

ARE YOU READY TO BE A GENERAL MANAGER?

Who is the upcoming prospect that remains undiscovered by other MWBL franchises?

By diligently conducting research, strategizing scouting and development, and analyzing amateur and minor league statistics, you can position yourself to become a formidable contender. It is important to note that immediate success may not be guaranteed, as building a franchise and establishing a consistent winning record takes time, much like in the Majors. As a General Manager, are you inclined to seek out hidden gems? If so, you will accelerate your journey towards success. Additionally, it is crucial not to overlook the rosters of your fellow owners, as trading is actively encouraged in the MWBL.



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MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE

**APBA BASEBALL 5.75
FOR WINDOWS LEAGUE**

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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THE MWBL IS STEADFAST IN ITS MISSION, WHICH INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING KEY OBJECTIVES:

- SIMULATING EACH MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SEASON USING THE BBW 5.75 PLATFORM, WHEREIN 28 TEAMS ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO LEAGUES CONSISTING OF THREE DIVISIONS EACH. THESE TEAMS ARE MANAGED BY PROACTIVE, KNOWLEDGEABLE, AND DEDICATED OWNERS.
- UPHOLDING THE INTEGRITY OF THE SCOUTING TRADITION BY INCORPORATING UP TO 12 PROSPECTS WHO HAVE YET TO EXPERIENCE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL.
- DOCUMENTING AND SHOWCASING THE RESULTS OF EACH SEASON, INCLUDING PLAYOFFS, THE WORLD SERIES, ALL-STAR TEAMS, AS WELL AS RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS THROUGH AWARDS SUCH AS MOST VALUABLE PLAYER (MVP), CY YOUNG, ROOKIE OF THE YEAR, GOLD GLOVE, AND MANAGER OF THE YEAR.
- PAYING TRIBUTE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCEPTIONAL CAREERS THROUGH THEIR INDUCTION INTO THE ESTEEMED MWBL HALL OF FAME, WHILE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING OTHERS FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS WITHIN THE LEAGUE.

HOW CAN YOU GET IN THE GAME?

THERE ARE FEW, IF ANY, LEAGUES THAT CAN MATCH THE LEVEL OF COMPREHENSIVENESS AND DEDICATION DISPLAYED BY THE MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE (MWBL) IN PROVIDING AN IMMERSIVE AND AUTHENTIC BASEBALL FAN EXPERIENCE.

IF YOU POSSESS A STRONG UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH BASEBALL AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS, COUPLED WITH A GENUINE ENTHUSIASM FOR OUR SHARED HOBBY, YOU MAY BE AN IDEAL CANDIDATE FOR THE MWBL. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND COMPLETE THE APPLICATION PROCESS. THE MWBL IS CONSTANTLY SEEKING REPLACEMENT MANAGERS WHO ARE PREPARED TO EMBARK ON AN EXCITING JOURNEY WITHIN ONE OF THE FINEST LEAGUES AVAILABLE.

WHAT SHOULD BE YOUR NEXT COURSE OF ACTION? YOUR INITIAL STEP IS TO ACCESS THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM AND SUBMIT YOUR DETAILS ACCORDINGLY.



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THE MAJOR LEAGUES OF FANTASY BASEBALL

THE WEBSITE IS AWESOME!
365 DAYS A YEAR - BASEBALL

DRAFT DAY IS EVEN BETTER!
336 DRAFT PICKS IN 8 HOURS



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AT THE CORE OF THE MWBL'S MISSION IS THE PRESERVATION OF THE SCOUTING TRADITION, WHICH IS UPHELD BY INCLUDING UP TO 12 PROSPECTS WHO HAVE YET TO MAKE THEIR MARK IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES. THE LEAGUE METICULOUSLY DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS THE RESULTS OF EACH SEASON, INCLUDING PLAYOFFS, WORLD SERIES, ALL-STAR TEAMS, AND PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS SUCH AS MVP, CY YOUNG, ROOKIE OF THE YEAR, GOLD GLOVE, AND MANAGER OF THE YEAR. FURTHERMORE, THE MWBL PROUDLY HONORS EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUALS BY ENSHRINING THEM IN THE MWBL HALL OF FAME, RECOGNIZING THEIR OUTSTANDING CAREERS, AND CELEBRATING THE SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF OTHERS.

THROUGH ITS MULTIFACETED APPROACH, THE MWBL STRIVES TO FOSTER A DEEP APPRECIATION FOR BASEBALL, WHILE PRESERVING ITS RICH HISTORY AND HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK ON THE SPORT.

CAREER STATISTICS

THE MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE TAKES GREAT PRIDE IN METICULOUSLY MAINTAINING COMPREHENSIVE CAREER STATISTICS FOR ALL PLAYERS. WHETHER IT'S HITTING, PITCHING, OR FIELDING, EVERY ASPECT OF THE GAME IS METICULOUSLY RECORDED, INCLUDING EVERY AT-BAT, RUN SCORED, EARNED RUN, STOLEN BASE, WIN, LOSS, SAVE, AND MANY MORE. THE LEAGUE RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF BOTH TRADITIONAL AND ANALYTICS-BASED STATISTICS, SUCH AS OPS, SLUGGING PERCENTAGE, AND ON-BASE PERCENTAGE, IN PROVIDING A HOLISTIC VIEW OF EACH PLAYER'S PERFORMANCE.

IN ADDITION TO THESE DETAILED STATISTICS, EACH PLAYER'S PAGE SHOWCASES THEIR MWBL ALL-STAR GAME APPEARANCES AND CORRESPONDING STATISTICS. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE LEAGUE CONDUCTS ITS OWN ALL-STAR GAME, WITH THE STARTERS BEING VOTED ON BY THE LEAGUE'S MANAGERS. FURTHERMORE, POSTSEASON APPEARANCES AND STATISTICS, AS WELL AS AWARDS WON, ARE ALSO PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED. THIS LEVEL OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAYER INFORMATION TRULY SETS THE MWBL APART FROM OTHER FANTASY BASEBALL LEAGUES. IT BRINGS EACH PLAYER'S MWBL CAREER TO LIFE, CREATING A VIRTUAL "WHO'S WHO" FOR THE MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE.



DRAFT DAY

MWBL DRAFT DAY IS AN EAGERLY ANTICIPATED AND METICULOUSLY PREPARED EVENT FOR EVERY FRANCHISE OWNER. POSSESSING A COMPREHENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF BASEBALL AT ALL LEVELS IS INSTRUMENTAL IN ACHIEVING SUCCESS ON THIS SIGNIFICANT DAY. UNLIKE MANY FANTASY BASEBALL LEAGUES, THE MWBL OFTEN SELECTS PLAYERS BEFORE THEY ARE DRAFTED INTO THE MAJOR LEAGUES, A TESTAMENT TO THE LEAGUE'S ASTUTE SCOUTING AND FORWARD-THINKING APPROACH.

IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, FOR INSTANCE, THE MWBL DRAFT SAW THE SELECTION OF 12 COLLEGE PLAYERS AND FOUR HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS, A REMARKABLE FIVE MONTHS BEFORE THEIR OFFICIAL SELECTION IN THE MLB DRAFT HELD IN JULY. A NOTABLE EXAMPLE IS THE 2021 MWBL DRAFT, WHERE JACK LEITER WAS CHOSEN AS THE #1 SELECTION BY THE HARSSENS ISLAND WALLEYE IN FEBRUARY, A FULL FIVE MONTHS BEFORE HE WAS SELECTED BY THE TEXAS RANGERS IN THE MLB DRAFT.

THE MWBL DRAFT ALSO SHOWCASES INTERNATIONAL STARS AND PROSPECTS WHO OFTEN EMERGE BEFORE GAINING WIDESPREAD RECOGNITION AMONG AMERICAN FANS. PLAYERS SUCH AS SHOHEI OHTANI, SEIYA SUZUKI, LUIS ROBERT, JOSE ABREU, YOENIS CESPEDES, HIDEKI MATSUI, AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN ROUTINELY SELECTED IN MWBL DRAFTS BEFORE MAKING HEADLINES IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES. ONE OF THE MOST NOTABLE INSTANCES OF MWBL'S INTERNATIONAL PROGNOSTICATION IS THE SELECTION OF AROLDIS CHAPMAN IN 2009 (PICK #280) BEFORE HE EVEN PITCHED IN THE WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC AND BEFORE HIS DEFECTION FROM CUBA. THIS REMARKABLE SELECTION OCCURRED A FULL TEN MONTHS BEFORE CHAPMAN SIGNED A MAJOR LEAGUE CONTRACT WITH THE CINCINNATI REDS.

THE MWBL'S ABILITY TO IDENTIFY AND DRAFT TALENT AHEAD OF THEIR MAJOR LEAGUE DEBUTS EXEMPLIFIES THE LEAGUE'S COMMITMENT TO SCOUTING AND ITS FORESIGHT IN RECOGNIZING FUTURE STARS.

SOME OTHER STUFF

IN ADDITION TO THE REMARKABLE FEATURES ALREADY OUTLINED, THE MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE (MWBL) OFFERS AN ARRAY OF ENTICING EXTRAS THAT FURTHER ENRICH THE LEAGUE EXPERIENCE. AMONG THESE NOTABLE ADDITIONS IS THE CHRISTMAS CLASSIC HOME RUN DERBY, A THRILLING EVENT WHERE SELECTED PLAYERS COMPETE FOR THE COVETED LONGBALL CROWN. FURTHERMORE, ONE OF THE LEAGUE OWNERS ANNUALLY DEMONSTRATES THEIR ASTUTE DRAFTING SKILLS BY SHOWCASING HOW THE LEAGUE SHOULD HAVE DRAFTED SEVEN YEARS PRIOR, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CAREER WAR (WINS ABOVE REPLACEMENT) AND OTHER PERTINENT FACTORS. ANOTHER OWNER DILIGENTLY CALCULATES THE EXPECTED SEASON WINS FOR EACH TEAM, PROVIDING A CONCISE MINI-SEASON PREVIEW. ADDITIONALLY, FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL DRAFT, THE COMMISSIONER METICULOUSLY EVALUATES EACH TEAM'S "FARM SYSTEM" BASED ON REAL-LIFE PROSPECT RANKINGS, FURTHER EMPHASIZING THE LEAGUE'S COMMITMENT TO AUTHENTICITY.

THE MWBL COMMUNITY TAKES IMMENSE PRIDE IN CONTINUOUSLY DEVISING INNOVATIVE AND ENJOYABLE METHODS TO ENHANCE THE LEAGUE EXPERIENCE, ENSURING THAT MEMBERS ARE CONSISTENTLY ENGAGED AND ENTERTAINED.



MWBL HOT STOVE

WHEN OCTOBER ARRIVES, MANY FANTASY BASEBALL LEAGUES ENTER A PERIOD OF DORMANCY. HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT THE CASE IN THE MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE (MWBL). FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE MWBL WORLD SERIES, THE LEAGUE SPRINGS INTO ACTION WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF FREE AGENTS AND THE TRIMMING OF OFFSEASON ROSTERS. IT IS DURING THIS TIME THAT THE MWBL HOT STOVE TRULY IGNITES, AS THE WINTER MONTHS WITNESS A FLURRY OF TRADES THAT SURPASS EVEN THOSE MADE DURING THE REGULAR SEASON. IN THE MWBL, THERE IS NO OFFSEASON HIATUS; THE LEAGUE REMAINS VIBRANT AND ACTIVE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

EACH MWBL FRANCHISE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN TRADES INVOLVING MINOR LEAGUERS, MAJOR LEAGUERS, AND DRAFT CHOICES FOR THE UPCOMING DRAFT. THE MWBL OWNERS FULLY COMPREHEND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HOT STOVE LEAGUE AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE, ENSURING THEY REMAIN RESPONSIVE AND INVOLVED IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS PROMPTLY. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE MWBL DISTINGUISHES ITSELF BY MAINTAINING COMPREHENSIVE TRADE REGISTERS, COMPLETE WITH INDIVIDUAL TEAM TRACKERS. THIS INVALUABLE RESOURCE ALLOWS LEAGUE MEMBERS TO REVISIT PAST TRADES, BOTH SUCCESSFUL AND REGRETTABLE, DATING BACK TO THE LEAGUE'S INCEPTION. THE TRADE REGISTERS ENCOMPASS ALL FRANCHISES, BOTH DEFUNCT AND ACTIVE, PROVIDING A RICH HISTORICAL RECORD OF THE MWBL'S TRADING ACTIVITY.

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HALL OF FAME

THE MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME & ONLINE MUSEUM WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2003 WITH A CLEAR PURPOSE IN MIND: TO SERVE AS A REPOSITORY FOR THE COLLECTION, CLASSIFICATION, PRESERVATION, AND PROTECTION OF RECORDS, ARTIFACTS, ARTICLES, AND OTHER ITEMS OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE PERTAINING TO THE ORIGIN, DEVELOPMENT, AND GROWTH OF THE MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE. SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THE MWBL HALL OF FAME HAS PROUDLY INDUCTED 23 PLAYERS, EACH EVALUATED SOLELY BASED ON THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS WITHIN THE MWBL, WITHOUT CONSIDERATION FOR THEIR MAJOR LEAGUE STATISTICS OR ANY REAL-LIFE ON-FIELD OR OFF-FIELD MATTERS. IN ADDITION TO THE ESTEEMED PLAYERS, EIGHT MANAGERS AND TWO KEY CONTRIBUTORS TO THE LEAGUE'S SUCCESS HAVE ALSO BEEN HONORED WITH INDUCTION INTO THE MWBL HALL OF FAME.

WITHIN THE LEAGUE'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE, A DEDICATED SECTION IS DEVOTED TO THE MWBL HALL OF FAME, WHERE VISITORS CAN EXPLORE VOTING RESULTS, VIEW PLAQUES SHOWCASING THE CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE INDUCTEES, READ THEIR ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES, AND IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN A VARIETY OF EXHIBITS THOUGHTFULLY CURATED BY LEAGUE MEMBERS. THIS COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTION SERVES AS A TESTAMENT TO THE LEAGUE'S COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING ITS RICH HISTORY AND CELEBRATING THE REMARKABLE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK ON THE MWBL.