



MBSL 2021

TOWN HALL

4/15/2021

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Introductions

Name	Role
Jane Kepros	Co-Commissioner, Treasurer
Alex Long	Co-Commissioner
Matt Malachowski	Webmaster
John Zajac	USA Softball Liaison
Ed McBride	Divisional Coordinator – Cambridge 1
Rich Zessis	Divisional Coordinator – Cambridge 2
Margot Brickelmaier	Divisional Coordinator – Cambridge 3
John Norsworthy	Divisional Coordinator – Central [temp: North]
Marino Billini	Divisional Coordinator - South
Linda Lemieux	Divisional Coordinator - West
Greg Daniels	Divisional Coordinator - Worcester

2021 Season – Phase 1 & 2 *(proposed)*

Phase 1

- Begin May(ish)*
- South, West, Worcester Divisions
 - Other divisions if able

Phase 2

- Begin June/early July(ish)*
- Cambridge 1/2/3, Central, North Divisions

Tournament/Championship

- Late Aug/Sept(ish)*
- Format TBD based on # of divisions/teams & field availability

Exact dates & details TBD based on town/field availability/teams

Registration Process



Applications will be posted on our website:

www.mbssoftball.com



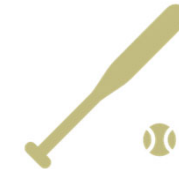
Payment & team roster due when submit application

Note: payment will be held until the team is confirmed; in the event that we are unable to provide a spot (due to not being able to get a field permit, waitlist for teams in a particular division, etc) payment will be returned in full



Teams will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis

Team captains will be notified when your application has been accepted or if we are unable to provide a slot this season



Logistics will be handled on a case-by-case basis per division

For example, coordinating softball delivery, communicating town or field regulations, etc

Rule Changes & COVID Protocols

League will follow all federal, state, and local guidelines with respect to COVID protocols, including social distancing and masking requirements

In addition to the standard player liability waiver, all players will be required to sign a COVID liability waiver, and provide the league with contact information for potential contact tracing (this information will not be published and will only be used in the event of an incident)

Vaccines for all players are highly encouraged

*From MASSACHUSETTS WORKPLACE SAFETY and
REOPENING STANDARDS FOR BUSINESSES and
OTHER ENTITIES PROVIDING YOUTH and ADULT
AMATEUR SPORTS ACTIVITIES (amended 4/2/2021)*



MA State Guidelines

- Facial coverings must be worn by all participants during active play
- Facial coverings must be worn on bench at all times. Can take a face covering break when out of proximity of others.
- No spectators for sports played by individuals 21 years and over
- No handshakes/slaps/fist bumps
- Need to maintain social distancing on benches
- Must not overlap games (new players waiting for one to end and congregating)
- Disinfect shared equipment between each use (e.g. bats)

Next Steps

Registration materials will be posted on our website www.mbsoftball.com

Teams should apply ASAP if they are interested in playing – registration deadline May 1

- Teams will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis [there may be a waiting list for some divisions]
- If your division is still “pending” we will update you when we have more information. Registration dues (checks) will not be cashed until a team is confirmed
- Please notify your Divisional Coordinator if you are not able to play this season, but are interested in resuming next year/post-COVID

Information & updates will be posted on our website as it becomes available.

Divisional coordinators may reach out to team captains directly as necessary to communicate urgent or important information, deadlines, or anything else specific to their division

Special Cases & FAQs

What if...?

- My company won't sponsor/pay for my team, but I still want to play?
- We don't have enough players to field a full team?
- We have enough players/women players, but people are working from home and don't live near where we regularly play?
- COVID cases increase locally and the state/town implement new restrictions?
- Someone at one of my games later tests positive? My game is a super spreader event?
- Someone at the game on my team/the other team isn't following the rules?
- My team can't play this year, but wants to play next year/in the future?
- Other??

Q&A



Please use the “raise hand” or chat feature to ask your questions



Check our website regularly for updated information:
www.mbsoftball.com



Additional questions? E-mail them to:
commissioner@mbsoftball.com
or reach out directly to your Divisional Coordinator



Thank you!

Thank you all for calling in and for your continued support & participation in the Massachusetts Biotechnology Softball League