

Mesquite Baseball – FAQ

Rulebook

MBI follows **Major League Baseball rules**, with a few league-specific modifications.

The full rulebook is available on our website under “**Downloads**”

Registration/Schedules/Season Timing

All registration (Spring & Fall) is completed **online through our website**. Library computers are available for families without internet access.

Spring 2026 Registration:

- Opens: Dec 9, 2025
- Closes: Feb 7, 2026

Spring 2026 Coaches Meeting:

- Jan 29, 2026 – Time & Place TBD

Game Schedules Release:

- March 2, 2026 *subject to change*

Spring 2026:

- Games begin: Week of March 9, 2026
- Season ends: May 29, 2026 *Drop dead date regardless of if games have not been made up due to rainout games*
- Final standings: 1st & 2nd place teams receive rings

General Season Length:

- **Spring:** March through early June**
- **Fall:** Early September through October 31**
 - Fewer games and no post-season awards in Fall**

**Subject to change

Fees & Costs

- League fees are **per team**, not per player.
- Costs vary by age group and depend on uniforms, equipment, roster size, sponsorships, and fundraising.
 - Coaches handle team finances.
- MBI hosts a **Spring raffle fundraiser** to help reduce costs.

Equipment

- Check with your Coach before buying equipment.
- A properly-fitting **glove** is usually the first essential item.
- We suggest you **do not buy a bat** until your child's size/weight is confirmed.

Team Placement

- After registration, player information is shared with coaches filling rosters on a first come first serve basis. Coaches contact families directly.
- **Haven't heard from a coach yet?** Often, we need more volunteer coaches. Volunteering as a coach can speed up player placement, and we provide full support for new coaches.

Contacts

- **First contact:** Your Head Coach.
- **Next:** Your age-appropriate League Commissioner, then the appropriate VP.
 - Instructional Leagues (T-Ball & Coach-Pitch)
 - Minor Leagues (9U-12U)
 - Major Leagues (13U-18U)
- **Last:** If you are still not provided the answers needed, please contact the Vice President and copy the President in the email.

Please follow the proper channels before contacting the VPs. They will ask if you've first reached out to the appropriate point of contact and may redirect you back so the issue can be handled at the correct level. We're all here to help, but it's important to address concerns through the proper chain of communication.

Background Checks

All head coaches, assistant coaches, board members, concession workers, and adult umpires must complete **semi-annual background checks**.

Practices

- Coaches set their own schedules; at least **one practice per week** is recommended.
 - Practices can be held at **any city field** throughout Mesquite.
 - Recommended start date: TBD

Games

Locations:

- Valley Creek
- Vanston
- Kimbrough (used when other fields are unavailable)

Game Days & Times:

- Primarily **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings**
 - **Wednesday** reserved for makeups
- Games typically start at **6:30 PM**, followed by a second game

Spring Break 2026:

- No games March 16–20

Additional Programs

- **Summer Baseball:** Not offered
- **Umpiring:** Opportunities posted before each season (Jan, Feb, July, Aug).
Background checks required.
- **Starting a New Team:** Submit the online team registration form, attend manager meetings, and contact your League Commissioner.
- **Concession Stand Opportunities:** Background checks required; details available from MBI leadership.