

Mid-Atlantic Baseball 2024 Coaches Handbook



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Dates To Remember

(1) September 20th -- Registration for 2024 opens.

(2) The 2024 Annual Meetings Will Be Broken Into Age Groups And Will Again Be Held Virtually. All Teams Planning To Enter A Team In The League For The 2024 Season Should Have Representation Sit In On The Meeting For Their Age Group.

An announcement will be forthcoming of the schedules for the meetings.

(4) February 1st 2024 --Registration closes, full payment is due.

\$775.00 Fulltime

**\$250.00 For Teams Only Participating Weeknight Only
Division (No Tournament Participation)**

**\$775.00 For Teams Only Participating Weeknight Only
Division (With Tournament Participation)**

(No team will be included on any schedule if their full fees are not paid in full)

(5) February 1st 2024-- Schedule writing begins, last day for refunds.

(5) February 28th 2024 – Field availability is due.

(6) March 2024 – Scheduling meeting will be held. Date and location TBD. Any organization or team *may* have a representative at the meeting to coordinate schedules. Actual date will be announced in January.

Days Of Play

Div/Age	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Sunday Only							Single
Fulltime							
8			Single				Single
9			Single				Single
10				Single			Double
11			Single				Double
12				Single			Double
13			Single				Double
14		Single		Single			Double
16	Single		Single			Double	
18		Single		Single			Double
22U	Single		Single			Double	

Notes For 2024

- (1) As in the past, the season for all age groups 14 and up will be extended into July. Because of scheduling nightmares in the older age groups driven by the Maryland High School tournament, we will start the league for all divisions 14 and older a little later in May and will extend the season to mid-July. We will not schedule games for Memorial Day weekend or the weekend of July 4th to allow teams the opportunity to attend outside tournament should they desire. This will allow us to schedule more games with more flexibility.
- (2) M.A.B.A. will continue to ask for a forfeit bond of \$125.00 (paid in addition to the league fee). We have done everything possible to avoid having to collect a forfeit bond in the past however many of our members that have been burned by someone else forfeiting a game have rightfully asked us to require a bond. While the number of teams that have declared forfeits in the past are minimal, the fact that forfeits skew the standings, offer another team a win without using a pitcher and take away a scheduled game from an innocent team dictates that it has become necessary. The Forfeit Bond will be refunded to all teams that play within the rule set following the season. If desired, it can be applied to fall ball registration or used toward the following years forfeit bond. If a team forfeits a game then they lose the forfeit bond and will be required to replace the bond before they will be allowed to continue play. Payment for the bond can be made by the same check as the registration fee.

- (3) M.A.B.A. will continue to utilize electronic Form Registration. You can now enter your data, send in your form and print the form to send in with your payment electronically. This should eliminate many errors caused by having to transfer information to several databases and eliminate forms that we cannot read due to handwriting.**
- (4) The days of play will continue to be the same as 2023, labeled above.**
- (5) For 2024 M.A.B.A. will put a limit of 16 on the number of players to be rostered on any one team.**
- (6) In 2024, no changes to the base rule sets, the ON-Field Rules or the Policies and Procedures will be allowed at the pre-game meeting.**
- (7) Intentional Walks - 12U & under simply declare the IBB and hitter takes first. 13U & Up -pitcher must deliver 4 pitches.**
- (8) As in previous seasons, M.A.B.A. will require players to have Government issued photo ID @ EACH GAME to display to game official. This will eliminate any chance of illegal players. Any DMV location (including express can provide the ID.) No Birth Certificates are Required.**
- (9) When there is a “Excessive heat advisory” - M.A.B.A. will mandate a 2-game maximum for a day.**
- (10) M.A.B.A. will now utilize a pool play random draw into an double elimination format for the tournaments. The standings will have no bearing on the tournament seedings, we want to keep the events as an added benefit for participation in the league.**

Why M.A.B.A.

- (1) M.A.B.A. operates on a defined set of rules which can be seen by anyone considering play in the league. Every attempt is made to be consistent in the application and administration of the rules. Decisions are made with your input through an accessible Board of Directors and we encourage your input via mababaseball2020@gmail.com. While not all suggestions may ultimately be incorporated, be assured, they will be at the very least, considered. Some of our best enhancements have come from the suggestions of our members.
- (2) M.A.B.A. is a good value. We try very hard to provide a good league for the money. We offer a structured, organized league with not only regular league play but an annual tournament which is paid for completely by the organization. In fact, most tournaments charge more money for a two game minimum of weekend baseball than we charge for our entire season of play. And, most only give out medallions or possibly a team trophy to the first and second place teams. For less money, we offer a full season of play, a fully funded end of season tournament which includes both the Champions and Runner-Ups receiving individual trophies for every division in the league. In addition, we give every player in the league a custom tee shirt designed by a professional graphic artist themed on the Annual Tournament (other tournaments are going to charge \$20.00-\$25.00 for a shirt). The tees have always seemed to be a big hit with the players, we will continue to provide them each season. In addition, registration fees pay for a fully funded Annual Awards Banquet for 1200-1400 people where individual trophies, recognition and prizes are given to all players from the first and second place teams from the season. At the banquet, we have an annual telescreen show highlighting the teams at the event from the regular season.
- (3) M.A.B.A. offers competitive baseball with different divisions so teams can be matched against others of their level of play.

We offer Atlantic baseball for our most competitive teams and Piedmont 2 for teams that feel that they may not be ready for Division 1 level of play. By using divisions, we limit the number of “blowout” games and offer parity through level of play. Our top teams can and do compete with any team from any league but we do not see the necessity to have a drastic imbalance in level of play within a specific age group which does neither team any good. Our intent is to offer competitive baseball within a rewarding environment while giving the players an opportunity to develop their baseball skills.

- (4) M.A.B.A. is run as a corporation with an active Board of Directors. Decisions are not made by one person or just a couple of people, changes are discussed, and rules are defined and only changed when absolutely necessary.
- (5) We do not and have never threatened a team that has decided to try another league. In fact, we have defended individual teams that were forced to play in a specific league against their will. Teams should be allowed to make their own decisions without threats from league officials that if they leave for a season, they will no longer be welcome to play in the league again.

Many people volunteer and work very hard to make M.A.B.A. a quality league for the kids that play here. If you choose to give us a try then we welcome you, if you have chosen to try another league then we wish you the best of luck in your endeavors. If you have any specific questions or concerns, feel free to email them to mabainfo@verizon.net and we will make certain that your question gets to the appropriate person and is addressed in a timely manner.

To Register For The 2024 Season

- (1) From the main page, click on registration, then click on "Spring Registration", then register for the proper division for your team. You must set up an account as the coach, but it only takes a few seconds and your players no longer have to have individual accounts.
- (2) Send in the appropriate payment \$775.00 along with the forfeit bond of \$125.00 (refundable) along with the printed out registration form.
- (3) Obtain the necessary insurance naming M.A.B.A. as an additional insured as the example below indicates.
- (4) It is strongly recommended that you have representation at the appropriate Annual Meeting.

Mailing address:

M.A.B.A. Baseball
P.O. Box 573
Ellicott City, MD 21041-1841

Website : www.maba-baseball.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mid-Atlantic-Baseball-Association/327543457375030>

email : mababaseball2020@gmail.com

Coaches Instructions

Field Availability: You will need to email the coordinator your field availability, if none is offered; the assumption will be that you have no field and we will schedule you for all away games. We try to be fair in scheduling, but please remember that several organizations have multiple teams on a given field, often in different age groups, therefore we cannot guarantee that you will have the same number of home and away games if you have restrictions, we will do our very best.

Contact/Rosters: You will need to email your contact information and rosters to your age coordinator, (remember, you may use no player in any game that has not been entered into the system by the coordinator).

Player ID's- Make certain that all players have obtained a valid, government issued ID and have it present at all games. No Birth Certificates are required.

Website Use

Entering Field Directions:

Instructions to follow.

Schedule Changes/Rain Outs:

All rain out offers must be made within the timelines described in the M.A.B.A. rule set. In addition, all offers should be made via email and the age coordinator must be copied on all schedule changes and/or make-up game offer and declines, or acceptances.

Any Variation to Any M.A.B.A. Rule/Policy

If you are agreeing to ANYTHING outside of the rule set of the league, make absolutely certain that both managers sign the opposing book signifying the agreement. If, no signatures or only one signature is present, we will enforce the M.A.B.A. rule that is appropriate.

Managers Will Be Held Accountable

The manager is responsible for the actions of his entire team and will be held accountable by M.A.B.A. for any inappropriate incidents that may arise. If, anyone on your sideline is acting in a manner that is improper, you need to get the situation under control as quickly as possible. Anyone that is ejected from any game must leave the entire facility immediately or the team will be awarded a forfeit. Any person (other than a player) will be forbidden to attend the following two games in their entirety. PLAYERS are required to attend the following two games in full uniform and watch the games from the sidelines (not in the dugout).

Insurance Certificate Example

Insurance MUST name M.A.B.A. as an additional insured and must have a minimum of \$1,000,000 coverage. An up to date Certificate must be in the league office before the first game is played.

Any questions regarding insurance required should be directed at Terri Scafone at tscafone@gmail.com

See Following

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ACORD CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
03/27/2008

PRODUCER
ABC Insurance
Litigation Way
Washington DC 12345

410-544-6166

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.

INSURED
MABA Muddawgs
12345 Baseball Road
Columbia MD 21456

INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
INSURER A: CAPITAL SPECIALTY	
INSURER B:	
INSURER C:	
INSURER D:	
INSURER E:	

COVERAGES

THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. AGGREGATE LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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A	GENERAL LIABILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC	CS03271	03/27/08	03/27/09	EACH OCCURRENCE DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 1,000,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 300,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 5,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 1,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 1,000,000
	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
	GARAGE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				AUTO ONLY - EA ACCIDENT \$ OTHER THAN AUTO ONLY: EA ACC \$ ADD \$
	EXCESS/UMBRELLA LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE DEDUCTIBLE \$ RETENTION \$				EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$ \$ \$
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE/OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? If yes, describe under SPECIAL PROVISIONS below OTHER				WC STATUTORY LIMITS OTH ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES / EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT / SPECIAL PROVISIONS

NOTE: Certificate Holder Must be MABA exactly as shown below.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

MID-ATLANTIC BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 573
ELLICOTT CITY MD 21041
ATTN: DAN SCAFONE

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL _____ DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT, BUT FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE