**Manager Information Sheet**

**Team Selection**

* Managers pick their players during the draft.
* Managers may choose their team name from the list of available teams.
* Pre-formed teams may exist prior to the draft.
	+ At the pre-draft manager meeting, some of these teams may need to be combined or adjusted.
	+ Managers will have the opportunity to decide where players go before the draft officially begins.

**Uniforms & Equipment**

* Provided: Jersey tops and hats
* Players must bring: belts, pants, socks, and cleats
* Balls will be provided by the league.
* Wood bats encouraged, but metal bats are allowed.

**Key Meetings & Dates**

* Pre-Draft Manager Meeting
	+ September 11, 7 PM
	+ Location TBD
	+ Purpose: Team name negotiation & assignment of pre-formed players/teams.
* Tryouts (Player Evaluations)
	+ September 13, 10 AM – 2 PM (May be shorter depending on participation)
	+ Bloomington Baseball Fields
	+ Managers attend to evaluate players prior to the draft.
* Draft
	+ September 13, immediately following tryouts
	+ Restaurant (location TBD)
	+ Managers select their players and finalize rosters.

**Season Expectations**

* 12 regular season games – manager attendance required.
* If unavailable, an interim manager must be assigned.
* Double elimination tournament at season’s end.
* Managers should balance equal playing time with competition.

**Fair Playing Time & Player Requests**

* All players should receive fair and reasonable playing time.
* If a player feels they are not receiving fair playing time, they may:
* Submit a request to their manager to be traded or released as a free agent.
* If unresolved, escalate the request to the league president for review.
* Trades or free-agent releases must be approved by league leadership to maintain fairness.

**Reserve Players**

* Some players may be on a reserve list.
* Reserve players are pay-per-game.
* They must check in with a staff member before the game, pay, and receive a jersey to be returned at the end of the game.

**Rules**

* League will follow the NFHS Rulebook.
* Sportsmanship, fairness, and development are key expectations for all managers.

**Scoring**

* The Home team is responsible for running gamechanger and keeping accurate books.

**Communication & League Updates**

* Primary contact: Managers will receive league updates by email/text — it’s their responsibility to share with their team.
* League website / social media (if applicable) is the official source for standings, schedules, and announcements.
* Managers should promptly respond to league communication.

**Practices**

* Managers are not expected to hold practices, as field availability is limited
* Managers that are interested in holding practices are encouraged to coordinate with the league president & get a membership at D-BAT, one of our sponsors. They are willing to open specific hours for men’s league practices.

**Scheduling & Weather Policy**

* Rainouts or cancellations will be rescheduled if possible; managers must keep players informed.
* Game time responsibility: Managers must ensure their team is ready to play at the scheduled start time. For example, if a game says 7 pm on the schedule, first pitch must be by 7:15 pm.

**Umpires & Game Administration**

* Umpires will be assigned by the league.
* Managers are expected to respect umpire decisions and model good sportsmanship.
* Only the manager may approach an umpire to question a rule interpretation (not judgment calls).

**Field Prep**

* Fields will be prepped by city workers before each game.
* Managers are not responsible for prepping fields before or after the game
* Teams are expected to respect the fields and dugouts by sweeping dugouts and cleaning up all trash at the end of games.

**Player Conduct & Eligibility**

* Players must be registered and in good standing with the league to participate.
* Ejections or disciplinary issues: Managers should immediately report incidents to the league president.
* Managers are expected to set the tone for good behavior on the field and in the dugout.

**League Fees & Financial Responsibility**

* Player and reserve player fees must be paid before participation (except pay-per-game reserves who pay at check-in).
* Managers are not responsible for collecting money, but may be asked to help remind players about payment deadlines

**Playoffs & Tie-Breakers**

* A double elimination tournament concludes the season.
* Tie-breakers may include:
* Overall record
* Head-to-head results
* Run differential
* Managers should familiarize themselves with these ahead of playoffs.

**Safety & Injuries**

* First aid supplies will be kept on-site or with staff.
* If a player is injured, the manager should notify league staff immediately.
* Serious injuries may require an incident report filed with the league.