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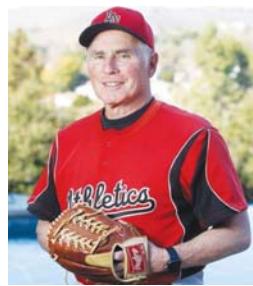
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A Message from MSBL WS Veteran

Bob Sherwin (LA Athletics)

By Steve LaMontia-Carlentini

To friends, family, colleagues, & fellow baseball players: I am once again reaching out to you for support in my quest to find a cure for ALS. For the 4th year in a row, I am raising money on behalf of the Live



Like Lou Foundation in partnership with Phi Delta Theta and its Iron Phi program. As you know, I became an Iron Phi in 2022 when I did my first Iron Phi event, bike riding 73 miles to honor my mom, who died of ALS at 73. Now, as I'm about to turn 77, I'm doing event #4, which will consist of throwing 1925 pitches in the Men's Senior Baseball World Series, during the weeks I play in Arizona.

I'll be playing three weeks in different age groups and defending national titles in three divisions (65+, 70+, and 73+). Most of my pitches will be in the bullpen, but some will be on the mound in games. I will dazzle the opposition with my fastball, slider, curveball and changeup, all of which travel at generally the same speed! Why 1925 pitches? Lou Gehrig began his consecutive game streak in 1925! As the #1 fundraiser nationally for the Live Like Lou Foundation, my goal is to keep going until there is headway in finding a cure for ALS.

The Live Like Lou Foundation partners with Phi Delta Theta Iron Phi's program, and the money raised goes to ALS research and to aid families stricken by this horrible disease. Many of you have contributed generously since I began this campaign, and I am eternally grateful. If you can't do it this year, I totally understand and still thank you for your support. If you can contribute any amount, go to my Iron Phi story and participation page via the link below, and it shows you how to donate. On behalf of my family, my mom, Phi Delta Theta, Live Like Lou and of course Lou Gehrig. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Bob Sherwin

Note - to visit Bob Sherwin's personal site the link can be found on our HarBall website (just click on the Bob Sherwin link)

Our 38th MSBL WS Off To A Rousing Start



50+ National Mustangs Baseball Club shortstop, Francisco Valenzuela tries to apply the tag to Midwest Angels baserunner, Anthony Arenz - but the ball is somewhat elusive and the runner was safe. The Midwest Angels won the game at Tempe Diablo Stadium 16 - 7.

Fantastic Weather Welcomes the 50+ / 70+ Teams to the 2025 MSBL WS

Normalcy Returns to the Valley After Some Un-Phoenix Like Weather Last Week

By Tom Prendergast

Blue skies and ideal playing conditions greeted the MSBL teams yesterday on day one of the 2025 MSBL World Series. Chamber of Commerce like weather (80 degrees and a high sky) made for a perfect backdrop for our 38th MSBL World Series. A by-product of last week's torrential rains was that no games were played for about a week on any of the local fields. So this week they look great! A couple reminders are in order for all teams who make it to the playoff round. In order for a player to be eligible to play in the playoffs and the championship game, a player must have had at least one plate appearance in 2 round robin games or have pitched 3 outs in each of 2 round robin games (or a combination of the two). While our round robin games can end in a tie, if there's time left on the clock after nine full innings have been completed, the "California" tie breaker rule will go into effect. Both teams will start the 10th inning with a runner on second base, and each team gets the opportunity to bat. As long as there's time left on the clock, the game continues.

In addition to baseballs and a WS logo t-shirt, every team received a scorebook in their team bag. This scorebook is a must have for several reasons. Not only does it list all of next year's MSBL regional tournaments, but it also includes the number to report your score after every game. It also includes the MSBL rules that we use for the tournament. While we go by MLB rules for the most part, we do have several unique rules for MSBL games.

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MSBL World Series Notes

Base coaches must wear a helmet when they are on the field.

Catchers must wear either a skull cap (hard helmet) or a hockey goalie type mask.

No walk up music allowed - music boom boxes are prohibited during MSBL games.

Round robin games have a three hour time limit. The next half inning starts the moment the third out is recorded.

Games can end in a tie.

The MSBL WS schedule can be found on the TeamSnap app.

If a pitcher hits 4 batters in one game, he must be removed from the mound.

Force Play Slide Rule - the intent of this rule is to ensure the safety of the defensive Player. Whether the defense could have completed the double play has no bearing on the applicability of this rule. This rule pertains to a force-play situation at any base, regardless of the number of outs.

Each team is allowed one intentional walk.

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50+ Cactus Division

Saskatchewan Sportsman

Ventura Dodgers

West Coast Blue Jays

Hudson Valley Bears

50+ Vets

Arizona Cubs

NSEW Connection

West Coast Blue Jays

So Cal Indians

Silverton Red Sox

Cen Tex

East Coast Phillies

Madison Blues

Chicago Pinch Hitters

50+ Mountain Division

Aruba Indians

Phoenix Padres

Chicago North TSP's

San Antonio Yankees

Colorado Springs Thunder

Sacramento Capitals

Rhode Island Salty Dogs

Colorado Springs Thunder

50+ National Division

Mustangs Baseball Club

Midwest Angels

Mustangs Baseball Club

OC Sox

San Antonio Bombers

Yonder Travelers

70+ National / Central

Berry's

Chicago North TSP Fire

LA Athletics

Minnesota Bandits

Red Deer Legends

Sacramento Tribe

70+ Cactus Division

Cal Bears

Colorado Stars

Pacific Reds

Puget Sound Mariners

Florida Yankees

Hollywood Stars

Paladin

Sacramento Pirates

70 Vets

MBI

Seattle Mariners

So Cal Dodgers

Keeping Score The Old Fashioned Way (Using A Scorebook)

By Tom Prendergast

The game of baseball was invented in the 1840's and since that time, the game itself has remained very resilient. The rules are pretty much the same as is the object of the game. Throw the ball, hit the ball catch the ball. Of course the equipment is better and the baseballs are far superior. Like everything else, there's an app for scoring baseball games.

Game Changer has become the premier online score-keeping software across the country. And it's really very slick. Easy to use and keeps track of all the players individual stats. So much so, that most teams keep an IPad in their equipment bags for the team.

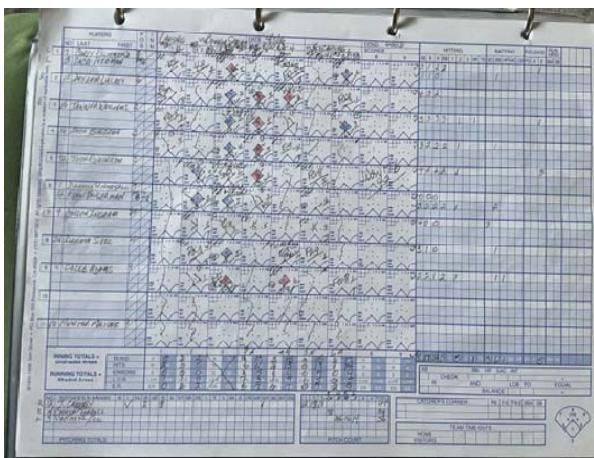
However, when it comes to MSBL tournament play, we are somewhat old school. Every team receives an official WS Scorebook at the check in. The scorebook includes the tournament rules, lineup cards and the phone number to report your game scores. But it's main purpose is for teams to use to get an accurate record of how the game unfolded, batter by batter.

Because we have rules that require player participation in both pool play games and playoffs, it's important to document these appearances in the scorebook. Should a question arise regarding a player's eligibility, the scorebook record is a handy way to resolve any issues.

On my team, the scorebook duties always went to the next game's starting pitcher. Since that player was going to be in the lineup, it gave him something to do and keep him involved in that game. This kind of system was good and bad. Some guys had good penmanship and others not so much.

Without a doubt, the best score keeper I've ever known, was Butch Basler. Both of his sons (Mike and Beau) played and Mr Basler was a stickler for detail. He would bring 5 different color pencils to every game and kept track of all the games pertinent facts. And he had incredibly legible hand writing. With his scorebook, you never had to be at the game to know what happened. It was that good!

The other reason it's important to have a score book, would be in case of a situation that might come up, which would require some kind of official game review. Meaning that if your team's involved in a protest, your score book is going to be exhibit A.



Sample scorebook completed game (by Butch Basler) lists runs scored, recorded outs, strikeouts, putouts along with runs driven in and earned runs allowed.



50+ National Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	OC Sox	1	0	0	2	5	1000
2	Yonder Travelers	1	0	0	2	7	1000
3	Midwest Angels	1	0	0	2	7	1000
4	San Antonio Bombers	0	1	0	0	12	0
5	Mustangs Baseball Club	0	2	0	0	24	0

50+ Mountain Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Chicago North TSP's	1	0	0	2	0	1000
2	Phoenix Padres	1	0	0	2	3	1000
3	Rhode Island Salty Dogs	1	0	0	2	3	1000
4	Colorado Springs Thunder	1	1	0	2	14	500
5	Sacramento Capitals	0	1	0	0	5	0
6	San Antonio Yankees	0	1	0	0	17	0
7	Aruba Indians	0	1	0	0	19	0

50+ Cactus Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Arizona Cubs	1	0	0	2	0	1000
2	So Cal Indians	1	0	0	2	3	1000
3	Cen Tex	1	0	0	2	4	1000
4	Hudson Valley Bears	1	0	0	2	6	1000
5	Ventura Dodgers	1	0	0	2	7	1000
6	Madison Blues	1	0	0	2	17	1000
7	West Coast Blue Jays	1	1	0	2	9	500
8	50+ Vets	0	1	0	0	12	0
9	Saskatchewan Sportsmen	0	1	0	0	14	0
10	Chicago Pinch Hitters	0	1	0	0	18	0
11	NSEW Connection	0	1	0	0	18	0
12	Silverton Red Sox	0	1	0	0	19	0
13	East Coast Phillies	0	1	0	0	19	0

70+ National/Central Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Sacramento Tribe	1	0	0	4	2	1000
2	LA Athletics	1	0	0	3	3	1000
3	Chicago North TSP Fire	1	0	0	2	5	1000
4	Berry's	0	1	0	0	8	0
5	Minnesota Bandits	0	1	0	0	5	0
6	Red Deer Legends	0	1	0	0	11	0

70+ Cactus Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Paladin	1	0	0	2	0	1000
2	MBI	1	0	0	2	0	1000
3	So Cal Dodgers	1	0	0	2	6	1000
4	70 Vets	0	1	0	0	12	0
5	Seattle Mariners	0	1	0	0	19	0
6	Sacramento Pirates	0	1	0	0	28	0

70+ Cactus Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Florida Yankees	1	0	0	2	0	1000
2	Cal Bears	1	0	0	2	0	1000
3	Puget Sound Mariners	1	0	0	2	0	1000
4	71 Vets	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Colorado Stars	0	1	0	0	15	0
6	Hollywood Stars	0	1	0	0	16	0
7	Pacific Reds	0	1	0	0	20	0

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40+ National Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	OC Sox	1	0	0	2	5	1000
2	Yonder Travelers	1	0	0	2	7	1000
3	Midwest Angels	1	0	0	2	7	1000
4	San Antonio Bombers	0	1	0	0	12	0
5	Mustangs Baseball Club	0	2	0	0	24	0

40+ Mountain / Central 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	#shegone	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Baseballism	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Columbus Spiders	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Kansas City Astros	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Missour Stars	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	So Cal Monarchs	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Yonder Travelers	0	0	0	0	0	0

40+ Mountain / Central 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	BSTOP Ballers Baseball	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Burlington Herd	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Cen Cal Nuts	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Indians Classic Baseball	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Los Viejos	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Portland Sea Dawgs	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	San Antonio Titans	0	0	0	0	0	0

40+ Mountain / Central 3		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Boise Natives	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Kansas City Hustlers	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Minnesota Lumberjacks	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	San Diego Beach Bangers	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Seattle Royals	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Utah Yeti	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Virgin Island Waves	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note - All of the teams in the 40+ Mountain / Central division need to get 14 players at least 1 at bat during a scheduled 9 inning round robin game. During the playoffs this rule will not apply.

MSBL WS Tie Breaker Situations

A team is awarded 2 points for a win / 1 for a tie. The first tie breaker will always be head to head competition. If this does not break the tie, the next tie breaker is least runs allowed (during the pool play).

For example:

3 or more teams are tied for a playoff spot and all of these teams beat each other. In this case, playoff seeding for these teams would be based on least runs allowed.

3 teams are tied with the same record. Team A beat team B and team B beat team C. Teams A and C did not play. In this case, the fewest runs allowed will determine the seedings. If team C gave up the most runs, then head to head would be used to determine the playoff seeding and team A would be the higher seed.

In cases where three or more teams are tied for a final playoff position and not all teams have played each other, least runs allowed will determine who advances. The exception would be if team A beat team C and team B beat teams C, but teams A and B didn't play each other. So in this case team C is eliminated and runs allowed will determine whether team A or B advances. Wildcard teams will be determined by fewest runs allowed.

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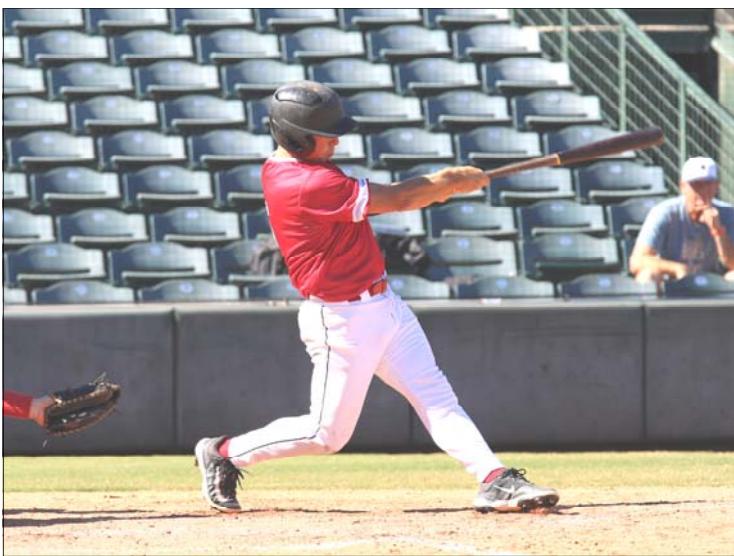
50+ Mountain Phoenix Padres batter, **Amaro Ramirez** had a big day at the plate, going 4 for 5 with 3 rbi's in his teams 19-3 victory.



50+ Mountain Aruba Indians pitcher, **Mario Kwidama** delivers a pitch to the plate during his teams game at Tempe Diablo Stadium



70+ Cactus Div Paladin batter, **Greg Schienda** (hitting off a turf matt at Tempe 1) drives in 2 runners against the Sacramento Pirates.



50+ National Midwest Angels batter, **Bob Schaaf** crushes the ball down the line during his teams 16-7 win over the Mustangs Club.



70+ Cactus Div Paladin pitcher, **Philip "Hawkeye" Pierce** was lights out against the Sacramento Pirates yesterday, in a 28-0 shutout win.



50+ Mountain Aruba Indians batter, **Danilo Vrolyk** watches this sky high popup during yesterdays game at Tempe Diablo Stadium.