

## **1. Port Charlotte Men's Senior Baseball League**

- A. The organization shall be known as: Port Charlotte MSBL

## **2. Notification**

- A. The League's official mailing address shall be:  
603 Athos Terrace Port Charlotte, FL 33952

## **3. National Affiliation**

- A. The League shall be affiliated with the national organization  
Men's Senior Baseball League, Inc.  
One Huntington Quadrangle, Suite 3N07  
Melville, NY 11747

## **4. Principles and Purpose of the League**

- A. To provide the opportunity to play organized baseball for those 18 years of age and older.
- B. To promote a competitive environment and playing schedule
- C. To encourage good sportsmanship among its' players

## **5. Eligibility**

- A. Players must be 18 years of age or older before playing in any game. A player may practice and be rostered at age 17.
- B. The manager shall determine and assure the league that all his team's players are eligible.
- C. Provided it is still eligible and in good standing with the league, a team that was affiliated with the league in the prior year shall retain its' affiliation for the current year.

## **6. Termination of Eligibility**

- A. The manager shall have the authority to discipline players who demonstrate poor sportsmanship or compromise the principles and purpose of the league.
- B. Additionally, the President, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend, or terminate the eligibility of any team, manager or player. If the team, manager or player is the subject of a complaint, the party shall receive notice of the complaint and be permitted to attend the meeting and respond to the charges.
- C. If a manager suspects an ineligible player, he may protest by notifying the President within 24 hours of a completed game. If the player is found ineligible, the game just played, and any other games played by that player, will be forfeited.

D. Appeal process through all team managers.

## **7. Expansion**

- A. New teams cannot use a team name that is currently being used by a team already affiliated with the league.
- B. The application shall be on an appropriate form provided by the League and will include signatures of twelve eligible players.

## **8. Duties and Responsibilities of the President**

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. Establish a budget for League activities.
- B. Collect fees from teams to fund the budget.
- C. Arrange for facilities usage by its League membership.
- D. Obtain insurance coverage
- E. Schedule league activities
- F. Provide a schedule for baseball team competition.
- G. Provide for umpires to officiate scheduled games.
- H. Coordinate the purchase of equipment for league operations.
- I. Administer and enforce all rules and policies set forth in this publication.
- J. Convene to hear all grievances, protests, and appeals.

## **9. Duties and Responsibilities of the Team Managers**

- A. Develop a team roster.
- B. Develop a team budget.
- C. Solicit team sponsorship.
- D. Collect fees from players at league meetings and functions.
- E. Determine and administer team policies.
- F. Represent players at league meetings and functions.
- G. Communicate and enforce league rules and regulations
- H. Schedule and supervise practices
- I. Obtain team uniforms and equipment
- J. Field management during and after games
- K. Ensure that all dugouts are clean of all trash and equipment after every game.

## **10. Disqualification**

- A. If a team has not paid its team participation fee by the second weekend in April, or any extension granted by the President, the team shall be disqualified for play for the current year.
- B. The President, at its sole discretion, may reinstate a disqualified team.
- C. If a team is disqualified, all application and team participation fees paid through the date of disqualification shall be forfeited.

## **11. Rosters**

- A. Each roster will include the following information
  - First and Last names
  - Residence street address, city and zip code
  - Day and evening telephone numbers
  - Date of birth
  - A player waiver for each player
  - Umpire and Field waivers
- B. The manager will deliver a preliminary roster by opening day
- C. The manager may add or delete eligible players to the roster by notifying the President not less than 48 hours before a scheduled game.
- D. The roster in effect at the end of the regular playing season is the final roster. players added after this date will not be eligible for the playoffs.
- E. No player shall be eligible for post-season play unless he has played in 10 regular season games.

## **12. Refunds**

- A. Games not played and not re-scheduled - amount TBD
- B. Missing umpires - amount TBD
- C. Umpire fees in a forfeit situation - the forfeiting team pays for both umpires.

## **13. Amendment to MSBL Rules**

### **Rule 1.**

- 1.a. Stirrups are not required.
- A.2. All teams should have their uniforms by their first game. A grace period of 6 weeks will be extended to new teams
- 1.b. Helmets must have at least one earflap. It must be the ear facing the pitcher.

### **Rule 2.**

- 2.a. All games are 7 innings
- Rain: 3 ½ innings is a complete game if the home team has the lead.
- 2.d. League manager will decide all rainouts.

### **Rule 3.**

- 3.b. There will be a player pool for prospective players.
- 3.e. Minimum of 9 batters.

### **Rule 9.**

- 9.e. Pitchers do not need to bat