



## MERBL 2026 Middle School Division Coaches Meeting

Monday, April 6, at 5pm  
411 E. Fifth St.  
O'Fallon Community Park

### 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 Saturday, April 25 for most teams.
- C. Season Projected end date Wednesday, July 2.
- D. Playoffs start Monday, July 6.
- E. Playoffs to end by Wednesday, July 15.
- F. All-Star Game Sunday June 14 at St. Jacob Park Field 3.

#### IV. Program Setup

- A. Two Leagues (National & American). Playoffs in each league with winners playing 7 inning game "World Series".
- B. Try to make leagues equal in strength.
- C. Team Identification
  - 1. Initial of home location: O'Fallon teams will start with a "OF"
  - 2. Number: Uneven number for National League. Even number for American.Example: OF1 would be a National League team, OF2 would be American League.
  - 3. I will reference teams with Initial, number, and coach's last name.

#### V. Rainout Procedures

Two-hour notice is preferred, when possible.

Park & Rec first call, or text, to me. I call off umpires.

Park & Rec 2nd call to their home field coach.

Home field coach notifies visiting coach.

I will also notify both coaches, as well as list on MERBL Facebook Page

## VI. Information Your Parks & Rec Should Have From You

A "Request To Coach Form" (I prefer the Assistant Coach, as well as Head Coach)  
A completed CDC Concussion Protocol test certificate. Two people per team.

## VII. Website: MERBL.org

I will notify coaches about reschedule game dates, location, and time. Rescheduled games will also appear on the "Rainouts & Reschedules" tab.

I will attempt to record scores and update standings at the end of each day's games.

Assuming I had enough info before this meeting, you should have the following info: Middle School Rules, Field Location/Rainout Info Sheet, Coach Contact Sheets (one for each league).

All of these files are already, or will be, on the MERBL.org website.

Please Check Emails Daily.

## VIII. MERBL Middle School Rules

UIC Gary Chambless

Open Discussion

## IX. New Items

Hog Raffle (Two winners ½ Hog Each. Tickets on sale through Saturday 9/12).

People will be able to order shirts, hats, etc. through All-Pro Tees via links on MERBL Facebook Page as well as on MERBL website. I am working on having All-Pro Tees to be set up at our All-Star Game.

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