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A Compelling Story About Our MSBL Director of Communications

By Tom Prendergast

Earlier this summer I received an email from Steve LaMontia, which is not unusual since we correspond quite often. I noticed that his last name had changed to include a new last name. So of course I contacted him to get the rest of the story. Here it is:



This is Steve LaMontia, MSBL Director of Communications, checking in with a short yet powerful story that concludes with an important message for you. I'll attempt to be brief.

I have been on this earth for 75 years, and in 2024, thanks to my wife urging me to complete a DNA analysis through Ancestry, I found out who my birth father was and that I have a brother and sister! I have spent my life as an only child, having been adopted at the age of five by my stepfather, Tony LaMontia. As you can imagine, this came as quite a pleasant surprise. I won't bore you with non-baseball related details, but this news at this stage of my life is quite a game changer. My birth father and his family hailed from Carlentini, Sicily.

For the sake of generations continuing on and to honor my original family and new-found pride, I am changing my name to LaMontia-Carlentini.

LaMontia remains my legal name for many technical reasons. But this change will take effect on everything I can more adequately control. I am writing to inform you that from this moment on, both in my personal world and my MSBL communications, you will see 'LaMontia-Carlentini.'

I need to get the jump on the confusion and relay that I am still the same guy sitting at the master desk here in Colorado and continuing to stay on top of all things MSBL.

So as Paul Harvey used to say, "And now you know the rest of the story!"

I applauded Steve for his efforts and I'm guessing more guys will give this a try!

Tempe Diablo Stadium Then (1970) and Now!



Top photo - a photo of Tempe Diablo Stadium from 1970 (the year it was built) and the bottom - which shows what the stadium looks like today. It's been our home field since 1988.

The MSBL World Series Celebrates Year 38 at Tempe Diablo Stadium

All of Our Yesterday's Include A Lifetime of Wonderful Memories In Arizona

By Tom Prendergast

We've been incredibly fortunate as a national organization to attract the right kind of league presidents and team managers, who work year round to put together competitive squads to compete in our World Series. But one of the best decisions the MSBL ever made, was to select Tempe as our home base of operations. Tempe Diablo Stadium, has changed a great deal since it was built in 1969 (at a cost of around \$600,000). Our first year at the stadium in 1988, the place looked a lot different. At the time, very few of our players ever played in a professional stadium. In 1994, the stadium received it's initial upgrade, which included a second floor (at a cost of \$5.9 million) and another upgrade in 2005, when 4 new fields were added to the complex (an additional \$12 million). Through the years many new stadiums have been built, and are part of spacious and modern complexes. Participating in the MSBL WS, includes playing games on multiple MLB Spring Training fields, in and around the Valley of the Sun. Tempe Diablo Stadium remains our base of operations for the MSBL World Series.

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MSBL WS Protest Protocol (no texts)

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We have an established MSBL
WS protest procedure, which is
easy to comprehend and follow.

As soon as the team manager
notifies the home plate umpire
(during a stoppage in play) that
he would like to formally lodge a protest, the
game stops. The manager hands the umpire \$50
in cash and the umpire then calls the WS office.

After notifying the tournament director that he
has a manager who has lodged a protest, he hands
the phone to the manager, who in turn explains
the reason for his protest. Once the director has
all the information, he asks the manager to put
the umpire back on the phone. The tournament
director will ask the umpire for his explanation
of the play. If the tournament director agrees with
the manager, the protest is upheld and the \$50 is
returned to the team manager. If the tournament
director agrees with the umpire then the protest is
denied and the umpire keeps the \$50.

This process shouldn't take very long, provided
the communication takes place with a phone call.
No texts messages are allowed when protesting!



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MSBL Policies / Procedures / Rules for the 2025 MSBL World Series**Managers need to turn in a Completed Roster, Ex-Pro and Hotel Forms to be given at Team Registration ONLY and NOT sent ahead of time.****1. The attached roster will be the ONLY roster accepted at team registration.****No other variations will be permitted.**

2. At Team Registration you will be presented with the Ex-Pro sheet describing the parameters/specifications for each division and you will be asked to sign it at that time. The Ex-Pro rules are listed on page 4. All teams need to be in compliance with this rule - no exceptions.

3. Each Manager will be reminded at the Team Registration of all the rules and must show a copy of both signed official roster and signed Ex-Pro sheet to your opponent at the home plate meeting. This way each team knows that you have done your due diligence to prevent Ex-Pro or underage infractions which could result in your team's disqualification.

4. ALL PLAYERS MUST CARRY AN ORIGINAL PHYSICAL GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO ID WITH THEM TO ALL GAMES

5. This can be either a Driver's License or Passport but MUST include a photo

6. If the player cannot provide this proof and a proper protest is lodged, that game will be declared an immediate forfeit. *Note: A proper protest begins with a manager asking for time and bringing the home plate umpire \$50 cash and a cell phone.*

7. If the player cannot provide this proof within 3 hours of the lodged protest, all games that the player has already played in will also be declared a forfeit

8. In reference to participation requirements for the playoffs, the rule has always stated 2 appearances in 5 games (or 6 depending on age division). For 2024, if a pitcher pitches 7 or more innings in 1 Round Robin Game, that would automatically qualify him for the playoffs. This MUST be documented in both scorebooks (yours and your opponents) if the need arises to verify. By the last day of the Round Robin, please make sure to complete the playoff eligibility form and make copies for each game.

THIS IS PROTESTABLE.

9. The waiver link for players to complete online has been sent to all teams. Any waivers that were completed using the 2024 link will NOT be valid for 2025.

10. Once you register your team, there will be no further refunds or credits under any circumstances. Each Manager will be asked to sign recognition of this as well.

2026 MSBL / MABL World Series Dates

	Week #1		
50+ Divisions	Sun - Fri	Oct 18 th - 23 rd	6 games
70+ Divisions	Sun - Sat	Oct 18 th - 24 th	5 games
40+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	Oct 19 th - 24 th	6 games
25+ Divisions	Wed - Sun	Oct 21 st - 25 th	5 games
	Week #2		
55+ Divisions	Sat - Thur	Oct 24 th - 29 th	6 games
65+ Divisions	Sat - Fri	Oct 24 th - 30 th	5 games
35+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	Oct 26 th - 31 st	6 games
73+ Divisions	Mon - Sun	Oct 26 th - Nov 1 st	5 games
80+ Divisions	Wed - Sat	Oct 28 th - 31 st	4 games
Father/Son Divisions	Thur - Sun	Oct 29 th - Nov 1 st	4 games
	Week #3		
75+ Divisions	Sun - Sat	Nov 1 st - 7 th	5 games
45+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	Nov 2 nd - 7 th	6 games
60+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	Nov 2 nd - 7 th	6 games

14 Batters Must Get One Plate Appearance In the These Divisions - Central / Cactus / Desert and Zona

If a team has 15 or more uniformed players, 14 players must have at least 1 plate appearance during the game (this only applies to a scheduled 9 inning game). In the event the game ends with unbatted players, the violating team, under proper protest, will forfeit the game. The rule of batting 14 players is in effect regardless if it is a completed 9 inning game or shortened by time. This rule doesn't apply in the playoffs.



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50+ National Division

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Midwest Angels						
2 Mustangs Baseball Club	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 OC Sox	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 San Antonio Bombers	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Yonder Travelers	0	0	0	0	0	0

50+ Mountain Division

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Aruba Indians	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Chicago North TSP's	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Colorado Springs Thunder	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Phoenix Padres	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Rhode Island Salty Dogs	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Sacramento Capitals	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 San Antonio Yankees	0	0	0	0	0	0

50+ Cactus Division

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 50+ Vets	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Arizona Cubs	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Cen Tex	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Chicago Pinch Hitters	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 East Coast Phillies	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Hudson Valley Bears	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Madison Blues	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 NSEW Connection	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Ventura Dodgers	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Silverton Red Sox	0	0	0	0	0	0
11 So Cal Indians	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 Saskatchewan Sportsmen	0	0	0	0	0	0
13 West Coast Blue Jays	0	0	0	0	0	0

70+ National/Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Berry's	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Chicago North TSP Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 LA Athletics	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Minnesota Bandits	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Red Deer Legends	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Sacramento Tribe	0	0	0	0	0	0

70+ Cactus Division 1

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 70 Vets	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 MBI	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Paladin	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Sacramento Pirates	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Seattle Mariners	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 So Cal Dodgers	0	0	0	0	0	0

70+ Cactus Division 2

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 71 Vets	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Cal Bears	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Colorado Stars	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Florida Yankees	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Hollywood Stars	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Pacific Reds	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Puget Sound Mariners	0	0	0	0	0	0

2025 MSBL World Series Important Notes

All of the 2025 MSBL WS divisions and team schedules have been posted on the Team Snap Tournaments and the National MSBL website.

This year, when a team manager checks in, he's going to be required to submit his roster and ex-pro sheet at that time. Before each game, the team managers must show a copy of these signed documents to the opposing manager at the home plate meeting.

This way each team knows that you have done your due diligence to prevent ex-pro or underage infractions, which could result in your teams disqualification,

All players must carry an original physical government issued photo ID with them to all games!

This can be either a driver's license or passport, but must include a photo. If the player cannot provide this proof and a proper protest is lodged, that game will be declared an immediate forfeit!

If the player cannot provide this proof within 3 hours of the lodged protest, all games that the player has already played in will also be declared a forfeit.

In reference to participation requirements for the playoffs, the rule has always stated 2 appearances in 5 (or 6 depending on age div). For 2024, if a pitcher pitches 7 or more innings in 1 round robin game, that would automatically qualify him for the playoffs.

This must be documented in both scorebooks (yours and your opponents) if the need arises to verify. By the last day of the round robin, please make sure to complete the playoff eligibility form and make copies for each game. This is protestable!

Run rule - 15 run differential after 7 completed innings.

Any World Series playoff and championship game protests must be lodged at the field before, during or at the direct conclusion of the game. No other protests will be considered.

For Central, Cactus, Desert and Zona divisions - there is no 14 batter requirement for playoff and championship games.

In reference to Courtesy Runners / Shared Batting / A/B Batter All divisions 55+ and above will use the "Shared Batting" rule except the top three divisions. They will have the choice to use either the A/B Batter or Shared Batting. The team must indicate what they are using at the home plate meeting and must stay with it for the entirety of the game.

The purpose of this rule is to enable more players to participate as the manager uses two players to share one batting position in the offensive line up during the game. The manager decides who bats each time the batting position comes up. And the manager must notify the opposing manager and scorekeeper when the players are being switched the first time in the game. (Failure to do so results is a ruling of "batting out of order").

Note: In addition to the A/B batting and Shared Batting position, each team may use two courtesy runners as well.

If either batter in a "Shared Batting" position are pinch hit for, then both players are out of the offensive lineup for that game.

NO METAL SPIKES ALLOWED AT THE ARIZONA ATHLETIC GROUNDS FIELDS (formerly Legacy Park)

Heads up - if your team has a game on one of the turf fields at Arizona Athletic Grounds complex. No metal spikes can be worn on the turf at any time. Players caught wearing metal spikes will not receive a warning and will be ejected from the game.

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No alcohol or tobacco products are allowed before - during or after the game at any MSBL World Series locations or stadiums!

2025 MSBL/MABL World Series Ex-Pro Rule Summary By Division

National Divisions	No Limit on number of ex-pro players as long as out 3 years
American Divisions	Can have 2 players who are out at least 3 years who played AAA or higher and 2 players who played A or AA
Mountain Divisions	Can use up to 2 players who played A or AA and are out at least 3 years
A player who played in the Rookie League, Independent League or who was invited to MLB Spring Training and released without any minor league affiliation will not be considered as Ex-Pro for the above 3 divisions only.	
Central Divisions – All	<p>If a player has played pro ball (with the exception of Major Leagues) and has been out of pro ball for 20 years, this player is eligible to play in the Central Division. Ex-Pros are limited to 2 per team with no restrictions to position or limitation to round robin, playoff or Championship appearance.</p> <p>The above includes any professional affiliate above Rookie Ball.</p> <p>(Includes all levels of “A” ball)</p>
Cactus Divisions – All	No Ex-Pros (MLB, AAA, AA, A) are allowed no matter the length the time out unless out of Pro Ball for 30 years and played no higher than “A” ball. Ex-Pros are limited to 2 per team and may NOT pitch in round robin or playoffs.
Independent/Rookie League Players	
Central Divisions – All	Ineligible unless out 3 years.
Cactus Divisions – All	Ineligible unless out 10 years
Foreign Professional Players	
Central Divisions – All	Ineligible unless out 10 years.
Cactus & Desert Divisions – All	Ineligible regardless of length of time out