

MERBL

MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNUAL ALL-STAR GAME

Sunday 6/14 Game Time 1:00pm

Welcome to the MERBL Middle School 6th Annual All-Star Game. St. Jacob will be the host location. The game will play on Field 3. The backstop is a mere 50 feet from a shaded "concession stand".

Concession Stand will open at 11:00am. We know that families will be rushed and may benefit from knowing that food will be available on site. Players need to start arriving, at minimum, an hour before game time if possible. With each team sending three players and there being 15-16 teams, the coaches will have their hands full getting players checked in and lineups set.

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 7-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 three representatives as they wish. Keep in mind that pitchers can only pitch 3 outs. A minimum of 7 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 three players. If we have 7 teams in each league, each player 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) play 7 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. May implement runs per inning rule, etc.

COACHES:

- 1) By Wednesday 6/10--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 Friday 6/12.
- 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. Your players will be more comfortable as well.
- 3) Let your players know which league your team is in, National or American; or better yet your name. This will help MERBL personnel direct them to the proper dugout upon arrival.
- 4) Let players and parents know about food pantry items as cost of admission. Large blue barrel will be on sight.

FINAL NOTE: Have Fun This Day Is For The Kids!!

