

2026 August Classic Coaching & Roster Information

The August Classic is MBL's season ending event. 2-5 players are selected from every MBL team and are grouped together with 3-4 other teams to create an *August Classic* team. Each AC team 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 **Bloomington, Burnsville, Eastview (Apple Valley) and Lakeville.**
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 160 head coaches every year.

The 2026 August Classic will be held from Fri, July 31st through Sun, August 2nd. (Cost is \$95/Player)

Number of August Classic Teams: The number of AC teams is based on the number of MBL teams in the spring/summer. Each AC roster consists of 12-13 players from 3-5 different MBL teams. The players wear their MBL team uniforms – this creates an all-star type 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 current MBL Head Coaches or Assistant Coaches, or an interested parent who has concussion and abuse awareness certification

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. **Choosing assistant coaches is completely at the discretion of the Head Coach.**

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. The number of players needed from each team is all based on how many people sign up to be AC Head Coaches. Once we finalize the number of AC Head Coaches at your age/level, we will send out an email with the number of players needed.

August Classic Head Coach Roster Benefits: As an AC Head Coach, we will use an extra player from your roster. 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: Barring inclement weather, you will play one game on Friday evening, 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 **Neil Mendonça at 952-641-6612** or email nmendonca@mbi.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.**