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- Massachusetts - (1)
- New Jersey - (1)
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# MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE

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## A LEAGUE OF IT'S OWN

The Mid-West Baseball League is entering its 14th season of play, and is considered one of the finest, most established APBA / BBW Leagues around. Not only does the Mid-West Baseball League have unique playing rules, but we're also deeply interested in the development of the game and minor league players. With Twenty-Eight (28) franchises (*Yes that's right Twenty-Eight*) scattered throughout the United States & Canada, we have a wide range of

ownership. With that wide range of ownership comes a great amount of knowledge, enthusiasm and dedication to baseball which makes the MWBL shine above other fantasy (alternative reality) baseball Leagues.



MID-WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE

Fourteen years ago the Mid-West Baseball League was formed as a continuous APBA /

BBW ownership league. To this day, we still have six of the original members, and nine other members have been with us for at least seven plus years. The beauty in all this is represented by the fact that there are still people who are fanatic about the game of baseball. It goes back to the great old saying "If you build it - they will come" and come they have; from as far west as California, and as due east as Massachusetts and as far south as Florida. Are you interested in the Mid-West Baseball League?

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## MWBL - INFO CENTER

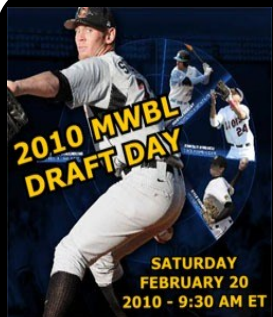
The Mid-West Baseball League Commissioners Office runs a custom built software "Information Center" created specifically for the Mid-West Baseball League. All Rosters, Trades, Drafts, & Teams

are supported in this system and make League Management very simple and forthright . This custom built software was created by Steven Cornfield, an up and coming software developer

with a passion for sports. It makes running the league simple.



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*"The most knowledgeable owners I have ever been associated with in any type of Baseball League"*

*Scott Farquharson  
Yonge Street Stalkers*

*"The MWBL Web Site is the Greatest! I never have to worry about updated rosters - the Commissioners office updates trades minutes after they are confirmed"*

*Wally Walczak  
Buffalo Braves*

*"The Commissioners office works endlessly on the web site, with career stats, and a ton of other information! Which makes it the best damn league out there"*

*Steve Cutler  
Hollywood Werewolves*



## DRAFT DAY !!!

How often does your fantasy baseball league take a player before he's drafted into the Major Leagues? This happens often in the Mid-West Baseball League. 2009 Steven Strasburg was the #1 selection by the Detroit Crime in the 2009 MWBL Draft on Febru-

ary 21st, 2009. A full five months previous to Strasburg being selected by the Washington Nationals. Does the Draft provide any late round gems? How about Aroldis Chapman? Chapman was selected in 2009, (Pick #280) before he pitched in the World

Baseball Classic, and before he defected from Cuba - a full ten months before he signed a major league contract with the Cincinnati Reds.



## CAREER STATISTICS



The Mid-West Baseball League keeps Career Statistics for all players. Hitting, pitching, fielding—every

Every player, pitcher, from A to Z. It brings every players career to life. A virtual Who's - who for the Mid-West Baseball League.

At-Bat, every Run, every Earned Run, Stolen Base, Win, Loss, Save and many more. What other fantasy baseball league does this?

## CAN YOU GET IN THE GAME?

Can you get in the game? What's your next step? Well the Mid-West Baseball League is very serious. Your first step is to fill out an online application at:

[www.straybaseball.com/application.htm](http://www.straybaseball.com/application.htm)

After filling out this online form, the Commissioner Office will send you a questionnaire & then do an interview. Do you have the baseball & computer knowledge and the enthusiasm for our hobby. If you think you meet the

criteria of the MWBL, please visit the web site and 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.

# SCOUTING AND DEVELOPMENT



Who's the next big prospect that no other

MWBL franchise knows about? If you do your homework, plan your scouting and development, you should build yourself into a contender in the Mid-West Baseball League. "It takes a few

years to rebuild your franchise & make it into a consistent winner". Jason Heyward was drafted in the 2008 Mid-West Baseball League Draft with the 17th selection in the 1st round. Are you the type of General Manager who would have know about his player back in 2008? Scott Farquharson General

Manager of the Yonge Street Stalkers knew of Heyward and selected him. Heyward's now the TOP PROSPECT in the minor leagues.



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## THE 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 Mid-West Baseball League World Series is over, and Free Agents are announced, rosters

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 up - coming draft. All MWBL owners know the importance of the Hot Stove League, and make every effort to stay involved, active and respond to all trade offers in a very timely fashion.

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## MWBL - HALL OF FAME

The Mid-West Baseball League Hall of Fame and On-Line Museum was established in 2003. Its purpose was to "establish, maintain and operate a repository to collect, classify, preserve and protect records, rel-

ics, articles and other things of historic interest connected with or pertaining to the origin, development and growth of the Mid-West Baseball League." To this date the MWBL Hall of Fame has no players inducted yet.

The MWBL Hall of Fame does have three managers inducted into MWBL Hall of Fame.



**The MWBL HOF awarded 17 exhibits and a fledgling institution begins its long journey...**



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Seems More than Real*

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Mid-West Baseball League (MWBL) is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to fostering an appreciation of the historical development and application of the game of baseball and its impact on our culture by simulating seasons, drafting prospects, and preserving, exhibiting & interpreting MWBL achievements for a global audience, as well as honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to our National Pastime. Through its mission, MWBL is committed to:

- Simulating each Major League Baseball season through BBW 5.5 represented by 24 teams placed in 2 Leagues of 3 Divisions each with teams being operated by a pro-active, knowledgeable and committed owner.
- Preserving the integrity of the scouting tradition by including up to 12 prospects with no major league experience.
- Documenting and exhibiting each season's results with Playoffs, World Series, All-Star teams, MVP, CY Young, Rookie of the Year, Gold Glove, and Manager of the Year Awards.
- Honoring, by enshrinement in the MWBL Hall of Fame, those individuals whom had exceptional careers and recognizing others for their significant achievements.

## MORE MWBL - INFORMATION

The Mid-West Baseball League goes beyond what a normal fantasy (alternative reality) baseball League does. You actually play the games using APBA / BBW 5.5 Game Engine, based on statistics from the previous MLB season. We play a full 162 game season, along with playoffs (Wild Card & League Championship Series) as well as a World Series & All-Star Game. We have awards from Gold Gloves, right down to MVP and Cy-Young awards.

Scouting and development does not take a back seat in the MWBL, actually quite the opposite. Each team is allotted twelve (12) minor league roster spots. These twelve minor league spots are often used to draft minor leaguers, college kids, or foreign born

players. Each minor leaguers must make it to the major leagues within a three year period or you lose his rights. Sort of like a free agent system.

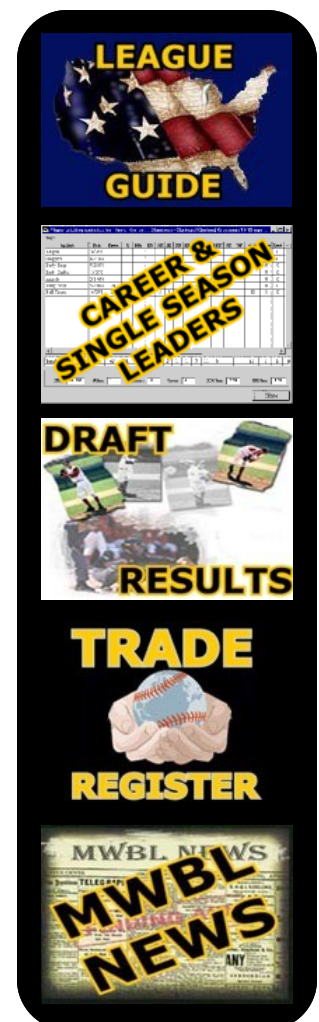
In between each season we hold a live draft (Second Saturday after the Super Bowl). It's at the draft where you try to rebuild your club. Not only do you need to finish off your major and minor leaguer roster on draft day, you need to be prepared. There are not a lot of super "Gems" on Draft Day. Most decent to solid prospects are usually taken a year or two before these players are known to the public. The draft is tough, but for the serious baseball aficionados, this is like Christmas day. It's where you get a great present, but don't have a clue what it really is, just

yet.

How many leagues do you know that have trade registers, including individual teams trackers, so you can go back and look at all of those good trades, and all those bad ones too?

The MWBL prides itself on quality owners; we do this for a few reasons. This is not something we take lightly. Some say we're "overly compulsive" about it. We have a great group of guys, and are always looking for a few more. If you don't believe what you're reading to be true, stop by the MWBL web site and see for yourself. This is absolutely one of the premier fantasy (alternative reality) baseball leagues around. Come check us out at:

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