2026 MSBL WORLD SERIES NEWSLETTER

# DAILY NEWS

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# 2026 MSBL WS Final Showdown's Today

**Today's Championship Schedule**

**45+ Cactus (U) Championship Game**
The Tribe vs So Cal Monarchs
*9:00am Tempe Diablo Stadium*

**45+ Cactus (L) Championship Game**
Baseball BB Forkballers vs Canadian Angels
*12:30pm Tempe 2*

**60+ Cactus (U) Championship Game**
Yonder Travelers vs Mustangs Baseball Blue
*1:00pm Tempe Diablo Stadium*

**60+ Cactus (L) Championship Game**
Waikiki Beach Boys vs Sonoma Co Cardinals
*9:00am Tempe 2*

**60+ Desert Championship Game**
Sacramento Rockets vs Seattle Pilots
*1:00pm Tempe 1*

**75+ National Championship Game**
MBI vs Sacramento Tribe
*9:00pm Tempe 1*



*75+ National MBI batter, **Les Riell** gets a good look at this ball before sending it into the right center field gap clearing the bases in his teams 8-0 white wash over the OKC Dodgers*

## Don Pike, Atlanta MABL/MSBL Lifetime Achievement Award

*By Steve LaMontia-Carlentini, MSBL Director of Communications*



Don Pike is a winner. Over the 40-year history of the Men's Senior Baseball League, only a handful of leagues have been as heavily relied on as the Atlanta MABL/ MSBL, currently under the guidance of MSBL Hall of Famer Don Pike. This is no coincidence. Don has led the Atlanta MABL since 2007, was inducted into the MSBL Hall of Fame in 2011, and was named the first MSBL Man of the Year in 2014. Fast forward to 2026, and Don can now add the prestigious MSBL Lifetime Achievement Award to his impressive resume. "The MSBL thrives for all because of the leader-ship of a few," stated MSBL Founder and President Steve Sigler. "Don Pike has always been an effective leader, but his presence in Atlanta has never been felt more strongly. He stepped up when nobody else would. We are a stronger organization because of Don." "I will never forget these awards," said Don. "They are humbling and mean the world to me." Entering 2026, the league now consists of 36 teams, playing in 18+, 25+, and 35+ divisions. The league also hosts the annual Billy Townsend Memorial Day Tournament, the Rosie Shootout (held every Labor Day weekend), and the Santa Shuffle (held every December and benefiting *(continued on page 2)*

## 6 More Championships On Tap For Today at the Tempe Diablo Sports Complex

*Great Weather Returns to the Valley of the Sun With Temperatures in the high 70's*
*By Tom Prendergast*

After almost three weeks, the MSBL WS wraps up today with six more championship games at the Tempe Diablo Complex. Throughout this tournament, questions arose about some of our rules, most notably the Shared Batter / Courtesy Runner rule. Our 75+ division managers didn't like the no lead off rule, so they decided to simply ignore it! Rest assured that once the tournament is over, the national office will be addressing all of these issues and put out some clarifications that will clear up any confusion or misunderstandings.

| **60+ National Championship** | |
|---|---|
| Boston Wolfpack | 12 |
| Tribute 60's | 9 |

| **75+ Consolation Championship** | |
|---|---|
| Arizona Storm | 18 |
| PSSBL Aqua Sox | 3 |

**MSBL WS Souvenir Shop**
Special Deals for the last day of the 2026 MSBL WS
Lots of clearance items from previous years are on sale
Selected merchandise is marked down - and of course
Everything must go!

**Tempe Diablo Stadium Snack Shop - Open 8am**

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| | 45+ Cactus Division 1 | W | L | T | Pts | RS | RA | W% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Utah Rockies | 4 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 56 | 52 | 667% |
| 2 | Sacramento Sox | 4 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 60 | 54 | 667% |
| 3 | Des Moines Bruins | 4 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 75 | 63 | 667% |
| 4 | Connecticut Navigators | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 68 | 58 | 500% |
| 5 | Baseball BBQ Forkballers | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 72 | 47 | 500% |
| 6 | UK / Ireland Buccaneers | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 99 | 0% |

| | 45+ Cactus Division 2 | W | L | T | Pts | RS | RA | W% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | So Cal Monarchs | 5 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 71 | 30 | 833% |
| 2 | The Tribe | 4 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 57 | 41 | 667% |
| 3 | Canadian Angels | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 56 | 48 | 500% |
| 4 | Utah Pelicans | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 64 | 55 | 500% |
| 5 | Houston Cyclones | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 60 | 74 | 417% |
| 6 | Sonoma REBL | 2 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 45 | 53 | 333% |
| 7 | Colt 45's | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 43 | 95 | 250% |

| | 60+ National Division | W | L | T | Pts | RS | RA | W% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Boston Wolfpack | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 71 | 6 | 1000% |
| 2 | Tribute 60's | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 51 | 31 | 600% |
| 3 | Tulsa Liners | 1 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 56 | 167% |

| | 60+ Cactus Division | W | L | T | Pts | RS | RA | W% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Mustangs Baseball Club Blue | 6 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 88 | 25 | 1000% |
| 2 | Yonder Travelers | 5 | 1 | 0 | **11** | 75 | 37 | 833% |
| 3 | Mustangs Baseball Club Red | 5 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 77 | 39 | 833% |
| 4 | Chicago MAXX Cubs | 4 | 2 | 0 | **9** | 58 | 57 | 667% |
| 5 | Sonoma County Cardinals | 3 | 3 | 0 | **7** | 68 | 70 | 500% |
| 6 | Tri Valley Braves | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 68 | 75 | 500% |
| 7 | Waikiki Beach Boys | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 53 | 56 | 333% |
| 8 | Houston Old Stars | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 53 | 74 | 333% |
| 9 | Arizona Stallions | 1 | 5 | 0 | **3** | 44 | 64 | 167% |
| 10 | Kansas City | 1 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 44 | 89 | 167% |
| 11 | Arizona Red Sox | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 115 | 0% |

| | 60+ Desert Division | W | L | T | Pts | RS | RA | W% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Seattle Pilots | 5 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 102 | 41 | 833% |
| 2 | Saskatchewan Sportsmen | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 60 | 37 | 750% |
| 3 | Sacramento Rockets | 4 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 67 | 28 | 667% |
| 4 | Connecticut Navigators | 4 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 88 | 61 | 667% |
| 5 | Colorado Falcons | 4 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 108 | 67 | 667% |
| 6 | OKC Classics | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 45 | 70 | 500% |
| 7 | Westchester Mets | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 59 | 58 | 417% |
| 8 | Vegas Blues | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 60 | 99 | 417% |
| 9 | 60 Vets | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 37 | 97 | 083% |
| 10 | LA Sharks | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 124 | 0% |

| | 75+ Over Division | W | L | T | Pts | RS | RA | W% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Sacramento Tribe | 5 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 47 | 22 | 1000% |
| 2 | Chicago Fire | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 67 | 16 | 800% |
| 3 | MBI | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 58 | 16 | 800% |
| 4 | Tri Valley Antiques | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 56 | 19 | 800% |
| 5 | Rhode Island Salty Dogs | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 44 | 30 | 400% |
| 6 | OKC Dodgers | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 42 | 44 | 400% |
| 7 | Arizona Storm | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 31 | 48 | 400% |
| 8 | PSSBL Aqua Sox | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 63 | 300% |
| 9 | RI / Puerto Rico Cardinals | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 28 | 57 | 100% |
| 10 | 75 Vets | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 86 | 0% |

**Don Pike, Atlanta Lifetime Achievement** *(continued from page 1)*
Toys for Tots). What would you like to see in the future in Atlanta? "I would love to see a 50-team league, complete with its own complex. I enjoy going out to the ballpark on a Sunday and seeing the players and their families having a good time, and knowing that I had a hand in making that possible." Pike's leadership and organizational skills were honed early. When he was 18, the Hagerstown, MD, native became president of the Sunday night bowling league he started at a local bowling alley. When he was in the Marine Corps, he was transferred to Okinawa and was put in charge of organizing sports for the troops-an undertaking that, done well, boosted Marine morale. The trend of effective leadership continues in Atlanta. "I'm on the road by 6:00 am every Sunday to help drag and prep two or three fields. I'm usually finished with that by 10:00 am, but then the phone calls and text messages come in. By the time the game starts at 4:00 pm, I am sometimes cranky and always worn out, but it never fails: someone will come up to me and say 'thanks.' That single word will take any crankiness out of me and will make me forget how tired I really am." Don's tournament participation and management experience are also quite impressive. "I have participated in 21 MSBL Fall Classics, managed 14, won two as manager (2016 & 2018) and three as player. I currently manage the 18-over Reds in tournaments." How did your association with the MSBL begin? "It all started in 1991," said Don. "I had just homered in a slow-pitch softball game when I was approached by a couple of older guys looking for someone to fill in for them for a baseball game. After my softball game, I walked over to the field; they gave me a full uniform, and I went 0-4. I played out the season for this team even though I was two years from eligibility." Is there a favorite moment in your extensive baseball career? "After 35 years, there are four highlights that come to mind. *1.* Hitting home runs from both sides of the plate in 1996. The field wasn't all that big, and we used metal bats back then. *2.* Going 3 for 3 in one inning where we scored 19 runs. *3.* Coming off the bench to pinch-hit for Dante Bichette in the Fall Classic when he had to leave for another tournament game. I singled. We won the tournament the next day. *4.* When a league player recognizes me in public and goes out of their way to thank me for what I do, I do feel bad when I don't recognize the player." Circling back to the Atlanta MABL/MSBL, Jeff Travis is Don's right-hand man who helps maintain the league's precision known throughout the MSBL universe. In addition, because of Jeff's hard work over many years, Steve Sigler has honored Jeff this year by inducting him into the MSBL National Hall of Fame. "Don and I are like *Grumpy Old Men* (Lemmon and Matthau)," explained Jeff. "But we work great together, and we provide excellent results, as our focus is the same: to provide adults the ability

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**60+ National Champions - Boston Wolfpack**




**75+ Consolation Championship Winner - Arizona Storm**

## 2027 MSBL World Series Dates

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Week #1** | | |
| 75+ Divisions | Sun – Sat | Oct 10th - 16th | 5 games |
| 40+ Divisions | Mon – Sat | Oct 11th - 16th | 6 games |
| 60+ Divisions | Mon – Sat | Oct 11th – 16th | 6 games |
| 25+ Divisions | Wed – Sun | Oct 13th – 17th | 5 games |
| 18+ Open Division | Fri – Sun | Oct 15th – 17th | 4 games |
| | **Week #2** | | |
| 55+ Divisions | Sat – Thur | Oct 16th – 21st | 6 games |
| 65+ Divisions | Sat – Fri | Oct 16th – 22nd | 5 games |
| 73+ Division | Sat – Fri | Oct 16th – 22nd | 5 games |
| 35+ Division | Mon – Sat | Oct 18th – 23rd | 6 games |
| Father / Son | Thur – Sun | Oct 21st – 24th | 4 games |
| | **Week #3** | | |
| 70+ Division | Sun – Sat | Oct 24th – 30th | 5 games |
| 80+ Division | Mon – Fri | Oct 25th – 29th | 5 games |
| 45+ Divisions | Mon – Sat | Oct 25th – 30th | 6 games |
| 50+ Divisions | Mon – Sat | Oct 25th – 30th | 6 games |

No alcohol and or tobacco products are allowed before - during or after the game at any MSBL World Series locations or stadiums! Viloators will be suspended




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**45+ Cactus Lower Playoff**

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|---|---|
| Connecticut Navigators | 9 |
| Houston Cyclones | 6 |
| Baseball BBQ Forkballers | 19 |
| Utah Pelicans | 1 |
| Baseball BBQ Forkballers | 11 |
| Des Moines Bruins | 10 |
| Canadian Angels | 15 |
| Connecticut Navigators | 0 |

**45+ Cactus Upper Playoffs**

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|---|---|
| The Tribe | 7 |
| Houston Cyclones | 3 |
| Sacramento Sox | 1 |
| So Cal Monarchs | 3 |

**60+ Cactus Upper Playoffs**

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|---|---|
| Mustangs Baseball Club Blue | 9 |
| Chicago MAXX Cubs | 8 |
| Yonder Travelers | 15 |
| Mustangs Baseball Club Red | 1 |

**60+ Cactus Lower Playoffs**

| | |
|---|---|
| Sonoma County Cardinals | 10 |
| Houston Old Stars | 9 |
| Tri Valley Braves | 10 |
| Waikiki Beach Boys | 12 |

**60+ Desert Division**

| | |
|---|---|
| Sacramento Rockets | 23 |
| OKC Classics | 2 |
| Connecticut Navigators | 7 |
| Colorado Falcons | 16 |
| Sacramento Rockets | 10 |
| Saskatchewan Sportsmen | 1 |
| Colorado Falcons | 9 |
| Seattle Pilots | 13 |

**75+ Division Playoffs**

| | |
|---|---|
| MBI | 8 |
| OKC Dodgers | 0 |
| Rhode Island Salty Dogs | 5 |
| Tri Valley Antiques | 2 |
| Sacramento Tribe | 14 |
| Rhode Island Salty Dogs | 2 |
| MBI | 7 |
| Chicago Fire | 5 |

**Don Pike, Lifetime Achievement**

*(continued from page 2)*

while some won't. It is what it is, so be prepared." Finally, what does this award mean to you? "I have received several awards over the past 40 years, but just a few are very special to me, including this MSBL Lifetime Achievement Award. Another very special one was being named Okinawa Marine NCO of the Quarter in 1986. I also received three Community Service Awards from three different high schools. I consider my 2011 election to the MSBL Hall of Fame to be at the top of the list, too. It's quite an honor to be considered for any of these awards. *Thank you!"*



*75+ Division MBI batter, **Fred Krause** gets ready to crush this ball into the gap in left center against the OKC Dodgers on Tempe 1.*




*60+ Desert Vegas Blues pitcher, **Larry Bergren** on the mound at Tempe Diablo Stadium during his teams game against the Pilots.*



*Tribute 60's pitcher, **Mark Noel** delivers a pitch on Friday*



*Home plate umpire, **Greg Xepoleas** explains a call to PSSBL Aqua Sox manager, **Art West**.*




*60+ National Division Tribute 60's pitcher, **Eric Taylor** delivers a pitch side arm to the plate against Boston.*



*75+ Division Sacramento Tribe batter/runner, **John Lane** hustles to first base just ahead of the throw to, **Joe Williamson** that got away.*




*75+ Division Tri Valley Antiques pitcher, **Ben Cabanas** came on in relief during his teams playoff game against the RI Salty Dogs.*