

MERBL High School Division Coaches Meeting

Friday, May 8, 2026 at 5pm
411 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 Tuesday 5/24 for a few teams. Saturday 5/30 for most of the remaining teams. Plan on 2-3 games per week. May play one doubleheader.
 - C. Season Projected end date Wednesday 7/15.
 - D. Playoffs start Saturday 7/18. Two games per team minimum.
 - E. Best, 2 of 3, World Series should end by Tuesday 7/28.
 - F. All-Star Game 1st choice Saturday 6/27 at Legion Field (GLF) in Moody Park Fairview Heights. Our 2nd choice is Sunday 6/28 on GLF in Moody Park.
 - G. More All-Star Game information should be found in your envelope.
- IV. Program Setup
 - A. Two Leagues (National & American). Playoffs in each league with winners playing best 2 of 3 "World Series"
 - B. We 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 2nd call to their home field coach.
- D. Home field coach notify visiting coach.
- E. I will also notify both coaches. And follow up with posting on MERBL Face Book Page.

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. These reschedules can also be found on the "Schedules/Scores 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. Coaches, please text your scores to (618) 406-4979

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" or "Doubleheader" scenario at some point of season. This will somewhat prepare you for the 1st 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. REMEMBER: You can borrow up to 2 players that are registered in MERBL.

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

X. NOTES:



