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Code of Conduct

The Chicago Central Men's Senior Baseball League has implemented a Code of Conduct.

It will be understood that the player or coach has agreed to all information and rules.

As a player in the Chicago Central MSBL, I agree to adhere to all league rules and policies, including:

1. No liquor is to be brought or consumed by any player or coach at any facility we use. This includes all parking lots as well. (Tiger Field is an exception where alcohol purchased in the club can be drunk on the club deck or in spectator areas. Alcohol sold by Benedictine University staff is also exempt.)
2. No smoking is allowed on any baseball field or in any dugout at any time. Smoking is banned on the entire Benedictine University campus.
3. All garbage is to be removed from the dugouts at the end of each game. Other post-game clean-up and field maintenance posted at the field must be followed by both teams.
4. The use of any and all drugs is prohibited.
5. Verbal abuse and threatening of a player or umpire is prohibited and will result in penalties.
6. Spitting on any player, umpire or fan is prohibited.
7. Initiating intentional physical contact is not allowed.
8. Unsportsmanlike conduct and foul language will not be tolerated.
9. Fighting and physical violence is prohibited.
10. Any report filed by an umpire, coach or other player can lead to action by the league commissioner or board.
11. The league commissioner and/or the board of the Chicago Central MSBL reserve the right to review any occurrence and hand out disciplinary action as deemed necessary. Punishments may include suspensions, probations, lifetime expulsions and fines.
12. All field rules posted at Chicago Central facilities must be adhered to by all players.
13. All of the Chicago Central MSBL league rules posted at www.chicagocentralmsbl.com, must be followed by all players.

Chicago Central Men's Senior Baseball League

2011 FIELD RULES

These rules supersede all other rules – written or implied. National Men's Senior Baseball League rules will apply next. Where there is not coverage of a rule, Illinois High School Association rules apply.

League Fees – League fees must be paid in full at the start of the season and any exception must be granted by unanimous board approval. Teams who owe any remaining fee balance, fine or league expense will NOT be eligible to play in the playoffs. There will be no exception granted.

Payment schedule – All league fees, whatever that figure is as determined by the board budget meeting, can begin to be paid at the Winter Manager's Meeting held in early December and should be paid in full by the Spring Manager's Meeting held just before the beginning of the season. Even if the figure is not yet known due to teams indecision, you should plan on collecting and paying \$1000 per month as a guide to stay on track. Teams who pay a \$ 500 deposit at the December meeting will be guaranteed a spot in the league. In the event of a significant change in number of teams, rules, or procedure that would result in a team deciding not to stay in the league, the deposit would be fully refunded.

All payments should be made out to Chicago Central MSBL and mailed to the Treasurer or go online at www.chicagocentralmsbl.com to make a payment using PayPal. Please note the PayPal fee for online payments when entering the amount.

Winter Meeting Agenda – The December meeting is open to managers and their assistance coach and the board members. The intent of this meeting is to confirm the team's interest in participating in the upcoming baseball season. The board will make clear any significant changes regarding restrictions, rules, teams or equipment that they are aware of at this time that may affect the team's decision to re-enter the league or not. In the event of a split decision in any category, it will then be put

forth to the deposit paid managers in this age group only. Teams who have paid no money and are new to the league are not eligible to vote on any issue that affects the league. Exception can be made by the board present.

The board hopes to obtain a number of teams out of this meeting for the purpose of establishing a budget that can only be made available with a decent and close approximation of this number of teams. The number of teams in each division dictate the amount of games played and results in us locking in games as early as January 3rd at some fields for the amount of games we want to rent at that field.

Teams that drop out after we are locked in cause everyone to play more games at these early locked fields so, it would be greatly appreciated by both the board and your fellow teams if you let the board know you might not be back.

The number of teams also results in the number of balls purchased in advance and budgets for insurance and league fees paid.

There will be an open discussion that will follow a pre-determined agenda as determined by the board during a meeting held shortly before the Winter Meeting. During the board meeting, notes are compiled to determine problem areas that need to be addressed, complaints with merit, helpful suggestions to improve the quality of the league and also general rule, guidelines, disciplinary discussions and general team review. The agenda set from this information will be addressed to the managers and is open for discussion and comment to be accepted or rejected as determined by majority vote. For this reason, it is mandatory that the team has a representative (manager or coach preferred) to voice his opinion. These votes will become rule and established and confirmed during the Spring Manager's meeting. If the topic of the established rule is not made known to a team because they are without representation at the Winter Meeting, they forego their right to re-vote for any reconsideration of any majority accepted topic at the Spring Meeting.

The board will not make it a point to receive a follow up counted vote from any team not represented in the meeting on any topic unless that team has given proxy to a board member and excused from attending the meeting. If the board member with the proxy vote can not determine whether or how the topic in question would best fit the team not represented, and there is a tie vote pending holding up the majority to pass, the vote will then be suspended awaiting the judgment and

decision of the missing manager. New team managers not in attendance will not be granted a pending vote nor will they or any established manager be allowed to reverse any majority voted ruling during the Spring Meeting. The only exception to the allowance of a revote at the Spring meeting would be because 2 or more teams who withdrew their team from the league as a direct result of the majority voted policy or rule and are no longer present as a representative of the league, and their absence changes the majority vote on the topic.

Deposits and forfeit policy schedule – A \$500 deposit will be required by January 1st. This is the minimum amount and the final date that will serve as a cut off for teams allowed. Teams who have not paid anything by February 1st will not be considered unless approved by unanimous board vote. Unanimous vote will only be considered if the \$500 deposit as well as a determined payment amount of at least \$1000 is received by February 15th. No new team will be considered after February 15th.

Scheduling and refund deadlines – All scheduling requests must be submitted via e-mail to the scheduler by March 1st. They must be specific requests with exact dates and then granted at scheduler's discretion. General requests will not be considered. Teams who are competing in National Tournaments or events will be granted the time off needed as long as the e-mail is specific. If you want Wednesday, July 13th through Monday July, July 18th because your team is travelling on Thursday for a weekend tournament, say so and be specific. The scheduling process will begin March 1st. Insurance and league fees will be made to National on March 1st. Teams who drop after March 1st will receive a complete refund minus \$500 because there are numerous administration duties necessary to detail and collect money paid at this point as well as purchases made to accommodate that team with no refund policy for our need to return.

Spring Meeting Agenda – The Spring Manager's Meeting is open to all managers and their assistant coach who have paid money to participate in the season. New teams will not be considered or be allowed to attend the Spring Meeting. All money established as the league fee amount is due at this meeting. Exceptions to this can only be made by unanimous board vote for an established team or team with 3 or more years in the league with good payment standing.

Paid in full teams will receive 2 baseballs for each game played in the season + a predetermined amount of extra baseballs. Teams will also receive a scorebook as well as anything else National has sent to be

distributed. The schedule will be made available by this date unless teams have dropped or been added or if the schedule had to be restarted due to these or other events. In the event that there is need to start the schedule over, the scheduler will provide the first 2 weeks schedule, then the next 2 weeks and continue this process until caught up.

The board will review all newly voted changes to policy or rules during the Spring meeting. There will be time given for all topics to be discussed and questions asked at this meeting. As stated in the notes on the Winter Meeting above, topics that received a majority vote will not be open to a revote unless 2 or more teams who comprised a part of the majority have dropped out of league participation since the voted topic at the Winter Meeting. If the topic and re-vote happens to result in a start over of the schedule because teams want to opt out as a result of this re-vote, then the decision of the vote will revert back to the majority vote and not re-addressed until the next Winter Meeting. Teams unaware of new league policy or majority vote because they did not attend the Winter Meeting that opt to drop from the league will be entitled to their full refund minus \$500 to cover the new schedule and expenses paid out that included that team.

Banned Players – Players who are banned from the league are not eligible for re-instatement unless the period for the ban has expired. If the banned player wants to be re-instated into the league, the manager who wants to take on this responsibility must request this player be added to the team roster and is subject to board refusal.

Players banned for life can not be re-instated.

Players who have subjected themselves to a resulting ban from the league should be carefully considered when attempting to add them to a roster. These players have been banned only after multiple repeat offenses of fighting, threats, intimidation and ejections that the board feels necessary to stop their interaction and play against a specific player or entire team.

Uniforms and helmets – All teams must have full, matching uniforms. After the third game of the season, only players in matching team uniforms will be allowed to compete. All batters and base runners must wear helmets with at least one earflap. The flap must face the pitcher when batting. All catchers must wear a helmet. Umpires may restrict the use of equipment that they judge defective. Failure to abide by these rules will render the player ineligible by the umpire. It is strongly discouraged due to potential injury to have anyone under the age of 18 years old in the dugouts. If someone under the age of 18 is in the dugout

during a game, a helmet must be worn properly. The league strongly recommends that all base coaches wear a protective helmet while on the field. Coaches are permitted to refuse to wear a helmet at their own risk.

Baseballs – Each team must supply two new Chicago Central MSBL baseballs to the umpire prior to each game. Each team will receive 2 balls for each game played at the spring managers meeting. Each team will also receive some extra balls, amount to be determined. Additional balls can be purchased for \$50 per dozen. Call Geno in advance of running out and we will deliver them to your game or, they can be picked up. Use of non league Chicago Central baseballs is prohibited.

Bleeding – When a player starts bleeding during a game, play is stopped for up to five minutes for the player to stop the bleeding and cover the injury with a proper bandage before play will continue. If the bleeding cannot be stopped within five minutes, the player must leave the game until the bleeding has stopped.

Delay of game – A batter will not be charged with a strike for stepping out of the batter's box after a pitch – an exception to IHSA rules.

Pitcher conferences – Each pitcher is allowed one meeting with a bench coach per inning. A second meeting between a bench coach and the same pitcher in the same inning requires automatic removal.

Bandannas – Bandannas are legal to wear, but are considered part of the player's uniform. If the bandanna is tagged when the runner is not safely on a base, the runner is out.

Jewelry – Watches and excessive jewelry are not allowed. An umpire will determine if the jewelry is "excessive."

Courtesy runners – Each team is allowed two courtesy runners per game. The manager, at the beginning of each game, must announce which players will receive courtesy runners. In addition, courtesy runners are available for pitchers and catchers at any time when they have reached base. The last batted out will be the courtesy runner except at the beginning of the game at which time the last player listed in the starting batting order will become the courtesy runner. Pitchers and catchers are not required to have courtesy runners. An injured player who leaves the game can also receive a courtesy runner, if one is available or an A/B situation can be created by having a player who is not currently in the batting order run for the injured player. If a courtesy

runner or an extra player who is not in the game are not available, the batter will be allowed a courtesy run but he will be out of the game both offensively and defensively. A player can only run once per inning. Designated non-runner can choose to run for himself at any time and not lose his non-runner status. Pitcher and Catcher must be in the game as pitcher or catcher to be allowed a runner. Catcher and pitcher can run and do not have to be removed with two outs.

Intentional walks – Intentional walks are allowed. The pitcher must throw four pitches; and the catcher must assume a proper position in the catcher's box.

Rain delays – Umpires must wait 30 minutes from the onset of a game stoppage due to the weather to formally call a game unless both coaches agree to call the game earlier.

Forfeit times – Forfeit time is 15 minutes past the scheduled game time. A team can play and start a game with eight players. If the team loses another player and is down to seven, it will forfeit. This type of forfeit does not count toward forfeit penalties. Forfeit scores are 7-0. If players show up for the team that is short players at any point, they must be immediately added to the bottom of the batting order, until reaching the standard batting order minimum of 10.

Forfeit penalties – Four games forfeited by any team during a season, including playoffs, will result in expulsion from the league; and no money will be refunded to the team or any individuals. All games played prior to the expulsion will be awarded to the opposing team; and the remainder of the expelled team's games will be forfeited. Appeals for a team's reinstatement can be brought to the League Board as set forth in the league by-laws.

Any team attempting to cancel a game that the umpire has ruled playable will incur a suspension of the manager for 2 games. The umpire's decision to play or not play or on whether a field is playable or not will overrule one or both manager's opinion in all cases.

Slaughter rule – There is a 10-run slaughter rule after five innings (4 1/2 if the home team is winning). This is in effect for all regular season games. There is no slaughter rule for any playoff games.

Time limit – Each regular season game will be seven innings with a 2 1/2-hour time limit. No inning may start after the 2 1/2-hour limit, except

in tied or extra-inning games. Tied and extra-inning games will have a three-hour time limit with no inning starting after three hours. If the game is tied after three hours, it shall be recorded as a tie. The decision to complete a tied game will be at the discretion of the league board. Major delays during the game will not count toward the time limit. Those delays can be weather-induced, stoppages of play due to lighting or other equipment failure. All playoff games have no time limit. Umpires should notify managers of a game's exact starting time when the first pitch occurs to avoid time-limit issues. Late started games for no apparent reason will revert to the original start time and not at the start time caused by the delay.

Postponed games – A game is postponed when: The game is stopped with less than three full innings completed due to weather or loss of natural light or field lights.

Suspended games – A game is suspended when: The game is stopped with three innings completed due to weather or loss of natural light or field lighting. Such games will be completely played over on another date. All started play off games will be considered suspended no matter the inning when due to weather or loss of natural light or field lighting. A play off game will be continued until it is either finished in its entirety or becomes an official game.

Official games – A game is considered official when: A regular season game has finished four innings (3 1/2 if the home team is winning) and a play off game is official when the game has finished five innings (4 1/2 if the home team is winning) and weather or any other factor causes the game to be called. All play off games will be 7 innings. No slaughter rule and no time limit.

Dugouts – Home team must use third-base dugout except with double-header games or when a team's use of its home field makes it impractical (i.e. field-maintenance equipment at Tiger on first-base side). As for double-headers: If a team is in the third-base dugout during the first game and they have a second game, they will remain in that dugout for the second game. In that scenario, team scheduled to be the home team for the first game is to use the third-base dugout.

Double-headers – Double-headers will have a maximum time in between games of 30 minutes. The time can be shortened, if agreed upon by both teams and the umpires.

Playoffs – The team with the highest seeding (1 is highest) in any playoff

game is designated as the home team. When 4 teams remain, (in a 8 team bracket), the undefeated team will be the home team regardless of their seed. The exception will be in the National division where the team with the best regular season record will be the home team for that round only, then it will follow the bracket. In the championship series, the final two teams will alternate being the home team with the undefeated team being the home team first. If a team forfeits a playoff game for whatever reason, the team will then forfeit the rest of the playoff games and minimum fine of \$500 will be imposed by the league.

Obstruction – A player shall not intentionally collide with any other player. In the case of a runner intentionally colliding with a fielder, the runner will be called out and may, at the umpire’s discretion, be expelled from the game. All base runners must either slide or give up their right to a base (avoid a collision by stopping or leaving a base path) if the defensive player (e.g. catcher) has possession of the ball. If a defensive player is not in possession of the ball, he cannot block the base (e.g. home plate) or be in the base path so as to impede (obstruct) the runner’s right to that base. Under such circumstances, the defensive player shall be responsible to avoid collision. If a collision does occur under these circumstances, the runner will always be considered safe and the obstruction rule shall be enforced. The defensive player may be ejected from the game (if the action is intentional, he must be ejected), and will be suspended from league play if the obstruction is judged to be Flagrant. This rule will also apply to the first base position where the fielder has his foot directly on top the base.

Substitutions – The rules regarding substitutions are:

- (A) Unlimited changes on defense except for pitching
- (B) Once a pitcher is removed from the field, he cannot re-enter as a pitcher. He can re-enter at any other defensive position.
- (C) Starting pitcher can return to pitch one time if moved to another defensive position and stays in the game on defense until he returns to pitch.
- (D) Defensive changes can be made at any time without announcement of the changes to the opposing team, except for pitchers who must be announced to the opposing team before delivering the first pitch.
- (E) If an offensive player is removed for injury and is replaced by a courtesy runner, he cannot return as a defensive player for the remainder of the game.

Batting order – On offense:

(A) A player's last name and uniform number will be used when exchanging the starting batting order at the start of the game. The players first names will be optional.

(B) Teams must bat a minimum of 10 players if 10 players are available.

(C) The batting order can be eight players if only eight players are available. A 9th and 10th hitter must be added to the bottom of the order immediately when the player arrives. If a team has 8 or 9 players, the opposing team has the option to bat nine men. If a 10th players arrives for the opposing team, both teams must add a 10th batter.

(D) Players designated as "extra hitters" can be added at any time at the bottom of the order or in a "shared position."

(E) Any player listed in the batting order may be substituted for by any player not listed as a batter, base runner or shared position.

(F) If a batter or runner must leave the game for any reason, including injury, work or personal reasons - and there is no substitute available - the departed player's spot will be considered an automatic out every time it is reached until a legal substitution is found if it brings the batting lineup to 8 players.

(G) Only the ninth spot in the order will be considered an out. If a team loses its 10th player during the course of a game, the 10th batting spot can be skipped without penalty and 9 batters bat without a out.

(H) If the ninth player leaves as a base runner, the last batted out shall replace him; and the ninth player will be considered ineligible to re-enter the game in any capacity.

(I) Any batters dropped from the order for any reason, including injury will be considered ineligible to re-enter the game in any capacity.

(J) If it is found that a team re-entered a player into a game when he was no longer eligible, the team will forfeit the game and the manager will be suspended for amount of games to be determined by the board.

Fielding a team – No game may start if a team has less than eight eligible players. A forfeit shall be declared to the opposing team. During the course of a game, if a team is reduced to less than eight players for any reason, the game shall end immediately.

Shared positions – Managers may designate any number of players to share the same position in the batting order at any time during the game. Either designated player may run the bases or hit during that line-up spot's turn at bat.

Safety – Base runners must slide directly into a base unless they are trying

to hook slide to avoid a tag. A base runner will be called out if:

(A) The player tries to break up a double play by rolling into, colliding with or sliding away from the base in the path of the playmaker, even if he can still touch the base. The umpire can eject the player; and the other runner involved in the double play will be called out. Any other base runners will be sent back to the bases they occupied prior to the play.

(B) A player deliberately tries to injure a fielder or does not attempt to slide. He will be called out and immediately ejected.

(C) A fielder will not fake a tag which forces a runner to slide when there is no apparent play. This will be an umpire judgment decision and can not be appealed. The runner will be ruled safe and all runners will advance one base. If the umpire does determine that the rule was violated, the player will be ejected from the game and suspended in accordance with rule 31 of these field rules.

Alcohol, drugs and cigarettes – There will be no use of alcohol, illegal drugs or cigarettes before, during or after a game on the facility's property by any players or coaches.

(A) Teams caught drinking in a parking lot or a field by security or police, or any confirmed report, will face suspension and are subject to expulsion from the league.

(B) Team members are forbidden from bringing beer to games.

(C) If a player has ingested any alcohol or illegal drug, he is ineligible to play.

(D) If a player fails to comply, he is subject to suspension or expulsion from the league.

(E) If a complaint is filed against a player for smoking on a facility property - and the complaint is upheld - the player will be subject to suspension or expulsion.

(F) Possible actions that may be taken against players violating the policy include fines, expulsions and suspensions and are listed in the Code of Conduct. Exceptions in the policy are:

(1) Alcohol may be consumed after the game if the facility has concessions selling alcohol.

(2) Smoking in parking lots may not be done if it is prohibited by the facility. Note: Smoking is banned on the entire Benedictine University campus.

Excessive trash – Managers are responsible for inspecting the premises and cleaning up and disposing of trash left in their dugout. If a complaint is made by:

The field owners or maintenance personnel, there will be a \$100 fine imposed on the team for its first offense.

Other league teams or players, the penalty for the first offense will be a warning. A second complaint will result in a \$100 fine.

Board reserves the right to add additional fines or penalties. No appeal.

Fines – All team fines must be paid in a timely basis as set for in the league’s Code of Conduct. After the due date, the team will forfeit all games until the fine is paid.

All fines will be deducted from the compliance rebate each team has paid as part of their entry fee into the league. Any fines that exceed the compliance rebate amount must be paid as part of the following seasons entry fee. If these fines are not paid the team will not be allowed to participate in the league. If the team is dissolved the team manager(s) will be held responsible and they will not be allowed to participate as a player or manager until the fines are paid.

Schedule of fines – Failure to enter stats in league website within 7 days of completion of game – \$25 1st offense, \$50 2nd offense, \$100 for each subsequent offense.

Not doing required field work after a game – \$25 1st offense, \$50 2nd offense \$100 for each subsequent offense.

Violating field rules concerning drinking, smoking, or drug use – \$200 1st offense and suspension of players involved. Any subsequent violations will be handled at the Board’s discretion up to and possibly including expulsion from the league with no refunds given for unplayed games. All fines will double for playoff games.

Teams will be notified by email of potential fines within 14 days of the violation and the team manager may request a hearing by the board if he feels the fine was not justified. No hearings will be given for stats not being entered. The Board reserves the right to impose fines for other gross violations of league rules.

Conduct – Any player ejected from a game for intentionally trying to hurt any other player, a coach, umpire or fan (including, but not limited to: starting a fight and throwing a bat or ball at a player with the intent to hit him or knock him down) can be expelled from the league.

In order to aid documentation, both managers ***will*** inform the league board or commissioner of any ejection occurring in their game. A

suspension will carry over to the next year if fewer games remain than are to be served. The league board will decide all suspension cases. A player will automatically be ejected if he leaves the dugout area to threaten, cause or participate in a fight. No refunds will be issued from the league to any players or teams for games lost due to suspensions or expulsion.

EJECTION POLICY – Any player ejected from a game for any act of unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended. An e-mail report **MUST** be sent by the umpire who ejected a player from a game to Geno Tashjian. E-mail listed front cover. You should also copy Dutch (dutch@bluesheet.org) and Carl at jaspercarl2@aol.com so that they are aware of the misconduct. You can also call if you have no access to e-mail but, e-mail is preferred so that I can forward to the board members. The report will be used to determine whether the player will just receive the standard one game suspension for the next game or, if his actions make it necessary for the board to vote on additional added suspended games. Here are the standard ejection rules:

1st ejection- automatic 1 game suspension for the next game played. No appeal.

2nd ejection- 3 game suspension. No appeal. Player will be notified by the board that his next ejection will result in a season ending suspension.

3rd ejection- player is finished for the season. Board members will determine whether there will be carry over for the following year. Player will be placed on probation.

If the 3 ejection player was found to have multi game suspensions for every occurrence, he could be banned from the league at the board's discretion.

ROSTER INFORMATION – It is the manager's responsibility to update the players name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. This information should be sent to the board member in charge of rosters each year before the start of the first game. There is no penalty for helping with this simple request or not. If one of your players has moved or changed their address, they will **NOT RECEIVE** the Hardball Magazine from National in the mail. Players have been contacting National complaining that they aren't receiving Hardball. We will not reply to MSBL with the new address nor will we attempt to figure out whose team the player plays for and attempt to find the new address. We will direct any complaint or request from National back to the manager of the team.

Playoff eligibility – To be eligible for the playoffs, a player must have:

Batting: 1 at bat per number of games the team played.

Pitching: 1 inning per number of games played and number of appearances as follows:

22 and 24 game schedule – 5 appearances

20 game schedule – 4 appearances

A player may be granted eligibility by the League Board. A manager only may write an email asking for a player to be granted eligibility **due to injury only**. It is the **Manager's** responsibility to the player to get him qualified. Use the disabled list where applicable.

Full time team manager as listed on the website and in the handbook will be granted eligibility for the playoffs regardless of number of at bats or innings pitched. This applies only to the manager listed and not to assistant coaches or statisticians. The board will want to verify that the manager WAS IN ATTENDANCE at a major majority of the games to qualify and will be checked from the umpires voucher receipts. This will make it difficult for teams who go sign Barry Bonds as their manager and he doesn't show up for ANY games but does for the playoffs.

Board discretion can be used to void the manager's playoff eligibility with no appeal.

Rule changes – A rule change can be made during the season if the League Board votes unanimously on the change at a meeting at which a minimum of three board members are present.

Hit-batter rule – If a pitcher hits four batters during a game, the pitcher must be removed immediately after hitting the fourth batter.

Field maintenance – Each manager will be given a list of procedures for field maintenance at all facilities. Penalties for non-compliance are listed in the document.

Statistics – Player statistics are to be entered into the league website within seven calendar days from the completion of an official game. **Individual and team statistics only count in official games.** Failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 team fine per game not entered. After not entering 3 games, the fourth game not entered will result in the team forfeiting that game. All regular season fines will be paid prior to the start of the play offs. If the fines are not paid, the team will not be allowed to participate in the play offs. Statistics that are not entered will not be included in league leader totals or

player/team archives. **Any team manager, assistant manager or team statistician who knowingly provides his login and/or password for the managers area of the Chicago Central MSBL league web site to another team member, league member or non-member of this league who does not have permission from the Chicago Central MSBL board to have said login and/or password will be suspended from the league at the boards discretion up to and including permanent expulsion from the league.** Stats not entered do not count towards eligibility.

Playoff tie-breakers – If three or more teams are tied, the same order of tie breakers will be used but only for games between the teams involved in the tie. A point system will be used. Two points for a win, one point for a tie and no points for a loss. Example: teams A,B and C are all tied for the top playoff seed. The record of each team against BOTH opponents is compiled and the team with the best record gets the top seed, 2nd best record gets the #2 seed and 3rd best- 3rd seed. There must be a final ranking of 1-3 with no ties for a tie breaker to be official. This system will be used for the playoffs.

Damage to personal property – League insurance does not cover damage to personal property of players and spectators as a result of actions normally associated with the play of a ball game (i.e. foul balls). Managers should inform their players and fans that the league does not insure personal property while attending games.

Bats – In all divisions, there will be no weight restrictions on wood bats. Ceramics are not composite bats. Metal handle with wood barrel is acceptable.

Championship Games – The traveling trophy will be presented to the champion team at the conclusion. This trophy will then be returned to add the new champ to the plaque. Trophy must be returned to the league by August 1st so that it can be presented at your Championship game.

Cost to replace the traveling trophy is \$1000 and will be charged to the team in last possession if lost or destroyed.

Winners will receive a team trophy to keep at the winter meeting.

Winners will also receive a champion shirt with team and league logo for playoff eligible players. \$25 per man option can go as a deposit for following year. **Cameras WILL NOT be provided by league for team picture.**

COMPLIANCE

The following events can cause a manager, player or team to be suspended for an amount of games to be determined by Board vote:

Your team forfeits 2 or more games in a season

Team does not enter status within 7 days

Team fails to enter playoff status at the end of the season

Manager is suspended for more than 1 game due to disciplinary reasons

Manager fails to respond to mandatory vote issue

Manager or representative not present at Spring and Fall Manager's Meeting

Field rules ignored

Field maintenance ignored

Manager fails to report conditions for rain event that causes umpires to go to the field, causing money to be paid by the league and collected from your team before the allowance to play the next game.

Your team manipulates status on the website for the purpose of playoff eligibility. *

cheating*

Use of ineligible player*

fighting*

Umpire abuse*

Spitting at a player, umpire, participant or fan*

Inability to control individuals or multiple players during multiple reported offenses*

Damage to property at any field* (batted ball damage not applicable)

Threats to players, umpires, field crews or fans*

Traveling trophy not returned to league by August 1st

Non payment of fees due

Use of ineligible player during playoffs (player did not meet eligibility requirements and no appeal was offered to the board)**

Illegal use of the DL to qualify players**

Players caught with alcohol or drugs within the facility, including the parking lot*

Players caught smoking in the dugout or on the field.

Players caught smoking in Benedictine dugout will cause the team to lose the privilege to play there for at least one (1) full season and the player will face lengthy suspension.

*Any of these offenses that occur WILL result in the suspension of a player or players and could include the manager and will be determined by board vote. The process will be quick with no appeal allowed to be heard by the board. Further penalties and suspension time will be added based solely on the umpire's report filed to the board listing the severity of the offense. The board of the Chicago Central MSBL will make all determinations and weigh any considerations.

PLAY HARD BUT PLAY FAIR- The board will deal with cheating in the harshest possible manner with no exception and no appeal. Teams caught cheating will be asked to leave the league immediately with no money returned. Teams manipulating status will be asked to leave the league immediately. Teams entering status falsely for the purpose of playoff qualification will be asked to leave immediately. Players using ineligible players will be asked to leave the league immediately.

**You are allowed an appeal for players who did not meet playoff eligibility requirements IF a player has been on the DL. If you are simply putting a player on the DL because they are out of town and reinstating that player for the following weekend, and you intend on using this as your means to qualify said player, you will be unanimously voted down by the board upon your appeal request. This also constitutes "cheating." The board hates cheating. This can also result in suspensions and expulsions. If you utilize a player who did not qualify for the playoffs, and the board did not grant the right for said player to participate by unanimous vote, your playoff wins will revert to the opposing team and you will be declared out of any further playoff participation. Any team that gets as far as winning under this scenario will have its title stripped and given to the runner up. Bottom line-
QUALIFY YOUR PLAYERS FAIRLY WITHOUT CHEATING OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCE.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chicago Central Men's Senior Baseball League has implemented a Code of Conduct.

It is understood that the player or coach has agreed to all information and rules.

As a player in the Chicago Central MSBL, I agree to adhere to all league rules and policies, including:

1. No liquor is to be brought or consumed by any player or coach at any facility we use. This includes all parking lots as well. (Tiger Field is an exception where alcohol purchased in the club can be drunk on the club deck or in spectator areas. Alcohol sold by Benedictine University staff is also exempt.)
2. No smoking is allowed on any baseball field or in any dugout at any time. Smoking is banned on the entire Benedictine University campus.
3. All garbage is to be removed from the dugouts at the end of each game. Other postgame cleanup and field maintenance posted at the field must be followed by both teams.
4. The use of any and all drugs is prohibited.
5. Verbal abuse and threatening of a player or umpire is prohibited and will result in penalties.
6. Spitting on any player, umpire or fan is prohibited.
7. Initiating intentional physical contact is not allowed.
8. Unsportsmanlike conduct and foul language will not be tolerated.
9. fighting and physical violence is prohibited.
10. Any report filed by an umpire, coach or other player can lead to action by the league commissioner or board.
11. The league commissioner and/or the board of the Chicago Central MSBL reserve the right to review any occurrence and hand out disciplinary action as deemed necessary. Punishments may include suspensions, probations, lifetime expulsions and fines.
12. All field rules posted at Chicago Central facilities must be adhered to by all players.
13. All of the Chicago Central MSBL league rules posted at www.chicagocentralmsbl.com, must be followed by all players.

FIELD MAINTENANCE

All of the fields we play on come with an agreement that they will be made playable and in good condition prior to the start of the day's games. If there is any doubt that your field is playable or not, it is the VISITING TEAM MANAGER'S responsibility to get to the field 1 HOUR and 45 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE START. The reason for this is that per our umpire agreement made, we must let the umps know 1 hour and 30 minutes before the start time in order to cancel them and avoid a show up fee that is paid by the league. Should any manager refuse to comply to this procedure, they could pay the show up fee that is incurred (if any) from the umpire organization to the league. This same paragraph will be found repeated in the Rain Procedure and Hotline section so that you can't tell anyone on the board that you were not aware of this. There will be no appeal to this rule and you will be asked to pay whatever fee charged to the league prior to your next game.

GENERAL FIELD AND MAINTENANCE RULES:

Applicable for EVERY FIELD

Every field we play on should be treated the same, regardless of whether it is one of the premier or supplemental fields. Your team should always warm up playing catch in the outfield only. You should never hit soft toss baseballs into any fence or backstop. All garbage should always be thrown out at the end of each game. CLEAN YOUR DUGOUT. We should not use any baseball equipment found in storage at any field for use. We can use rakes, squeegees, dirt dry (SPARINGLY), etc for prep before, between and after games UNLESS IT SAYS NOT TO AT AN INDIVIDUAL FIELD. The field prep before and after each game is the responsibility of the VISITING team BUT, the home team should not just pack up their gear without assisting in the process. The home team should help and the favor should be returned to you by them at the next meeting between the two. If the board finds that teams are not offering assistance on a consistent basis, they will face suspensions. Stay off the concrete surfaces as much as possible with your cleats on. Foul ball retrieval is ok but a washroom trip should be without spikes. RESPECT THE GROUND CREW AND COMPLIMENT THEM WHENEVER POSSIBLE. Ragging at them about a previous situation, personal repair requests or specific problem that your team has is NOT ALLOWED. Take the issue up with the board and it will be addressed.

Rakes – Please bring a rake to the field if possible. Locked sheds or missing rakes at the field are a common occurrence.

Bases – The league will purchase a set of bases if they are missing at a field. Call Geno with this problem.

INDIVIDUAL FIELD MAINTENANCE:

Benedictine University

Benedictine will always have a crew on hand to prep the field before, between and after each game. Please offer your assistance to them wherever possible. They have always appreciated and welcomed the help, especially with tarps because of their weight. Give the crew a chance first to begin the prep process at the first game of the day on their field. Light raking and water removal is allowed. Foul ball retrieval with spikes is ok.....a trip to the washroom or vendor stand should be made without them. In the event of the lightening warning siren, the game will cease IMMEDIATELY and teams are asked to leave the field and dugout for 1/2 hour or until Benedictine personnel informs you that it is ok or if an all clear is given. The least amount of maintenance is required at Benedictine but it is not the example of field maintenance that should be followed.

College of DuPage

All field prep prior to any game will be left to COD. Please do not begin raking, watering, water removal, dirt dry, or basically anything before the crew arrives. Upon arrival, offer your assistance where applicable. Use of the batting cage is allowed unless it is locked. It is recommended that equipment be dropped off by the field in the driveway between home and first so that you don't have to carry it from the parking lot, which is a hike.

Tiger Field

There is a sign posted in both dugouts regarding the field prep and clean-up. The ok to play will come from the field maintenance guy. If the field is wet at all, it is possible that you will not play, even if YOU think it playable. It is not the visiting team manager's call at Tiger Field whether you are going to play or not but, you still must arrive at the field 1 hour and 45 minutes ahead so that we can cancel the umpires and save you from paying the show-up fee. You should closely follow the rules posted in the dugout. Rake and fill the mound and home plate and water. The rakes, shovels and tampers are in the shed below the outdoor deck outside the Tiger Club. Pick up the bases after the last game and bring them to the shed. Lock the gate when you leave.

Midlothian

Jerry Gillis is the guy we contact for the ok or no-go status of Midlothian. Jerry and his crew want to handle the field prep before, between and after games but, again, please offer any assistance to them and clean up your mess in the dugouts. We understand the distance some must travel to get to Midlo, however, the same hour and 45 minute rule for the visiting team manager will apply to get to the field and report it playable or not. Midlo rain line is 708-389-4372. There are new tarps at Midlothian and although they will have staff present to remove and roll onto the field, it would be great if teams could offer assistance.

Timothy Christian

Timothy Christian will have some kids that take care of the maintenance for game one but assistance should be offered between games and it will be necessary for the visiting team manager to prep ready the field for the next game. At the conclusion of the last game, the visiting team with help from the home team should rake the mound and plate area and put away the bases and lock the shed.

Maywood

You are responsible for field ready prep and repair before, between and after games. The first game should be made ready to play by the Maywood Park District but, they do not come out between or after games. Fill in holes on the mound and batters box, rake the mound and batters box, water them both, put the hoses back, shut off the water, clean the dugouts and lock both entry gates, sheds and washroom unless there is not a lock.

Brookfield

The field again will be made playable at the start of the day's games. Rake, fill in holes and clean up procedures apply as the visiting team's responsibility and the home team's assist. There is a lock box with a key.

Indian Boundry

Field will be prepped prior to the first game and may be prepped between each for multiple games. Please bring a rake just in case. Bases should go into the box behind home plate after the last game. Replace the plugs.

NOTE: If a field is being used that is not detailed in this section, please use common sense. Give crews a chance to show up. Offer any assistance possible. Be polite. Clean before you leave. Follow general maintenance fill in and raking policy. Water if possible.

LEAGUE HOTLINE

RECEIVE report of field conditions and game status (cancellation and confirmations both given)

The hotline number is 630-415-1452

Managers who do not drive to the field and cause both teams to drive to a rained out game that result in complaints to the board will not be heard. Appeals to charges made to teams for non compliance issues related to rain and hotline, will not be heard.

Visiting team manager must be present at the field in doubt and report to the board member responsible for updating the hotline. Charges that are incurred by the umpire crew as show up fees will be charged to your team and collected before your next game is played. If a game gets played without the collection of this charge, your game will result in a forfeit loss. If you are the home team manager, you may want to call the visiting team manager well before the game in question so that you might save your entire team the time and expense of driving to an unplayable field. All managers cell phone numbers are listed in this booklet. Cell phone numbers are listed inside the front cover. You will be notified by email to know who is in charge of the hotline each month.

To report scores –

All winning managers must report within 24 hours, the score, teams involved, location of game, date and time and the number of umpires present. This should be done by text, email or phone to the pre-designated board member. You will be given that person's email and phone contact information.

If you have any problem, email a board member and we will be happy to assist your pleasant request. Nasty emails, unnecessary crap and complaints and telling the board how you want something changed or else, will be deleted and ignored.

Chicago Central MSBL League Participation Waiver

I, _____, hereby agree and consent to all parameters put forth here and in the Code of Conduct. I have read both the Participation Waiver and Code of Conduct and agree to abide by both documents as a condition for participation in the Chicago Central Men's Senior Baseball League for:

1. I will observe all rules as established by the Chicago Central MSBL Board of Directors at all times.
2. I understand that fighting, physical and verbal abuse of players, umpires or spectators, and the use of offensive language will not be tolerated by the Chicago Central MSBL, and that violations of this rule will result in punishment, which may include banishment from the league or a suspension and forfeiture of all fees paid.
3. I understand that the league board/commissioner has the authority to hand down suspensions and that if I am thrown out of a game for any reason, I will also be suspended for my team's next game with no opportunity for appeal.
4. I certify that I will be __ years of age during this calendar year enabling me to play in the Chicago Central MSBL __+ (25+, 35+ or 45+ league). **(Players should mark the oldest league for which they qualify regardless of what team they are on for 2010).**
5. I realize that the total responsibility for any injury, accident, incident, illness or death to me while participating in any Chicago Central MSBL activity, game, practice or function, including, but not limited to any Chicago Central mandated or scheduled functions, is solely mine. I also fully realize that any costs incurred for any reason are my responsibility.
6. By signing this agreement I release the Chicago Central Men's Senior Baseball League, its board members and commissioners from any liabilities or cost.
7. I agree that I will not drink any alcohol (beer, etc.) at any of the fields or in the parking lots at fields used for Chicago Central MSBL games. I understand that alcohol consumption will only be allowed at facilities that serve alcohol (i.e. Tiger Field in Aurora, Benedictine in Lisle), and that individuals involved in a game cannot consume any alcohol while the game is being played.
8. I agree not to smoke anywhere on the Benedictine campus.
9. I will follow all posted field maintenance directions – both before and after the game – at all Chicago Central fields.
10. I fully agree that the terms and conditions of this agreement and the Code of Conduct are binding

Player's signature

Date

Manager's signature

Date

Manager Contact List

25 League

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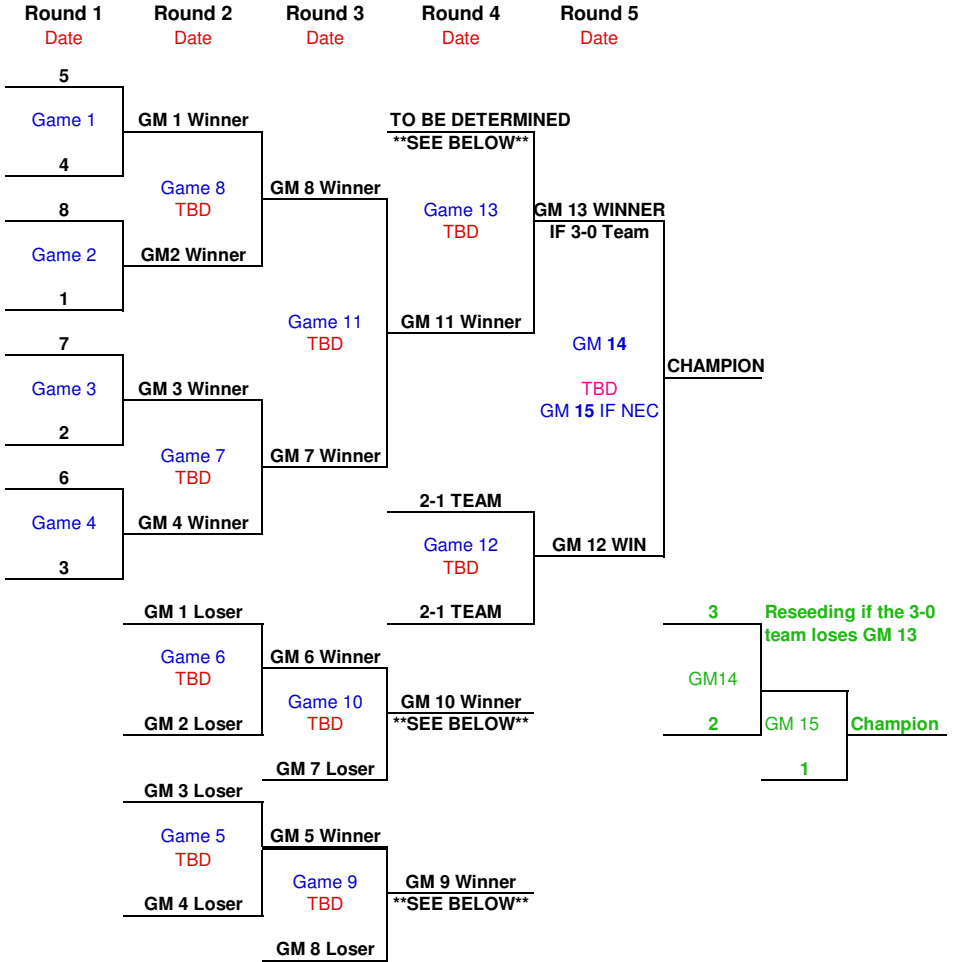
35 League

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45 League

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The lowest seeded team will be home team except in game 15 where the visiting team from game 14 will become the home team.



***IN GAME 13, THE 3-0 TEAM WILL FACE THE 2-1 TEAM WHO THEY HAVE NOT PREVIOUS PLAYED. IF THERE ARE 2 TEAMS THE 3-0 TEAM HAS NOT PLAYED, THEN THEY WILL PLAY THE HIGHEST REMAINING SEED. IN GAME 12, THE OTHER TWO 2-1 TEAMS WILL FACE EACH OTHER EVEN IF THEY HAVE PLAYED PREVIOUSLY. IF THE 3-0 TEAM HAS PLAYED ALL THE 2-1 TEAMS, THEY WILL THEN PLAY THE TEAM WITH THE MOST RUNS ALLOWED. AFTER GAMES 12 AND 13, IF THERE ARE THREE 3-1 TEAMS REMAINING, THE TEAM WITH THE FEWEST RUNS ALLOWED WILL GET A BYE INTO GAME 15. IF THE 3-0 TEAM LOSES GAME 14, THE WINNING TEAM WILL BECOME THE HOME TEAM IN GAME 15. ***