



2012 Tournament Info & Rules

Memorial Day Baseball Shootout and Labor Day Baseball Classic



Entry Fee Policy, Waiver Policy, Roster Policy, Adverse Weather Policy, Refund Policies, Deleted Division Policy, Special Requests Policy, and Awards Policy & Rules Addendums

Entry Fee Policy

All team entry fees must be received by their respective cutoff dates by the tournament director. Refer to Tournament Fee Schedule form for cutoff dates.

Age Policy

18 and Over Division: Each player must be the age of his respective age bracket by December 31, 2012. If any MABL player is the age of 17 and will turn age 18 by December 31, 2012, he is eligible to play in this tournament. If there is a protest and a team is found to be using an illegal player or players that team will forfeit all wins by the score of 18 to 0. The illegal 1 player(s) will be banned from further play in the tournament. Managers using a MABL player or players that is 17 but will turn 18 by December 31, 2012, must signify that players(s) name on his team's roster before presenting it to the tournament director(s). All players must have their Driver's License on their person for proof of age during the tournament.

35 and Over Division: Each player must be the age of his respective age bracket by December 31, 2012. We will allow 2 age exemptions of no more than 2 years for all 35+ teams, with the provision they cannot pitch!!! If there is a protest and a team is found to be using an illegal player or players, then that team will forfeit all its wins by a score of 18 to 0. The illegal player or players will also be banned from further play in the tournament. All players must have their Driver's License on their person for proof of age during the tournament. Since the age of the player in this age division is based on how old he will be by December 31, 2012, a 34 year old player (or players) that turns 35 by December 31, 2012, is (or they are) NOT bound by the "cannot pitch" rule, nor will they be counted towards the 2 age exemptions.

- a. Age allowed for 35+ Division – 2 players who turned or will turn 33 or 34 (one of each) by 12/31/2012.

All players must have photo ID with them at all times in case of any age dispute or be disqualified from tournament. For the disqualified player's team the Forfeit rule will be enforced for those games played with illegal players.

Roster Policy

Complete roster must be e-mailed to DavidLeeHash@gmail.com or faxed to (801) 681-0286. Your team roster must be received 72 hours before the start of the tournament. If your roster is not submitted 72 hour before the beginning of the tournament there will be an additional charge of \$25.00 to submit your roster. You will be required to pay the resubmit fee when handing in your final roster to the tournament director(s) by special appointment and no later than 10 pm the Friday evening before the tournament begins.

Adverse Weather

The 2012 Memorial Day Baseball Shootout and/or The 2012 Labor Day Baseball Classic may be played in adverse weather conditions. The E.C. Cardinals, the Charlottesville MABL, Inc. and the Tournament Director(s) reserve the right to change the format of the tournament to lesser time limits, fewer innings, or reduce the playoff format in whatever means possible to complete the tournament. All participating coaches, managers and players accept these conditions when entering this tournament.

Refund Policy for Adverse Weather

There will be a \$150.00 administration fee charged per team if the tournament is completely rained out. If The 2012 Memorial Day Baseball Shootout and/or The Labor Day Baseball Classic is completely rained out, your \$150.00 administration fee charge will be applied toward The 2013 Memorial Day Baseball Shootout or the 2013 Labor Day Baseball Classic. If one (1) game is played = half of the entry fee will be refunded; if two (2) games are played = one-third of the entry fee will be refunded; if three (3) or more games are played = no refund. The Champion of each

division will be decided by the Tournament Director and the Assistant Tournament Directors. This will be done by using the robin tie break rules to crown a Champion.

Refund Policy Prior to Tournament

No refund will be given if the tournament bracket or schedule has been posted. If the schedule has not been posted and you email or fax to cancel your team's participation in the tournament 15 days before the tournament start date a full entry fee refund will be given minus a \$150.00 administration fee. If the schedule has not been posted and you email or fax to cancel your team's participation in the tournament:

- 14 days before the tournament start date, 75% of your entry fee will be refunded.
- Cancellation by a team 13 days or fewer before the tournament start date, no refund.

Deleted Divisions Refund

The 2012 Memorial Day Baseball Shootout and/or The 2012 Labor Day Baseball Classic and its Tournament Director(s) reserves the right to add, delete, merge or create divisions or divisional formats based on the number of teams entered at any time before the tournament begins, and will make every effort to give teams advance notice. If a team planned to enter a deleted division, that team may play in another division or receive a full refund less the \$150.00 administration fee.

Scheduling Requests

Before entering either tournament, please make sure your team has no conflicts on the dates of the tournament(s). The E.C. Cardinals, the Charlottesville MABL, Inc. and the Tournament Director(s) will only consider accommodating game scheduling requests based on the date of receipt of a team's entry fees. This means first paid first served on scheduling request. The tournament director(s) still do not guarantee an exact match to any team's scheduling request; however, our best efforts will be made. Teams need to be prepared to play at their scheduled divisional game times. You may request an emailed copy of the tournament schedule 3 days ahead of the tournament start date. The tournament schedule can and will be emailed to you if it's ready published; this depends on all team entry fees being paid in full and final rosters being submitted. The tournament game schedule will be posted online as soon as possible. In case of inclement weather, all teams should be ready to play at 7:30 am on the FIRST FULL DAY of the tournament.

Baseballs

The tournament directors will supply 8 baseballs for each game. Participating teams are responsible for retrieving all foul and home run baseballs. Any additional baseballs must be provided by the participating teams if needed.

Awards

All awards are subject to change based on current cost at time of event and availability of award (s).

RULES ADDENDUMS

MSBL National Tournament Rules will apply except where noted below.

1. Safety is paramount! Avoid collision by going around or giving oneself up to avoid injury!
2. All games are 9 innings. The final score will be recorded after a complete inning prior to time limit being exceeded and will stand as the final score.
3. No new inning will begin after 2 hours-30 minutes to allow for travel between fields.
4. The top four teams in each age Division will advance to single elimination playoff games.
5. Round Robin Standings will be determined based on point system (Win=2 pt, Loss=0 pt, Tie=1 pt).
6. Tie Breakers based up on the following criteria:
 - a. Head-to-Head Competition
 - b. Runs Allowed
 - c. Runs Scored
 - d. Coin Toss
7. Round-Robin Slaughter Rule will be 10 runs after 7 innings.
8. Playoff & Championship games have no slaughter rule, game played until winner is decided (i.e., no ties).
9. Only Wood or Wood Composite Bats are permitted in this tournament.
10. First time offense with an illegal bat will result in a recorded out. Subsequent violations will result in the next batter from that team with an illegal bat being ejected and an out will be recorded.
11. Ejected players are expelled for the next 2 games his team is scheduled to play. (No exceptions)
12. Unlimited Defensive Substitutions are permitted.
13. Adding players to the bottom of the line-up at any point is permitted. However, if a player is injured or is unable to bat in the line up and the batters time comes to hit and there's no substitute who is not already in the hitting line-up to replace the batter, an out will be recorded.
14. A/B line-ups are permitted beginning at the ten-spot in the hitting line-up.
15. All Hitters, On-Deck Batters and Base Coaches are required to wear batting helmets.
16. Teams are required to bat 10 batters.
17. Alcohol and/or any Tobacco Product use are not permitted at any facility.
18. "Soft-Toss" against fencing is prohibited at each facility.
19. Participating teams are responsible for retrieving all foul and home run baseballs. Only 8 baseballs per game will be provided. Additional baseballs must be provided by the participating teams.
20. Remove all trash from dugouts following completion of each game and dispose of it properly.
21. Both Team Managers must call in Final Score to Tournament Director (434-531-5354) immediately upon completion of game. Leave your score on the voicemail, and please speak slowly and clearly when giving your game score.
22. Play-off eligible teams will be notified as soon as possible with play-off game time/field location.
23. Failure to follow these rules could result in expulsion from tournament with forfeiture of all tournament fees.

Team Managers are responsible to ensure each player is familiar with and abides by these rules.