

General Information

The Charlottesville MABL, Inc. is pleased to host the "Labor Day Baseball Classic" (an MSBL Regional Tournament) on **Labor Day Weekend**. The Charlottesville MABL, Inc. has arranged for your team to play on some of the best baseball fields for regional tournament play in Central Virginia. More information is attached and on **BenefitTournament.com**.

The tournament format will consist of 3 age divisions (25+, 40+, and 50+). Each age division will be made up of 8 teams comprised of two 4 team brackets per age division. Every effort will be made to fill each bracket with 4 teams. However, the Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust the format of the age group divisions and brackets based upon age group team registration. For example,

In the event of a 3 team Division, each team will play each other once. The highest standing team after round robin play will automatically compete in the Championship Game. The other 2 teams will compete in a playoff game to reach the Championship Game.

In the event of a 4 team Division, the team with the highest standing after round robin play will receive an automatic berth into the Championship Game. The 2nd and 3rd place team will compete in a playoff game to reach the Championship Game. 4th place team after round robin play will be eliminated from further competition.

In the event of a 5 team Division, the team with the best record, or best outcome based on tie-breaker criteria, will receive a bye for the 3rd round robin game and automatically qualify for the playoff game. The remaining 4 teams will play their 3rd round robin game with the top 3 teams making the playoff games. The 5th place team after round robin play will be eliminated from further competition.

In the event of a 6 team Division, the top 4 teams after round robin play will compete in a playoff game to reach the Championship Game. The bottom 2 teams after round robin play will be eliminated from further competition.

In the event of a 7 team division, the team with the best record, or best outcome based on tie-breaker criteria, will receive a bye for the 3rd round robin game and automatically qualify for a playoff game. The remaining 6 teams will play their 3rd round robin game with the top 3 teams qualifying for a playoff game to reach the Championship Game.

In the event of an 8 team Division, 2 brackets of 4 teams each will compete in round robin play with the top 2 teams from each bracket competing in a playoff game to reach the Championship Game. The bottom 2 teams from each bracket after round robin play will be eliminated from further competition.

Teams will be registered and preferential scheduling will be based on a *first-to-pay-in-full* basis. No deposits toward fees will be accepted. Payment must be made in full with one (1) check, money order, or credit card for the team, made payable to "Charlottesville MABL, Inc."

Registration Fees (no more than 25 players per roster) are as follows:

Player Entry Fee of \$75.00 per player up to a 15 player minimum roster; any additional player(s) on a team roster over 15 players will be charged \$25.00 per player. All managers are responsible for collection and payment of player fees. These collections are not the responsibility of the Charlottesville MABL, Inc. All player fee payments and team registration forms must be submitted by the team's manager by **August 15th**.

NO MORE THAN 25 PLAYERS PER ROSTER.

Player/Team Registration Fees include:

- 3 Guaranteed Games
- 2 Umpires for Each Game and 3 to 4 Umpires for each Championship games
- Baseballs provided (1 Dozen or 4 baseballs per round robin game)
- Championship Trophy for Each Division Winner
- Championship hats
- Runner-Up Trophy for Each Division Runner-Up
- MitchellHashFoundation.com rubber wristbands (to be worn on the glove hand in every game)

Team Check-In is REQUIRED and will be held on September 3rd from 6pm to 9pm at tournament headquarters hotel (TBD). Look for an email and text for the "Team Check In" location and address one week prior to the tournament. Please be prepared for check in. Please have your "Team Roster" used as a cover sheet for all your teams "Player Waivers" ready for "Team Check In". Please have ready any additional payment due for last minute roster additions. Each team's Baseballs and wristbands will be provided at "Team Check In."

Tournament Rules

Men's Senior Baseball League (MSBL) Rules will apply except where noted below.

Safety is paramount! Avoid collision by going around or giving oneself up to avoid injury!

All games are 9 innings. No new inning will begin after the 2 hour and 30 minute game time limit, to allow for travel between fields. If the home team is ahead in the game, the last half of the inning is not to be played.

Round Robin Slaughter Rule is 12 runs after 6 innings.

Standings will be determined based on the MSBL Tournament Point System (2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss).

Tie Breakers are based upon the below criteria, when/if needed:

1. Head-to-Head Competition
2. Runs Allowed
3. Runs For
4. Coin Toss

The top 4 teams in each Division (top 2 teams of a 4-team bracket) will advance to single elimination playoff games. Playoff and Championship games will be played until there is a winner, with no time limits.

Rules regarding bats:

- Only wood bats are permitted.
- Ash, Maple, Hickory, Birch, Bamboo, Oak, or Wood Composite Bats are authorized wood bats.
- No metal handled bats permitted!
- Bats must be no more than -3 weight-to-length ratio.
- 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 recorded.

A Player that's ejected from a game for any reason must sit out his team's next game. A Player that's ejected from 2 games for any reason is expelled from the tournament. No refunds.

Pitchers cannot re-enter the game in the same inning they were removed. The pitcher can re-enter to pitch in a succeeding inning. If removed a 2nd time, the pitcher can no longer pitch in the game. The removed pitcher may play other defensive positions during the game.

A pitcher must be removed if he hits 4 batters during a game. The pitcher cannot re-enter a game as a pitcher if removed for hitting batters. The pitcher may play other defensive positions.

Unlimited Defensive Substitutions are permitted.

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 lineup when batter is due up and there is no substitute who is not already in the hitting line-up to replace the batter, an out will be recorded.

A/B line-ups are permitted beginning at the 10-spot in the hitting line-up.

All Hitters, On-Deck Batters, and Base Coaches are required to wear batting helmets.

Teams are NOT required to bat 10 batters.

Alcohol and/or any Tobacco Product use are not permitted at any facility. The team will forfeit said games with a 9 to 0 loss. The infringing player will be expelled from the game, without any refunds of fees. Subsequently, the team may continue to play the remaining scheduled games.

"Soft-Toss" against fencing is prohibited at each facility.

Participating teams are responsible for retrieving all foul and home run baseballs.

Only 1 dozen baseballs will be provided to each team for round-robin games. Baseballs will be provided for playoff games and the Championship Game by tournament umpires. Any additional baseball needs must be provided by the participating teams.

3 baseballs from each team are to be provided to the home plate umpire at the pregame plate conference.

2 designated runners are allowed for any 2 batters in a team's original lineup. These designated runners have to be announced at the umpire's pre-game plate conference.

Speedup rule: When there are 2 outs in any inning and the pitcher or catcher of the hitting team are on base, the team hitting must use their last batted out player to run for the pitcher or catcher that are on base. This is in an effort to keep all round robin games moving along so we're not forced to use our tournament round robin game time limit rule.

Removal of all trash from dugouts following each game and disposing of it properly is the duty of the team leaving the dugout.

Both Team Managers must call in the final score to the Tournament Director immediately upon completion of any game to **434-806-5859**. If the Tournament Director is unable to answer their phone, leave the winner of your game and the score on voicemail.

Playoff eligible teams will be notified as soon as possible with playoff game time and field location. Please be patient until all games are completed and scores are submitted. Out-of-town teams who have been eliminated from the playoff game will be notified first.

Failure to follow these rules could result in expulsion from the tournament with forfeiture of all player/team tournament fees.

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

Tournament Policies

Age eligibility is determined by age as of **December 31st** of the year of the tournament. Any team using a player who is not an MSBL member or who is under the minimum age for the division in which they are participating, without having an approved waiver for MSBL membership or meeting the minimum age, will be considered ineligible. This will result in forfeiture of any and all games in which the ineligible player participated. The team will forfeit said games with a 9 to 0 loss. The ineligible player will be expelled from the tournament, without any refunds of fees. Subsequently, the team may continue to play the remaining scheduled games.

All players must carry on their personal photo identification in the form of a state issued driver's license, passport, or military identification card in the event of any inquiry. There will be no more than 2 age waivers for players allowed per each team roster per each age division. Age waived players cannot pitch.

Each Team Manager must go to **BenefitTournament.com** and complete, sign and return the following via email, postal mail, fax, or by hand at team check-in on September 3rd:

- Roster Template Download
- Team Participation Agreement
- Individual Player Waivers

Tournament Director:

David Hash, c 434-806-5859, f 801-681-0286, davidleehash@gmail.com
3500 Marlboro Ct · Charlottesville VA 22901

Player and Team Waiver and Liability Policy: By registering and participating in the Labor Day Baseball Classic, an MSBL Regional Baseball Tournament, each participating team, player, manager, coach, and/or team spectators realize that the total responsibility for any injury, accident, incident, illness, or death to any person on the team or damage or destruction of property of the team while participating in Tournament activities, games, practices, or functions, including, but not limited to any Charlottesville MABL, Inc. and its League Officer(s), Tournament Director(s), Tournament Committee, and League Member(s). Mandated or scheduled functions are solely the responsibility of the individual players and teams. Teams, Managers, and Players fully realize that any loss or damages to personal property are the team's responsibility. Any loss(es) or damage(s) to fields or hotels precipitated by a Team, Manager, and/or Player, shall be the team's responsibility.

Adverse Weather Policy:

- The Labor Day Baseball Classic, an MSBL Regional Tournament, may be played in adverse weather conditions as long as the county, player, umpire, and spectator safety is not compromised. The county and the umpires have final discretion regarding starting or stopping play due to adverse weather (i.e. lightning, rain, etc.). However, the game clock will continue to run during any delay. The Charlottesville MABL, Inc. and its Tournament Director(s) reserves the right to change the format of the tournament to lesser time limits, fewer innings, rearrange schedule, rearrange game locations, or reduce the round robin or playoff format by whatever means is necessary to complete the tournament.
- Adverse Weather Refund Policy: There will be a \$350.00 non-refundable administration fee charged to each team in the event of a complete rain out of the tournament to cover pre-tournament expenses (i.e. Trophies, MVP Awards, Field Reservation Fees, etc.). All managers will receive by UPS or FedEx your team's tournament T-Shirts. This may take up to 2 weeks.
- If, as a result of adverse weather a partial or full cancellation of the tournament occurs, the tournament fee refund structure is as follows: if 1 game is played, \$700.00 of entry will be refunded; if 2 games are played, \$350.00 of entry fee will be refunded; if 3 or more games are played, there is no refund given.

Pre-Tournament Refund Policy: No refund will be issued once the tournament brackets or tournament schedule has been posted unless games are cancelled. In this case, the refund schedule for adverse weather will be honored. If the tournament brackets or tournament schedule has not been posted and you email to cancel your team's participation in the tournament before August 1st, a full refund minus the \$350.00 administration fee will be issued. Cancellations after August 15th will result in forfeiture of 100% of Player/Team Registration Fees.

Deleted Division Refund Policy: The Charlottesville MABL, Inc. and its Tournament Director(s) reserve 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 and will make every effort to provide affected teams with advance notice. If a team planned to enter a deleted division, that team may play in another division or receive a full refund minus the \$350.00 administration fee.

Special Start and Field Request Policy: Before entering the Labor Day Baseball Classic, an MSBL Regional Tournament, please ensure your players and team are committed to the tournament throughout the duration of the Labor Day Weekend and avoid other conflicts that may result in having insufficient players to field a team. The Charlottesville MABL, Inc. and its Tournament Director(s) will accommodate teams to the best of our ability for teams traveling from distant locations. However, teams must be prepared to play at their designated time and location as posted on the tournament schedule. Despite the case of inclement weather or pending inclement weather, teams should be ready to take the field and begin play at 8:45 am on September 4th.