

MERBL Middle School Division Coaches Meeting

Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 6pm
In Basement of Katy Cavins Center
308 E Fifth St, O'Fallon

MEETING AGENDA

I. Bring Meeting to Order and Welcome

- A. Introduction of MERBL Representatives
- B. Coach Verbal Introductions

II. Sign in Sheet & Schedule Request Sheet

III. Season Timeline

- A. 14 scheduled games (Expect 2-3 Games per week). Saturday is our big scheduling day.
- B. Season start date Thursday, April 25 for some teams. Saturday April 27 for all teams.
- C. Season Projected end date Wednesday, June 19.
- D. Playoffs start Saturday, June 22.
- E. Playoffs to end by Tuesday, July 2.
- F. All-Star Game Sunday June 2.

IV. Program Setup

- A. Two Leagues (National & American). Playoffs in each league with winners playing 7 inning game "World Series"
- B. Try to make leagues equal in strength.
- C. Team Identification
 - 1. Initial of home location: O'Fallon teams will start with a "OF"
 - 2..Number: Uneven number for National League. Even number for American.Example: OF1 would be a National League team, OF2 would be American League.
- 3. I will reference teams with Initial, number, and coach's last name.

V. Rainout Procedures

- A. Two hour notice is preferred, when possible.
- B. Park & Rec first call, or text, to me. I call off umpires.
- C. Park & Rec 2nd call to their home field coach.
- D. Home field coach notify visiting coach.
- E. I will also notify both coaches.

VI. Information Your Parks & Rec Should Have From You

- A. A "Request To Coach Form" (I prefer the Assistant Coach, as well as Head Coach)
- B. A completed CDC Concussion Protocol test certificate. Two people per team.

VII. Website: MERBL.org

- A. I will notify coaches about reschedule game dates, location, and time. Rescheduled games will also appear on the "Rainouts & Reschedules" tab.
- B. I will attempt to record scores and update standings at the end of each day's games.
- C. Assuming I had enough info before this meeting, you should have the following info: Middle School Rules, Field Location/Rainout Info Sheet, Coach Contact Sheets (one for each league).
- D. All of these files are already, or will be, on the MERBL.org website.

VIII. MERBL Middle School Rules

- A. UIC Gary Chambless
- B. Open Discussion

IX. Notes

- A. Check emails daily.