

MERBL High School Division Coaches Meeting

Friday, May 5, 2023, at 6pm
Katy Cavin's Ctr. (Log Cabin)
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 5/25 early teams, Thursday & Saturday 6/1 & 6/3 for most teams.
 - C. Season Projected end date Thursday, July 13.
 - D. Playoffs start Saturday 7/15. Two games per team minimum.
 - E. First Round will be "Round Robin" scenario. Title game no later than 7/27.
 - F. All-Star Game July 29. NOTE: There is a handout in your folder.
- IV. Program Setup
 - A. Two Leagues (National & American). Playoffs in each league with winners playing best 2 of 3 "World Series"
 - B. Try to make leagues equal in strength.
 - C. Team Identification
 - 1. Initial of home location: Troy teams will start with a "T"
 - 2..Number: Uneven number for National League. Even number for American.
 - 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. I accept two years between renewal.

VII. Website: MERBL.org

- A. Rescheduled games will appear on the "Rainouts & Reschedules" tab.
- B. I will attempt to record scores and update standings at the end of each day's games.

VIII. MERBL High School Rules

- A. UIC Gary Chambless
- B. Open Discussion

IX. Odds & Ends

- A. I will designate a few dates at various locations as "Wood Bat Only" games. Bats will be provided on site, or players can use their own. If you are against your players enjoying this experience, let me know. The All-Star game is a "Wood Bat Only Game".
- B. NOTE: Teams that can not play a scheduled game after the final schedule is out, because of not enough players, will forfeit that game.
- C. NOTE: Teams will not be allowed to play music at games.

X. NOTES:

