

# MERBL High School Division Coaches Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 6pm  
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## 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 Tuesday or Thursday (5/28 or 5/30) for some teams, Saturday June 1 for most teams.
  - C. Season Projected end date Wednesday or Thursday, July 17 or 18.
  - D. Playoffs start Saturday 7/20. Two games per team minimum.
  - E. First Round will be "Round Robin" scenario. Title game no later than 7/31.
  - F. All-Star Game Saturday 7/28. Rain date 7/29. 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. Numbers: 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. This information should be published the next morning.

#### 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. I will try to schedule every team in, at least, one "Round Robin" scenario at some point of season. This will somewhat prepare you for the 1<sup>st</sup> round of playoffs. We simply do not have time to have a double-elimination playoff. By starting off with a "Round Robin" every team should get a minimum of 2 playoff games.

C. NOTE: Teams that can not play a scheduled game after the final schedule is out, because of not enough players, will forfeit that game.

D. NOTE: Teams will not be allowed to play music at games.

X. NOTES:



