

2024 MBL August Classic Coaching & Roster Information

The August Classic is a season ending event, coordinated by the MBL. The AC takes 2-5 players from every MBL team and groups those players with 3 to 4 other MBL teams to create an August Classic team. That AC team then plays 4 games in the AC tournament (weather permitting) against other August Classic teams in their age and level group. For this tournament to take place we need the following:

1. **Fields:** Our host cities will be **Lakeville, Eastview (in Apple Valley), Bloomington and Burnsville.**
2. **Umpires:** We use three different Umpire Assignors and we usually have no issues filling our games.
3. **Players:** We have not had any problems coming up with rosters of 12 or 13 players for each team.
4. **August Classic Head Coaches:** This is always the hardest group to fill, we need approximately 150 head coaches every year.

The 2024 August Classic will be held from Fri, August 2nd through Sun, July 4th. (Cost is \$85/Player)

Number of August Classic Teams: Each age/level group will have a certain number of AC teams based on how many teams there are in the MBL spring/summer season. Each AC team will have a roster of 12 or 13 total players, made from 3, 4 or 5 different MBL teams. The players wear their own MBL team's uniforms and this creates a great all-star game atmosphere. The number of teams and ultimately players will be reduced if we are unable to get enough AC head coaches.

August Classic Head Coaches: AC head coaches can be a current MBL Head or MBL Assistant coaches or if there is a parent from your team with the ability to coach an AC team, we can also use them as a head coach.

August Classic Assistant Coaches: AC Assistants are chosen by that teams AC head coach. Normally they are coaches from the same MBL team as the AC head coach (if their child is chosen to participate) or the assistant coaches can be parents/coaches of the other players on your AC team.

August Classic Players: Each MBL Head Coach will be responsible for choosing the correct number of players to represent his MBL team in the August Classic. We will not know the correct amount of players we need from your MBL team until we know that we have the correct amount of AC head coaches. Once an age/level group has the AC head coaches we need then we will send out an email letting you know how many players we need from your specific MBL team.

August Classic Head Coach Roster Benefits: If you are an AC Head Coach we will use at least 3 players from your MBL team and If you decide you want an AC roster of 13 players (most teams do this) you will be able to choose a 4th player from your team. This extra player from your MBL team is a way to alleviate any tension from parents if they think your child should not have been chosen to play. The important thing is to get enough AC head coaches ASAP so we can start organizing rosters and schedules.

August Classic Schedule: At most ages & levels you will play one game on Friday at 4, 6 or 8 pm, two games on Saturday and one game on Sunday. AC teams do not have to practice, but normally they will have at least one practice just to get to know everyone.

Please call **Todd Scharber at 952-641-6610** or tscharber@mbl.bz or **Neil Mendonça at 952-641-6612** or nmendonca@mbl.bz if you have any questions. We will be sending out different scenarios on how to pick your players but it is really whatever way your MBL team wants to do it. Please do not guarantee any players a spot in the AC until we have emailed your age/level on how many players we need from your MBL team.