

2025 CMSBL All Hands Meeting

Held virtually on March 7, 2026 at 8:30 PM



Agenda

1. 2025 Recap
2. League Information Review (Opening day, playoff format, etc)
3. Baseballs
4. Fields/Game times
5. Scheduling
6. Tryouts
7. Player Requirements (forms)
8. Field Maintenance Reminders
9. Player Conduct Reminders
10. Questions?

2025 Recap

Champions:

21+ Mick Myers Division: Orioles

21+ Fred Gore Division: Cubs

45+ Andy Bowie Division: Braves

45+ Silver Bracket: Bay Bombers

League Information

Teams for 2026 (New teams in **Bold**)

21A+ Mick Myers Division: (9) Angels, **Bandits**, Blue Crabs, Blue Wave, Iron Birds, Patriots, Orioles, Red Sox, Backyard Goats

21B+ Fred Gore Division: (13) Baysox, Big Dogs, **Black Sox**, Cubs, Expos, Giants, Groundshog, Hooks, Mariners, **Mets**, Tides, Spartans, Rattlers

45+ Andy Bowie Division: (11) A's, Bay Bombers, Blue Claws, Blue Jays, Braves, Fire, Hellcats, **Indians**, Pirates, Rays, White Sox

League Information Review

BASEBALLS AND SCOREBOOK WILL BE HANDED OUT April 4. Time and location TBA. Scorebooks will have league rules inside and a manager contact list. Still recommend using GameChanger for bookkeeping. Setting up a team account is free and it's user friendly.

New Baseball: We will have the Mpowered 7700 (MLB Spec) baseball for 2026. Please use only the new models.

Opening Day: Beginning approx. April 19, 2026

League fee: Final Balance due April 1. Invoices were already issued.

Add/drop date: June 30, 2026

Umpire Fees: \$115 for 9 innings/\$100 for 7

- League will be providing \$ for championship rings. Champ Trove is a company that produces high quality rings for \$15 per ring. County will still provide t shirts.

League Information Review

No games will be scheduled for Mother's Day or Memorial Day Sunday per usual. Father's Day will be left open if teams want to use that date for a make up game but both teams have to agree to that. Note that we will not play on the July 4th holiday (Which will include July 4 and July 5) but there will be games on July 1-3 and the following week. Playoff games will not be played on Labor Day Sunday.

REMINDER: We are not rescheduling games for not enough players. The league toughened rules on forfeits so make sure you have committed players.

League Information Review

Age eligibility change - Players turning minimum age by end of the calendar year (December 31 are eligible). 45+ players who are 44 turning 45 in 2026 do not count toward age exempt total.

Playoff Format - Approximately 50% of teams per division. Games will reseed after the Wild Card rounds.

21A: 9 teams. Top 5 make the playoffs. 4v5 play in a Wild Card round. 1v4/5 and 2v3 semi-finals

21B: 13 teams, Top 7 qualify. 1 seed gets bye into semi finals playing lowest advancing seed. 2v7, 3v6 and 4v5. Semi-finals will re-seed (same as 2025)

45+: 11 teams Top 6 qualify. First and second get a bye into semi finals. 3v6, 4v5 in Quarter finals. 1 seed plays the lowest advancing round.

Best of 3 series for all rounds.

Baseballs

As stated we switched to the M7700 which is a flat seam MLB spec baseball. Each team gets 5 dozen TO START. Do not hoard baseballs. Throw in more pearls each game. If you need more you can get some.

Myth: Only the home team provides additional baseballs. This is false. Teams should alternate throwing in new balls as needed.

I've heard reports of non MPowered balls being used in game. This should not be happening. We have plenty of baseballs. We budget the league fee to include extra baseballs so you're not paying more per dozen. If you see a non MPowered ball being used or a baseball so worn there are no markings, throw it out and request a new ball.

It's your responsibility to make sure you have enough baseballs for upcoming games.

Rule Changes

The returning teams met in November and enacted the following changes:

Courtesy Runners (does not apply to Line share): If a player has a runner and refuses it, he does not lose that runner for later. Also, pitchers and catchers can get courtesy runners at any time (previous rule was 2 outs only).

Tie Breaker rule adjustments: runs allowed, runs scored and run differential. These will be per games played. So the 9-0 result would not count towards the total, but an average of runs allowed per games played.

Playoff eligibility: Forfeit wins only count as the 5th game of playoff eligibility. Preventing a player from qualifying only by excessive forfeit wins.

Players 35 and older can participate in both the A and B divisions.

Forfeit penalties

Reduction of allowable forfeits. Number of forfeits reduced from 4 to **3**. Once that limit is reached a team will be removed from the league with no refund. **This will be enforced. The league will not waste time and fields rescheduling games for teams that forfeit excessively. NO GRACE PERIOD and NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

If your team hits that limit and returns the following year, you will have your draft pick in the first round moved to the bottom of the list.

If a team hits the forfeit limit in consecutive years, you will not be allowed to manage the team the following year.

Players on teams removed from the league due to forfeits will not be allowed to join other teams mid season within the same division. They could play in another age group if they qualify and if it happens before the add deadline.

Fields/Game times

Fields: Joe Cannon, Bachman, Arundel HS, Northeast HS, North County HS, Southern HS, Bestgate, Glen Burnie HS, Meade HS, Severn Run HS. Sawmill. (Annapolis HS is closed this summer for renovation).

EVERY GAME HAS A TIME LIMIT. Playoffs: **There is a time limit of no new inning after 2:45 for all games including championships.** The only caveat is if the game is tied, the game continues until there is a winner.

Game times for weeknights at Joe Cannon and Bachman will be 7:30 pm starts. We will try and avoid weeknight DH unless necessary due to rain. ****For the HS Season that runs until Mid May: AA county HS games start at 4:45 and have no time limit.** During the month of May at the HS weeknight fields, games will begin at 8:30 pm to avoid running up to the HS teams. Also this provides umpires time to transport as they are often coming from a JV or Varsity game. Once their season ends, games will be at 7 or 7:30 pm as in 2025. Some fields had 7:30 starts to minimize sun setting/player safety. Playoff games will be at 7 pm weeknights as they are 9 inning games. ******

Tryouts

1. Tryout/Draft - Tryouts will be held on March 15 (Rain date April 4) at Joe Cannon Stadium. A player draft will be held immediately after. Draft order is reverse regular season standings. Teams will pay \$10 to cover the rental cost in order to draft a player.
Tryouts will be 10 am to 1 pm.

Note: Right now we have 2 players for 45+ tryout and 24 for the 21+. Unless we get more 45 players registered I don't see the value in having them tryout at cannon and would rather get those people to teams who are in desperate need for a player. (less than 20 players or a positional need not adding a 25th or 26th player).

Player Requirements (forms)

All players are required to have a SportsEngine account and complete the New Player Registration. (*Players who have been in the league since 2019 have already done this)

All players must complete the online smart waiver. If they are on multiple age divisions' rosters, they will need to complete one for each team.

Instructions on how to do this were included in the Season Information Packet.

Rosters are being updated so managers should be checking frequently to ensure players are signed up properly. Players are rostered after they complete both requirements. The waiver went out in January so there's no reason to not get this done timely. Make sure your team is sorted before Opening Day so we all can enjoy it. Please do not text me on OD wondering where Player X is. For OD and roster ads, players must be rostered 48 hours prior to be eligible to play.

6. Field Maintenance Reminders

Field Maintenance procedures are posted in the Managers Bullpen section of the league website. They will also be emailed to each team prior to the start of the regular season. It is important that they are followed in order to attempt to maintain the quality of the fields. If you're not sure of something, you should check with Danny or myself before your game. If it's not done properly then either someone else has to fix it or it never gets fixed, making the field worse. You should have knowledge of procedures before you show up.

RESPECT THE FACILITIES. Teams who don't take the time to do things right will not be on certain fields. Things like cleaning the dugout, picking up trash, etc go a long way. Taking pictures is great for CYA, but we also want you to do something about it.

Player Conduct Reminders

MUSIC: If you wish to play music on your speakers before a game, use the clean versions only. You're in a public setting so keep that in mind.

Please note this is an adult recreational league. Players and coaches should be promoting good sportsmanship toward other players, coaches and umpires. The league waivers you sign affirm that you will abide by those rules.

Act like someone is watching us at all times. You represent the league. Our reputation has improved over the years and you and your players help keep it that way.

Who are your reps?

Mick Myers Division - Tim Saunders timsaunders@yahoo.com, Austen Brandt
(alternate)

Fred Gore Division - Alan Keitz alankeitz@yahoo.com

Andy Bowie Division - Ron Ebelein ronebelein@gmail.com

Tom Finch (alternate) finch.th@gmail.com

The End

Questions?