

MERBL

HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL ALL-STAR GAME

Saturday 6/27 Game Time 5:00pm

Welcome to the MERBL High School 27th Annual All-Star Game. Moody Park in Fairview Heights will be the host location. The game will play on GLF (George Lanxon Field). This is the nice field used for Mont Clair games and Legion games in the past.

Concession Stand will open at 9:00am. Unlike our other games with a concession stand, this concession stand will be operated by volunteers from MERBL and hopefully some player parents.

OUR TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

1. Two Middle School Games on the North Field (8 & 10am start times).
2. Home Run Derby For High School Players Only. On the North Field. Approximate start time of 1:00pm. Hope to be completed by 2:30pm.
3. All-Star Game players need to start arriving, at minimum, an hour before game time if possible. With each team sending 4 players and there being 14-15 teams, the coaches will have their hands full getting players checked in and lineups set.
4. Hog Raffle tickets will be available for purchase. Drawing will be held September 12th, during our Fall Ball season.

We are asking that each person pay an admission fee of 1 or 2 items for our local food pantry. Look for big blue barrel. This includes players and coaches.

This will be a 9-inning game. Coaches will schedule their players, especially pitchers and catchers, based on this fact. For this reason, we do not want to shorten the innings played. Steps may be taken to shorten the amount of time innings are taking. MERBL reserves the right to make these adjustments as needed. Some ideas may be discussed at plate meeting.

We hope to have a few sample shirts at the concession stand for sizing and to sell. There will be an opportunity to place orders with "All-Pro Tees" if desired.

Coaches can decide on their 4 representatives as they wish. Keep in mind that pitchers can only pitch 3 outs. A minimum of 9 pitchers will be needed. We encourage teammates to show up and support those chosen.

THE GAME FOREMAT

The National League plays The American League. The Head Coach for each league is the coach from the 1st place team in each league.

Each team sends 4 players. If we have 7 teams in each league, most players will get 3 defensive innings played. Players wear their team uniforms.

We will use the same rules as season games with a few exceptions: 1) 9 innings with no mercy rule to stop game (unless coaches want to). 2) pitchers pitch 3 outs max. 3) MERBL will make adjustments as needed in terms of inning length.

This will be a "Wood Bat Only" game. I will have bats on sight for those that need them.

We will have 4 umpires working this game.

WHAT I NEED FROM COACHES

- 1) By Tuesday 6/23---Email the names of your players (not nicknames); uniform numbers; and positions played. I will organize this information and get it to the two Head Coaches by Thursday 6/25.
- 2) Head Coaches need to use the other Head Coaches in your respective league. We encourage all coaches to be a part of this special day.
- 3) Try to get your players on sight by 3-3:15pm. They need to check in as soon as they arrive so you coaches can finalize lineups and batting order.
- 4) You need to make three copies of batting order (one for your scorekeeper, one for the other team, and one for the broadcasters).
- 5) At or about 4:15pm we will have a "First Pitch", followed by Team introductions with players coming out as called to line up on their respective foul line.
- 6) Players stay on their respective baselines while we play the National Anthem. I am fine with parents going on field to take pictures of two lines of players.
- 7) LET'S PLAY BASEBALL

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