

ARE YOU READY TO BE A GENERAL MANAGER?

Who's the next big prospect that no other MWBL franchise knows about? If you do your homework, plan your scouting & development, & study those amateur & minor league stats, you should be able to build yourself into a contender. It might not happen right away. Just like in the Majors, it takes a few years to rebuild your franchise & make it into a consistent winner. Are you the type of General Manager who looks for the hidden gems? Then you'll speed up the road to success. & don't ignore your fellow owners' rosters. Trading is encouraged in the MWBL.



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MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE

**APBA BASEBALL
FOR WINDOWS LEAGUE**

**28 FRANCHISES
50 MAN ROSTERS
MINOR LEAGUE FARM
162 GAME SEASON
FULL PLAYOFFS
CAREER STATISTICS
HALL OF FAME
LIVE DRAFT**

MISSION STATEMENT

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- SIMULATING EACH MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SEASON THROUGH BBW 5.75 REPRESENTED BY 28 TEAMS PLACED IN 2 LEAGUES OF 3 DIVISIONS EACH WITH TEAMS BEING OPERATED BY A PROACTIVE, KNOWLEDGEABLE, & COMMITTED OWNER.
- PRESERVING THE INTEGRITY OF THE SCOUTING TRADITION BY INCLUDING UP TO 12 PROSPECTS WITH NO MAJOR LEAGUE EXPERIENCE.
- DOCUMENTING & EXHIBITING EACH SEASON'S RESULTS WITH PLAYOFFS, WORLD SERIES, ALL-STAR TEAMS, MVP, CY YOUNG, ROOKIE OF THE YEAR, GOLD GLOVE, & MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARDS. · HONORING, BY ENSHRINEMENT IN THE MWBL HALL OF FAME, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD EXCEPTIONAL CAREERS & RECOGNIZING OTHERS FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS.

HOW CAN YOU GET IN THE GAME?

THERE AREN'T MANY LEAGUES, IF ANY, THAT ARE THIS COMPREHENSIVE, OR THIS DEDICATED TO PROVIDING AN IMMERSIVE & REALISTIC BASEBALL FAN EXPERIENCE.

DO YOU HAVE THE BASEBALL & COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE & THE ENTHUSIASM FOR OUR HOBBY? IF YOU THINK YOU MEET THE CRITERIA OF THE MWBL, PLEASE VISIT THE WEB SITE & FILL OUT AN APPLICATION. THE MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR REPLACEMENT MANAGERS WHO ARE READY TO TAKE THE JUMP INTO ONE OF THE BEST LEAGUES AROUND.

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?
YOUR FIRST STEP IS TO FILL OUT AN ONLINE APPLICATION



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THE MAJOR LEAGUES OF FANTASY BASEBALL

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365 DAYS A YEAR - BASEBALL



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CAREER STATISTICS

THE MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE KEEPS CAREER STATISTICS FOR ALL PLAYERS. HITTING, PITCHING, FIELDING—EVERY AT-BAT, EVERY RUN, EVERY EARNED RUN, STOLEN BASE, WIN, LOSS, SAVE & MANY MORE. OPS, SLUGGING, OBP, & MANY OTHER ANALYTICS-BASED STATS SHARE SPACE WITH THE TRADITIONAL STATS WE ALL GREW UP WITH TO COMPLETE THE PICTURE FOR EVERY PLAYER. EACH PLAYER PAGE ALSO INCLUDES ANY MWBL ALL-STAR GAME APPEARANCES & STATS (YES, WE PLAY OUR OWN ALL-STAR GAME, WITH STARTERS VOTED ON BY THE LEAGUE'S MANAGERS), POSTSEASON APPEARANCES & STATS, & AWARDS WON. WHAT OTHER FANTASY BASEBALL LEAGUE DOES THIS? IT BRINGS EVERY PLAYER'S MWBL CAREER TO LIFE. A VIRTUAL WHO'S WHO FOR THE MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE.



DRAFT DAY

MWBL DRAFT DAY IS A BIG EVENT, PREPARED FOR & ANTICIPATED INTENTLY BY EVERY FRANCHISE OWNER. KNOWLEDGE OF ALL LEVELS OF BASEBALL IS HELPFUL IN SUCCEEDING ON MWBL DRAFT DAY. HOW OFTEN DOES YOUR FANTASY BASEBALL LEAGUE TAKE A PLAYER BEFORE HE'S DRAFTED INTO THE MAJOR LEAGUES? HAPPENS ALL THE TIME IN MWBL. LAST YEAR, 12 COLLEGE PLAYERS, & FOUR HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS WERE TAKEN IN THE MWBL DRAFT, FIVE MONTHS BEFORE THEY WERE TAKEN IN THE MLB DRAFT IN JULY. IN 2021, JACK LEITER WAS THE #1 SELECTION BY THE HARSENS ISL & WALLEYE IN THE 2021 MWBL DRAFT IN FEBRUARY. AGAIN, A FULL FIVE MONTHS BEFORE LEITER BEING SELECTED BY THE TEXAS RANGERS. INTERNATIONAL STARS & PROSPECTS SHOW UP IN THE DRAFT AS WELL, USUALLY BEFORE THEY APPEAR ON MOST AMERICAN FANS' RADAR. SHOHEI OHTANI, SEIYA SUZUKI, LUIS ROBERT, JOSE ABREU, YOENIS CESPEDAS, HIDEKI MATSUI, & OTHERS ROUTINELY GET TAKEN IN MWBL DRAFTS BEFORE MAKING HEADLINES IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES. THE MOST FAMOUS INCIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL MWBL PROGNOSTICATION MAY BE AROLDIS CHAPMAN. CHAPMAN WAS SELECTED IN 2009, (PICK #280) BEFORE HE PITCHED IN THE WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC, & BEFORE HE DEFECTED FROM CUBA -- A FULL TEN MONTHS BEFORE HE SIGNED A MAJOR LEAGUE CONTRACT WITH THE CINCINNATI REDS.

SOME OTHER STUFF

IN ADDITION TO THE GREAT FEATURES ALREADY LISTED HERE, THERE ARE PLENTY OF EXTRAS. THERE'S THE CHRISTMAS CLASSIC HOME RUN DERBY, IN WHICH SELECTED PLAYERS VIE FOR THE LONGBALL CROWN. ONE OF THE OWNERS ANNUALLY SHOWS THE LEAGUE HOW THEY SHOULD HAVE DRAFTED THREE YEARS PREVIOUSLY, BASED ON CAREER WAR & OTHER FACTORS. ANOTHER OWNER CALCULATES EXPECTED SEASON WINS FOR EVERY TEAM AS A MINI SEASON PREVIEW. AFTER THE ANNUAL DRAFT, THE COMMISSIONER RATED EACH TEAM'S "FARM SYSTEM" BASED ON REAL-LIFE PROSPECT RANKINGS. LEAGUE MEMBERS PRIDE THEMSELVES ON COMING UP WITH NEW & FUN WAYS TO ENHANCE THE LEAGUE.



MWBL HOT STOVE

WHEN OCTOBER COMES AROUND MOST FANTASY BASEBALL LEAGUES JUST HEAD INTO HIBERNATION. NOT THE CASE IN THE MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE. ONCE THE MWBL WORLD SERIES IS OVER, FREE AGENTS ARE ANNOUNCED, & OFFSEASON ROSTERS ARE TRIMMED BACK, THE MWBL HOT STOVE HEATS UP. THE WINTER MONTHS PRODUCE MORE TRADING THAN THE REGULAR SEASON. IT NEVER SLOWS DOWN IN THE MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE, WE DON'T TAKE THE WINTER OFF. EACH MWBL FRANCHISE CAN TRADE MINOR LEAGUERS, MAJOR LEAGUERS, & DRAFT CHOICES FOR THE UPCOMING DRAFT. ALL MWBL OWNERS KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HOT STOVE LEAGUE, & MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO STAY INVOLVED, ACTIVE & RESPONSIVE TO ALL TRADE OFFERS IN A VERY TIMELY FASHION. HOW MANY LEAGUES DO YOU KNOW THAT HAVE TRADE REGISTERS, INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL TEAM TRACKERS, SO YOU CAN GO BACK & LOOK AT ALL OF THOSE GOOD TRADES, & ALL THOSE BAD ONES TOO? MWBL DOES, & IT GOES BACK TO THE BEGINNING, & INCLUDES ALL FRANCHISES, DEFUNCT & ACTIVE.

HALL OF FAME

THE MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME & ON-LINE MUSEUM WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2003. ITS PURPOSE WAS TO "ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN & OPERATE A REPOSITORY TO COLLECT, CLASSIFY, PRESERVE & PROTECT RECORDS, RELICS, ARTICLES & OTHER THINGS OF HISTORIC INTEREST CONNECTED WITH OR PERTAINING TO THE ORIGIN, DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH OF THE MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE." TO THIS DATE THE MWBL HALL OF FAME HAS INDUCTED 23 PLAYERS. THE PLAYERS ARE JUDGED ONLY ON WHAT THEY DID IN THE MWBL, NOT ON THEIR MAJOR LEAGUE STATS OR ANY REAL-LIFE ON-FIELD (OR OFF) ISSUES. EIGHT MANAGERS HAVE BEEN INDUCTED INTO MWBL HALL OF FAME, AS WELL AS TWO KEY CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SUCCESS OF THE LEAGUE. THE LEAGUE SITE INCLUDES A HALL OF FAME SECTION WHICH HOUSES VOTING RESULTS, PLAQUES OF THE INDUCTEES LISTING THEIR MWBL CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS, ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES, & EXHIBITS, MANY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN CREATED BY LEAGUE MEMBERS.