

DAILY NEWS



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36th MSBL WS OPENS WITH 50+ / 70+ DIVISIONS

Day Time Temperatures Expected To Be Hot During the First Two Weeks of Play

The 10 day weather outlook for the greater Phoenix area is projecting dry and sunny conditions along with temperatures in the high 80's and low 90's.

So it's going to be really important to drink lots of fluids and apply the sun screen generously.

It's been said that the weather in the Valley of the Sun radiates a dry heat. I'm not sure I know what that means exactly, except that it's going to be hot! Over heating symptoms vary but its safe to say, when your feeling light headed and a bit weak-kneed, it's probably time to take a few innings off and let the other guy get into the game. This tournament is more like a marathon than a sprint, so be smart and stay healthy.



New This Year, All Players Must Have A Government Issued Photo ID To Play!

By Tom Prendergast

Over the years, some teams have gone to great lengths to win MSBL WS ball games. The stakes are high and the reward is great. But let's face it, most guys just want to win. Longtime NFL Raiders owner, Al Davis said it best, "Just win baby - win"! That certainly rings true with this tournament. During my time as the tournament director, I've heard many accounts of teams using illegal players (mostly underage) and of course, flying guys in for a crucial playoff appearance. In an attempt to help police that kind of activity, all players must carry an original (physical) government issued - photo ID with them to all games. This can be a driver's license or a current Passport, but it must include a photo. If a player cannot provide this proof he will be removed from the game immediately and will have 1 hour, from the time of the protest to produce it, or the game will be a forfeit. In addition, the team will lose all previous games that this player appeared in. Well that seems pretty harsh, but not really. If you get pulled over for speeding, you don't get to tell the officer that you left your license in your hotel room. And the TSA guys aren't letting you through security without one. So heads up, bring your photo ID to the ballgame!



Tempe Diablo Stadium (spring training home of the Los Angeles Angels) has been the home of the MSBL World Series since 1988. The WS office is located on the second floor.

Tournament That Began In 1988 Has Hosted Over 10,000 MSBL Teams Great Fields And Strong Competition Keeps Players Coming Back Year After Year

By Tom Prendergast

The rite of Spring has turned into an October ritual for thousands of MSBL players across the country. The largest amateur adult baseball tournament in the world - doesn't disappoint. Driven by a desire to play the best players in many different age groups, guys from all over put a hold on their daily lives as doctors, lawyers, bankers and businessmen and head to Phoenix to participate in the quest for a ring. That's a pretty strong motive!

Playing 5 or 6 games in four days in the pool play round, team rosters are brimming with pitching and typically need 10 - 12 guys who can bring it (while throwing strikes). Games are nine innings, played on some of the finest MLB Spring Training fields - it's a grueling task. Managers face a daunting challenge of keeping a competitive lineup on the field, while trying to get as many players as they can into a game, so they all qualify for the playoff round. This means that a player must get a minimum of 2 plate appearances in the round robin and new rule for 2023, if a pitcher pitches 7 innings or more in a game, that would automatically qualify him for the playoffs. Teams that qualify for the playoffs will be required to submit a playoff eligibility form, which will list how many games each player participated in during the pool play round. At the team check in, every team will receive an official MSBL WS scorebook, which includes the tournament rules inside the front cover. Now we understand that many teams have embraced technology and are using their iPads (which also tracks all of the players stats, which is really slick), to keep score on. In addition, for this tournament, we'd like teams to use an actual scorebook as well. Sure it's double work, but it gives the guy who pitched the last game something to do. He can sit next to the guy whose using his phone to Google all the players on the opposing team, to see if he can find any ringers. In an era of high speed internet, keep in mind that we still have a fax machine in the World Series office. So in the unlikely event that a protest regarding your team comes up, you've got this covered. And if your manager gets summoned to the principals office after a game, you'll have all the documentation necessary to refute whatever allegations your team has been accused of.

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One of our own is performing with the Phoenix Theatre Company in the World Premiere of *Tiananmen*, this month. When he's not on stage, Michael is the player/manager for the 55+ Tri Valley Team USA squad. Married with 2 kids (and 2 grandkids), Michael started playing in the MSBL in 1988, after seeing the story in *Sports Illustrated*. Like so many of us, he called Steve Sigler and quickly got on a Bay Area team.

He's been playing MSBL ball since then and has participated in 10 WS tournaments. So if you get the chance, stop in and see the show on a night your teams not playing.

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50+ Divisions	Sun - Fri	October 13th - 18th	6 games
70+ Divisions	Sun - Sat	October 13th - 19th	5 games
40+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	October 14th - 19th	6 games
25+ Divisions	Wed - Sun	October 16th - 20th	5 games

Week # 2

55+ Divisions	Sat - Thur	October 19th - 24th	6 games
65+ Divisions	Sat - Fri	October 19th - 25th	5 games
35+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	October 21st - 26th	6 games
73+ Divisions	Mon - Sun	October 21st - 27th	5 games
Father / Son	Thur - Sun	October 24th - 27th	4 games

Week # 3

75+ Divisions	Sun - Sat	October 27th - Nov 2nd	5 games
45+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	October 28th - Nov 2nd	6 games
60+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	October 28th - Nov 2nd	6 games

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	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 LA Athletics	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Minnesota Bandits	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Sacramento Tribe	0	0	0	0	0	0
70+ Central Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Chicago North TSP Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Fresno Grizzlies	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 MBI	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Rhode Island Salty Dogs	0	0	0	0	0	0
70+ Cactus Division 1						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Aussie Aces	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Cal Vets 2	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Colorado Stars	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Kansas City A's	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Milwaukee Rattlers	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Mudville 9	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Red Deer Legends	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 So Cal Dodgers	0	0	0	0	0	0
70+ Cactus Division 2						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Cal Vets 1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Lehigh Valley Moondogs	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 North County Mudcats	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Oklahoma Sooners	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Paladin	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 PSSBL Aqua Sox	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Sacramento Pirates	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Tucson Cool Arrows	0	0	0	0	0	0
50+ National / Central						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Chicago North TSP's	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Dupage Angels	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Mustangs Baseball Club	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Phoenix Padres	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 San Antonio Bombers	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Tri Valley Tribute	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Yonder Travelers	0	0	0	0	0	0
50+ Cactus Division 1						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Arizona Cubs	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Chicago Pinch Hitters	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Dallas Spirits	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Hudson Valley Bears	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Madison Blues	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Saskatchewan Sportsmen	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Wine Contry Blue Jays	0	0	0	0	0	0
50+ Cactus Division 2						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Connecticut Navigators	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Fresno Hardcor	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Indiana Blue Jays	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Limeport Milkman	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 So Cal Indians	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Ventura Dodgers	0	0	0	0	0	0
50+ Cactus Division 3						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Austin Express	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Colorado Springs Thunder	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 NSEW Connection	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Sacramento Capitals	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Seattle Steelheads	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Sonoma County Cubs	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Utex Warriors	0	0	0	0	0	0
50+ Desert Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Cal Vets	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Nationals	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Red Deer Legends	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Wild Things	0	0	0	0	0	0

2023 MSBL World Series Important Notes

Rule Highlights

No new inning starts after 3 hours

Central / Cactus / Desert and Zona Divisions - offensive lineup requires a minimum of one plate appearance per game for at least 14 dressed players - this rule is in effect regardless if it's a complete 9 inning game or shortened by the 3 hour time limit. An exception to this is a game that is stopped early due to run rule.

Teams are only obligated to bat as many players as the opposing team has in their dugout at the time of the home plate meeting. If a team has 12 players in their dugout (at the time of the home plate meeting), but expect more coming to the game, the opposing team is only obligated to bat 12 players for the duration of the game.

Only in the case of the 14th batter will a plate appearance satisfy the required 14 player rule. So as long as the 14th batter is in the batter's box) when the 3rd out occurs - this will satisfy the 14 batters rule. There will be no other exceptions to this rule.

In regards to the playoffs in all age groups and divisions, teams will have the option of batting only 10 batters for all playoff rounds and will not need to get 14 players at least one plate appearance.

A/B Batting Option is available for all divisions under 55+ and starting with #1 in the batting order. Please note - for the 55+ / 60+ / 65+ / 70+ / 73+ divisions, the shared batting position rule will be utilized only.

Intentional Walks - one per game - If a pitcher hits 4 batters in a game, he must be removed.

Line-ups - the entire team roster must be presented to the other team before the game begins

All base coaches must be in full uniform and must wear a skull or a helmet when coaching the bases.

Home team sits in the first base dugout

Courtesy Runner - last batted out

Shared Batting Position - teams must declare this at the home plate meeting and use it for the entire game.

Each must bat a minimum of 10 players.

Run rule - 15 run differential after 6 1/2 or 7 innings

No umpires at the field - call the WS office ASAP

Protests - if it involves an umpires rule interpretation, then \$50 is required (game stops and a call is made to the WS office).

The money is returned if the protest is upheld. If it's not - the umpires keep the cash. If it involves a suspected illegal player, then that issue will be handled at the WS office - after the game.

Round Robin Playoff Participation Requirements - To be eligible to play in the playoffs, a player must have had at least one plate appearance in two round robin games - or have pitched 3 outs in 2 round robin games and 1 plate appearance. Or if a pitcher goes 7 innings in 1 round robin game.

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