	0	0	12	0
6 Detroit Braves	0	1	0	0	18	0

50+ Cactus Division 2						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Rochester Redwings	1	0	0	2	2	1000
2 St Thomas Hurricanes	1	0	0	2	6	1000
3 Chicago Pinch Hitters	1	0	0	2	9	1000
4 Sacramento Marlins	0	1	0	0	5	0
5 So Cal Indians	0	1	0	0	7	0
6 Nationals	0	1	0	0	15	0

50+ Cactus Division 3						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Kansas City Knights	1	0	0	2	1	1000
2 Peoria Pirates	1	0	0	2	2	1000
3 Sonoma County Cardinals	1	0	0	2	3	1000
4 Austin Express	1	1	0	2	18	500
5 Utah Braves	0	1	0	0	3	0
6 Seattle Steelheads	0	1	0	0	4	0
7 Carolina Cobras	0	1	0	0	5	0

50+ Desert Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 NSEW Connection	1	0	0	2	2	1000
2 Connecticut Navigators	1	0	0	2	3	1000
3 Red Deer Legends	1	1	0	2	17	500
4 Cal Vets	0	1	0	0	11	0
5 Colorado All Stars	0	1	0	0	20	0

70+ National / American						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Minnesota Bandits	1	0	1	3	13	750
2 Chicago North TSP Fire	1	0	0	2	1	1000
3 LA Athletics	1	0	0	2	4	1000
4 Sacramento 70's	0	0	1	1	8	500
5 Colorado Cardinals	0	1	0	0	10	0
6 North County Mudcats	0	1	0	0	14	0
7 Fresno Grizzlies	0	1	0	0	17	0
70+ Central Division 1						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Oklahoma Sooners	1	0	0	2	2	1000
2 Kansas City A's	1	0	0	2	3	1000
3 Dragons	1	0	0	2	6	1000
4 Portland Dirt	1	0	0	2	8	1000
5 Lehigh Valley Moondogs	0	1	0	0	4	0
6 San Antonio Broncos	0	1	0	0	23	0
7 Cal Vets (2)	0	2	0	0	35	0
70+ Central Division 2						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Red Deer Legends	1	0	0	2	2	1000
2 Tucson Toros	1	0	0	2	2	1000
3 MBI	1	0	0	2	4	1000
4 Mudville 9	0	1	0	0	4	0
5 Cal Vets	0	1	0	0	15	0
6 Seattle Mariners	0	1	0	0	28	0

40+ National Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Arizona Angels	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Cincy Braves	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Montebello Angels	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Sacramento Red Sox	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 San Antonio Titans	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 So Cal Snappers	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Tucson Bulls	0	0	0	0	0	0
40+ Mountain Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Bakersfield Heat	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Baseball BBQ Forkballers	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Clancy's Irish	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Columbus Spiders	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Houston Cycolones	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Oakland Soldiers	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 San Jose Bees	0	0	0	0	0	0



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MSBL National Office
Update for 2022 WS

The MSBL / MABL
National office has
decided that no age
exemptions will be
granted for the 2022
MSBL World Series.

Next year will be our
35th anniversary and
because we offer so
many different age
divisions, exemptions
will no longer be given
to teams.

This will allow plenty
of time for every team,
managers and players
to come up with an
alternative solution.

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what's happening at the
MSBL / MABL WS!

50+ National Division

San Antonio Bombers	0
Diamond Dream Mustangs	8
3n2 Rangers	7
Aberdeen US Baseball	1
So Cal Blue Jays	9
3n2 Rangers	5
Diamond Dream Mustangs	16
OC Sox	17
Aberdeen US Baseball	10
OC Sox	20
San Antonio Bombers	9
So Cal Blue Jays	9

50+ Central Division

Caballeros	19
California Hogs	2
Dupage Angels	1
Long Island Panthers	11
Cal TV Tribute	11
Caballeros	14
Mezcal	2
Raleigh Braves	5
Chicago North TSP's	1
Sacramento Bombers	6

50+ Cactus Division 1

Dallas White Sox	11
Arizona Cubs	12
Detroit Braves	3
Diamond Dream Mustangs	18
Madison Blues	7
SB Waves	6

50+ Cactus Division 2

Rochester Redwings	5
Sacramento Marlins	2
So Cal Indians	6
St Thomas Hurricanes	7
Chicago Pinch Hitters	15
Nationals	9

50+ Cactus Division 3

Austin Express	5
Carolina Cobras	2
Kansas City Knights	16
Austin Express	1
Seattle Steelheads	2
Peoria Pirates	3
Sonoma County Cardinals	4
Utah Braves	3

50+ Desert Division

Cal Vets	3
Connecticut Navigators	11
NSEW Connection	14
Red Deer Legends	2
Colorado All Stars	3
Red Deer Legends	20

70+ National / American

Chicago North TSP Fire	10
Colorado Cardinals	1
Minnesota Bandits	14
North County Mudcats	5
Fresno Grizzlies	4
LA Athletics	17
Sacramento 70's	8
Minnesota Bandits	8

70+ Central Division 1

Cal Vets - team 2	8
Oklahoma Sooners	16
Dragons	23
San Antonio Broncos	6

Portland Dirt	19
Cal Vets - team 2	2
Lehigh Valley Moondogs	3
Kansas City A's (11 innings)	4

70+ Central Division 2

Cal Vets	2
Tucson Toros	15
MBI	28
Seattle Mariners	4
Mudville 9	2
Red Deer Legends	4

MSBL Iron Man - Red Thompson

By Tom Prendergast

There's little doubt that Harold "Red" Thompson is the undisputed MSBL Iron Man! He's been coming to the MSBL/MABL World Series since 1991 and holds the record for most games officiated at this event. In fact, nobody's even close. So after his health scare earlier this year, Red told me he would see me in Arizona. Despite having to endure 3 dialysis treatments every week, while he's dealing with bone cancer, missing the MSBL WS wasn't even an option!

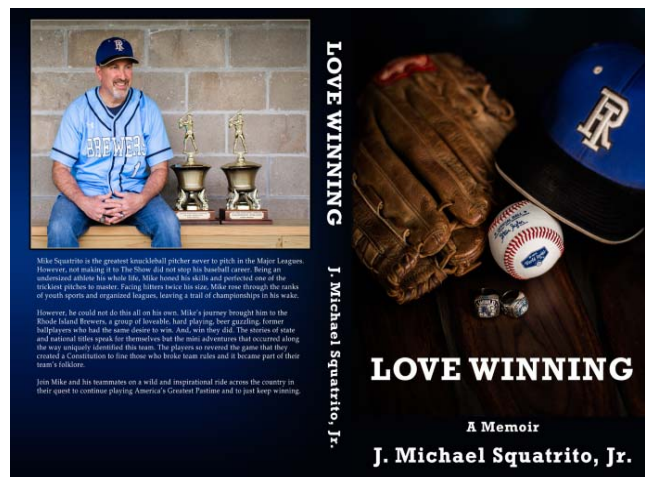


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Mike Squatrito, author and knuckleballer from the Rhode Island MSBL, will be on the Tempe Diablo Stadium concourse to sign books and talk baseball from October 17-22.

LOVE WINNING Book Review

By Steve LaMontia, Director of Communications

Mike Squatrito is a '50 something' knuckleball pitcher who plays for the Rhode Island Sea Dogs in the Rhode Island MSBL. OK, so what? He is also an author, having recently completed the 'Overlords' fantasy book series. That's nice. But what's the big deal? Here's where it gets interesting. A couple of months ago Mike penned an MSBL World Series-based book titled 'Love Winning', outlining the on-field successes of his Rhode Island Brewers in Arizona over the last decade or so as well as

all of the hijinks in between rings throughout the years. I read the book cover to cover and loved revisiting the Arizona desert landscape through the eyes of a fellow ball player hooked on the whole MSBL World Series experience. The immaculate fields, the desert communities, and of course the bars! This bunch of merry warriors are as expert at finding where the good times can be had after hours as they are in showing you some first-class hardnosed baseball. You don't want to see these guys in the other dugout!

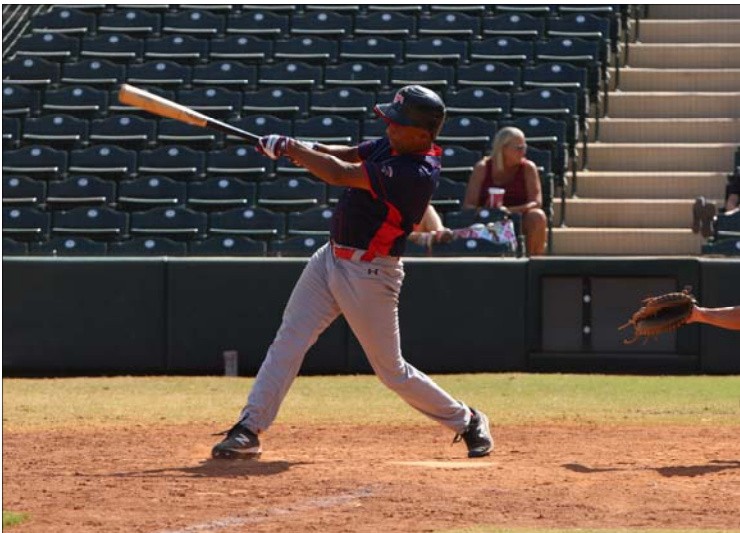
The jacket cover better explains what is waiting inside:

"Mike Squatrito is the greatest knuckleball pitcher never to pitch in the Major Leagues. However, not making it to The Show did not stop his baseball career. Being an undersized athlete his whole life, Mike honed his skills and perfected one of the trickiest pitches to master. Facing hitters twice his size, Mike rose through the ranks of youth sports and organized leagues, leaving a trail of championships in his wake.

However, he could not do this all on his own. Mike's journey brought him to the Rhode Island Brewers, a group of loveable, hard playing, beer guzzling, former ballplayers who had the same desire to win. And, win they did. The stories of state and (continued on page 4)



50+ National OC Sox relief pitcher, **Byron Smith** came in to pitch the final 2 innings against the Mustangs at Tempe Diablo Stadium.



50+ National Diamond Dream Mustangs batter, **Victor Cole** got all of this pitch and drilled a single into right field against the OC Sox.



50+ National Diamond Dream Mustangs pitcher, **Tony Moore** came on in relief yesterday against the OC Sox at Tempe Diablo.

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national titles speak for themselves but the mini adventures that occurred along the way uniquely identified this team. The players so revered the game that they created a 'Constitution' to fine those who broke team rules and it became part of their team's folklore.

Join Mike and his teammates on a wild and inspirational ride across the country in their quest to continue playing America's Greatest Pastime and to just keep winning.

Mike has been writing The Overlords Fantasy Book series for over twenty years. Currently, he lives in Tiverton, Rhode Island with his wife Lea, and their children, Devin and Samantha. Mike speaks at elementary, middle, and high schools, colleges, local libraries, and writer's groups where his sincere hope is to inspire everyone he meets to be creative and follow their dreams. He also is the Vice President of the Association of Rhode Island Authors (ARIA).

When not working on the Overlords series, Mike is very active in fitness and sports. He continues to play baseball where he is a knuckleball pitcher for the Rhode Island Brewers that won the 2008 and 2014 MSBL National Championships in Phoenix, Arizona. He also runs 4 to 5 miles on a regular basis, does interval weight and cardio training, and takes Vinyasa yoga classes twice a week. Did we mention that he's an engineer working on Homeland Defense projects, too?"

Mike started his MSBL pitching career in Rhode Island in 1999 and went to his first MSBL World Series in 2005. He has attended for 13 years. "I usually throw between 80 and 100 innings per year. Since I am a knuckle-baller I have routinely thrown both ends of a double-header in Arizona.

Basically, I started playing in 1999 in Rhode Island with these knuckleheads and we developed a core group that always went to Arizona. We adapted many traditions while I kept writing a few pages at a time and when we couldn't do much because of the pandemic in 2020, I put everything together and in order. They always said 'love winning' after games so there was the title."

I asked Mike what the inspiration was behind the writing of the book.

"The story is about my journey as a knuckleball pitcher playing throughout Rhode Island and the country during my life, winning state and national championships along the way. Many of my stories take place during my times in Arizona, specifically playing in MSBL national tournaments. I mention playing against teams such as Lakeland, Florida, Vegas World Dirtbags, Denver Kokopelli's, Arizona Smoke and the Scottsdale Scorpions, just to name a few. I know that the players on those teams, as well as any World Series participants, would relate to my journey."

Mike plans on attending this year's MSBL World Series during the first week to promote his book and talk baseball. We will keep you informed as to where you can meet Mike and get to know what makes a knuckle ball pitcher/author tick.

You can order your copy of 'Love Winning' through Amazon.

You can also contact Mike directly at mike@the-overlords.com

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