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MSBL WS Umpire and Staff Member Harold "Red" Thompson Died On March 5th

By Tom Prendergast

Longtime MSBL WS umpire and one of our staff members, Red

Thompson passed away this Spring, he was 82 years old. Red was part of the MSBL World Series for 30+ years. And he loved every minute of the tournament.

When he wasn't on the field umpiring he was assisting in the office or handing out equipment bags to team managers. During our World Series tournament, Red was probably best known - as the "Mayor of Maryvale"! He spent countless hours at the Maryvale Complex and was a welcome sight by our players. He would patrol the grounds in his golf cart and never passed up the opportunity to give anybody who needed help, a lift! His wife Judy, told me that despite his condition he was eagerly anticipating his assignments for this Springs HS baseball games. He had every intention of working these games behind the plate, without using his walker - what a trooper! Judy told me they were married 47 years.

Red's final months were agonizing and filled with constant pain from his multiple and chronic illnesses. So while we will miss him a great deal, we are taking comfort in the knowledge that he's in a better place.

Red started officiating MSBL WS games with his partner, Dale Edison in the early 1990's. Outwardly friendly with a somewhat gruff exterior, Red quickly became a crowd favorite. It wasn't unusual for Red and Dale to work 3 or 4 games in a day and then be right back at the field the next morning to do it again. And these guys would do this for 2 straight weeks and then later on, 3 weeks.

After Hal Kaiser, passed away, our WS equipment distribution manager, Mike Cadenazzi asked Red if he would like to join his staff and Red jumped at the chance. He just couldn't get enough MSBL baseball!

Harold "Red" Thompson's dedication, devotion and loyalty to the MSBL World Series will forever be a part of our history. And we will miss him very much!



MSBL WS Hits 10,000 Teams!



The home of the MSBL World Series since 1988, Tempe Diablo Stadium is the MLB Spring Training home of the LA Angels. The City of Tempe has been a great partner of the MSBL!

With 284 Teams Attending This Year, 10,140 Have Attended The WS In Our 37th Year In The Valley of the Sun, MSBL WS Reaches Another Milestone!

By Tom Prendergast

It's official - the MSBL World Series has surpassed the 10,000 team mark as of this year! Last year, I was a bit premature in announcing that the MSBL World Series had reached the 10,000 team mark. But as it turns out that wasn't the case. After researching our first 36 years, our team count stood at 9,856, with 298 teams attending in 2023. We were still 144 teams shy of the mark. This year we have exceeded that number and we are on our way to the next record. Anyway you look at it, those numbers are just darn impressive!

Since 1998, the MSBL WS has had at least 300 teams every year up until 2022, with the exception of 2020 (the covid year), when we ended up with 202 teams. That summer, we weren't even sure if we were going to be able to have the tournament. So getting 200 plus teams was a major feat in itself.

In 2008, we surpassed the 5,000 team mark (5,271) and 15 years later, we're passing the 10,000 mark. Just the numbers alone are staggering. The estimated number of players that have participated during that span, is approximately 200,000 and we've certainly played at least 30,000 games. It's no wonder we are very popular with the folks at the Tempe Visitor and Convention Bureau!

This summer, we started working on an MSBL World Series Daily News Archive website. I took over for Kurt Knop in 1998, and since that time I've been putting out a WS Daily Newsletter and since 2001, all of these have been preserved in a digital format. The MSBL National Office thought it would be a good idea if we could get all these past issues on line, and make them available to our players. As the unofficial MSBL WS (continued on page 2)

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historian, I get many calls from players asking questions about previous MSBL World Series tournaments. In order to answer these questions I go back and look through previous WS Daily News back issues. Talk about the numbers, at 20 issues per year, and 26 years as the tournament director / editor and publisher, that's over 500 issues. That's a bunch and so my buddy, Joel Becker put together a website, with all of the issues since the 2001 WS. This website continues to be a work in progress, but you can access the tournament by selecting the logo and then the Daily News issues for that year will come up.

www.msblwsarchive.com

MSBL WS History of Teams

(by the numbers - Year by Year)

Year	Teams	Year	Teams
1988	38	2007	325
1989	69	2008	324
1990	97	2009	319
1991	124	2010	320
1992	151	2011	300
1993	193	2012	308
1994	219	2013	324
1995	238	2014	327
1996	257	2015	300
1997	263	2016	315
1998	301	2017	320
1999	320	2018	321
2000	335	2019	323
2001	325	2020	202
2002	329	2021	311
2003	353	2022	297
2004	358	2023	298
2005	334	2024	284
2006	318	Totals	10,140

Some New Policies / Procedures / Rules for the 2024 MSBL World Series**Managers need to turn in a Completed Roster, Ex-Pro and Hotel Forms to be given at Team Registration ONLY and NOT sent ahead of time.****1. The attached roster will be the ONLY roster accepted at team registration.****No other variations will be permitted.**

2. At Team Registration you will be presented with the Ex-Pro sheet describing the parameters/specifications for each division and you will be asked to sign it at that time. The Ex-Pro rules are listed on page 4. All teams need to be in compliance with this rule - no exceptions.

3. Each Manager will be reminded at the Team Registration of all the rules and must show a copy of both signed official roster and signed Ex-Pro sheet to your opponent at the home plate meeting. This way each team knows that you have done your due diligence to prevent Ex-Pro or underage infractions which could result in your team's disqualification.

4. ALL PLAYERS MUST CARRY AN ORIGINAL PHYSICAL GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO ID WITH THEM TO ALL GAMES

5. This can be either a Driver's License or Passport but MUST include a photo

6. If the player cannot provide this proof and a proper protest is lodged, that game will be declared an immediate forfeit. *Note: A proper protest begins with a manager asking for time and bringing the home plate umpire \$50 cash and a cell phone.*

7. If the player cannot provide this proof within 3 hours of the lodged protest, all games that the player has already played in will also be declared a forfeit

8. In reference to participation requirements for the playoffs, the rule has always stated 2 appearances in 5 games (or 6 depending on age division). For 2024, if a pitcher pitches 7 or more innings in 1 Round Robin Game, that would automatically qualify him for the playoffs. This MUST be documented in both scorebooks (yours and your opponents) if the need arises to verify. By the last day of the Round Robin, please make sure to complete the playoff eligibility form and make copies for each game.

THIS IS PROTESTABLE.

9. The waiver link for players to complete online has been sent to all teams. Any waivers that were completed using the 2023 link will NOT be valid for 2024.

10. Once you register your team, there will be no further refunds or credits under any circumstances. Each Manager will be asked to sign recognition of this as well.

**2025 MSBL / MABL WORLD SERIES DATES****Week # 1**

50+ Divisions	Sun - Fri	October 19th - 24th	6 games
70+ Divisions	Sun - Sat	October 19th - 25th	5 games
40+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	October 20th - 25th	6 games
25+ Divisions	Wed - Sun	October 22nd - 26th	5 games

Week # 2

55+ Divisions	Sat - Thur	October 25th - 29th	6 games
65+ Divisions	Sat - Fri	October 25th - 31st	5 games
35+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	October 27th - Nov 1st	6 games
73+ Divisions	Mon - Sun	October 27th - Nov 2nd	5 games
Father / Son	Thur - Sun	October 30th - Nov 2nd	4 games

Week # 3

75+ Divisions	Sun - Sat	November 2nd - 8th	5 games
45+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	November 3rd - 8th	6 games
60+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	November 3rd - 8th	6 games



No Alcoholic beverages allowed before during or after any MSBL WS games!

50+ National Division

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Chicago North TSP's						
2 Midwest Angels	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Mustangs Baseball Club	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 OC Sox	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 San Antonio Bombers	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 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 Austin Express	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Chicago Pinch Hitters	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Colorado Springs Thunder	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Hudson Valley Bears	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 NSEW Connection	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Phoenix Padres	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 So Cal Indians	0	0	0	0	0	0

50+ Cactus Division 2

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Cal Vets						
2 Carolina Cobras	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Dallas Sultaness	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Fresno Hardcor	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Indiana Blue Jays	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Nationals	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Sacramento Capitals	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Silverton Red Sox	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Ventura Dodgers	0	0	0	0	0	0

50+ Desert Division

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 East Coast Phillies	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Red Deer Legends	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Saskatchewan Sportsmen	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Wild Things	0	0	0	0	0	0

70+ National/Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Berry's	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Chicago North TSP Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 LA Athletics	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Minnesota Bandits	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Rhode Island Salty Dogs	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Yonder Travelers	0	0	0	0	0	0

70+ Cactus Division 1

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Cal Bears	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 Pacific Reds	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Red Deer Legends	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Sacramento Pirates	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 So Cal Dodgers	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Tucson Old Timers	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 Florida Yankees	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Lehigh Valley Prospects	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 MBI	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Milwaukee Rattlers	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Paladin	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Seattle Mariners	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Tucson Rucos	0	0	0	0	0	0

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2024 MSBL World Series Important Notes

All of the 2024 MSBL WS divisions and team schedules have been posted on the Team Snap Tournaments and the National MSBL website.

This year, when a team manager checks in, he's going to be required to submit his roster and ex-pro sheet at that time. Before each game, the team managers must show a copy of these signed documents to the opposing manager at the home plate meeting.

This way each team knows that you have done your due diligence to prevent ex-pro or underage infractions, which could result in your teams disqualification,

All players must carry an original physical government issued photo ID with them to all games!

This can be either a driver's license or passport, but must include a photo. If the player cannot provide this proof and a proper protest is lodged, that game will be declared an immediate forfeit!

If the player cannot provide this proof within 3 hours of the lodged protest, all games that the player has already played in will also be declared a forfeit.

In reference to participation requirements for the playoffs, the rule has always stated 2 appearances in 5 (or 6 depending on age div). For 2024, if a pitcher pitches 7 or more innings in 1 round robin game, that would automatically qualify him for the playoffs.

This must be documented in both scorebooks (yours and your opponents) if the need arises to verify. By the last day of the round robin, please make sure to complete the playoff eligibility form and make copies for each game. This is protestable!

Run rule - 15 run differential after 7 completed innings.

Any World Series playoff and championship game protests must be lodged at the field before, during or at the direct conclusion of the game. No other protests will be considered.

For Central, Cactus, Desert and Zona divisions - there is no 14 batter requirement for playoff and championship games.

In reference to Courtesy Runners / Shared Batting / A/B Batter All divisions 55+ and above will use the "Shared Batting" rule except the top three divisions. They will have the choice to use either the A/B Batter or Shared Batting. The team must indicate what they are using at the home plate meeting and must stay with it for the entirety of the game.

The purpose of this rule is to enable more players to participate as the manager uses two players to share one batting position in the offensive line up during the game. The manager decides who bats each time the batting position comes up. And the manager must notify the opposing manager and scorekeeper when the players are being switched the first time in the game. (Failure to do so results in a ruling of "batting out of order").

Note: In addition to the A/B batting and Shared Batting position, each team may use two courtesy runners as well.

If either batter in a "Shared Batting" position are pinch hit for, then both players are out of the offensive lineup for that game.



2024 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 3 years.
Cactus Divisions – All	Ineligible unless out 10 years
Foreign Professional Players	
Central Divisions – All	Ineligible unless out 10 years. Can only pitch 45+/50+/55+/60+65+ Divisions
Cactus & Desert Divisions – All	Ineligible regardless of length of time out