

Minutes from Coaches Meeting (2/3 Instructional and Advanced, 6/7, 4/5, and 8/9 A&B)
May 17th, 2015

Meeting 6:00 PM and closed around 7:00 PM

1. Roll Call (by Team for 2/3 for both levels)
 - a. Instructional
 - i. No rep from Wing Gap Girls (Carol Warfle)
 - ii. No rep from UN Black (Jamie Sterner)
 - b. Advanced
 - i. No rep from UMBT Starts (Tom Black)
 - c. Thanks to Chris Passenti for taking the notes
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Posted on website. Minutes approved at all level. Again, any questions, corrections, additional or deletions, please contact secretary at jwclymire@me.com
3. Old Business
 - a. None
4. Treasury
 - a. No fines to date
5. Umpiring: Advanced League Coaches Need to Remember the Following
 - a. Umpires at this level are in training
 - b. Their purpose is to keep the game fair and under control
 - c. Coaches need to be respectful and cut them some slack
6. Scores and Records
 - a. Wins and losses at this level are to gauge one program against the league as a whole to determine areas of improvement
7. League Rules: Advanced
 - a. Coaches need to stress instruction over winning and losing
 - b. Stress fun
 - c. Kids should not play more than 2 innings at 1 position per game
 - d. Coaches telling their hitters not to swing when the kids are pitching to force the coach to pitch will be reported by the umpire. This is not how to teach the girls proper batting off live pitching.

- e. 1st/3rd situation – Players cannot advance on dropped plays in the infield if they have not already committed to the next base.

8. Time Rules:

- a. Umpire manages the time and will decide when the game is over
- b. Cannot start an inning after 1hr 30min
- c. Visiting team batting at 1hr 45min – game over
- d. Home team batting at 1hr 45 min – finish inning
- e. Next inning starts immediately after the 3rd out. Coaches are responsible to make sure players know where they are going in the field to keep the game moving.
- f. Catchers need to be ready for the next inning – pinch runners with 2 outs.
- g. Fielders in baselines – Umpire to remove coaches after 2 warnings for deliberately placing fielders in the baseline
- h. **Hit by pitch – If a batter is hit by a pitch (no bounces) the batter has the option to take her base.**
- i. **If a windmill pitcher hits 2 batters in a game she is removed from pitching.**
- j. **The name of the windmill pitcher that hit 2 batters is reported with the score so the next opponent is aware**
- k. **If that same pitcher hits 1 batter in the next game she is removed and not permitted to pitch in the following game.**
- l. Slingshot pitchers are still allowed 3 hit batters with not penalties the following game

9. Zebra Web

- a. For home team only. The only purpose is for umpire contact information ONLY. This service is not for rescheduling games.

10. Score Reporting

- a. No issues thus far

11. Tournament – Will occur June 26/27/28th

- a. Gary received volunteer names at the end of the meeting (not available)
- b. June meeting will finalize rule changes and team setup
- c. Fee is \$25 which will provide for tournament costs and jersey
- d. 5 game guarantee with more for advancing teams
- e. Advanced teams will send 3-4 girls
- f. Instructional can send best 2 girls if interested – grade 3

- g. League needs players name, shirt size and \$25 per player by June 12th
 - i. Some organization covers this cost, other organizations requires parents to pay.
12. Next meeting
- a. Next meeting is June 7th
 - i. Fall Ball information will be provided at this meeting.
 - ii. 6 Sundays, possible one weekday game depending on the number of teams (odd vs even), plus playoff weekend
 - iii. Evaluations in early August, team made of 12-15 girls.

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- 1. Roll Call (by Team for 6/7)
 - a. Full attendance
 - i. *St. Jane and Palisades South excused – playing*
 - ii. *Joyann Smith represented St. Jane and took notes*
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 - a. Posted on website. Minutes approved at all level. Again, any questions, corrections, additional or deletions, please contact secretary at jwclymire@me.com
 - 3. Old Business
 - a. None
 - 4. Fines Due for Unreported scores or Pitchers
 - a. No fines recorded
 - b. Reminder, potential \$5.00 fine for late reporting
 - 5. Moving Games
 - a. Moving forward, just contact opposition coach.
 - b. Moving back, e-mail Statistician for approval first. Do not contact other coach. See Appendix.
 - c. No games Memorial Day Weekend. Cancel games due to weather can be made up by the following Sunday (May 31st)
 - 6. Umpire / Rules Discussion
 - a. Umpires are paid up front. Game not complete, then ask for returned money.

- b. Why not two umpires at this level? Coaches reporting too many missed calls due to one umpire.
- c. Confusion on 9th batter, with strikes, with or without 2 outs.
 - i. Consider for 2015-2016 rules committee

7. Zebra Web

- a. Not the league sponsored site, only used to manage umpires.
- b. Jon Adam turned on automatic e-mails, which can be confusing.
 - i. Making a simple change like changing umpires can lead to multiple e-mails, like umpire unassigned, game canceled, game rescheduled.
 - ii. Please defer to ELVsoftball.com for schedule and save e-mails from statistician on moved games
 - 1. Only home team should worry if umpire note assigned for today's game (originally scheduled or rescheduled games)
 - 2. In the past, coaches could only see home games on Zebraweb. This year, visiting team currently can see umpires for all games. League is requesting to turn off visibility for visiting teams to avoid confusion.
 - 3. Similar to last year, we need to be smart about team names. Speaking from example, St. Jane Hawks (4/5) and St. Jane Hawks (6/7) has resulted in game cancelations for the wrong team.

8. Tournament review

- a. June 26-28
- b. We currently have 20 teams at this level, so considering 6 to 7 teams for the tournament
 - i. Teams about 12 players, so if three teams to make one team, 4 players each.
- c. Tournament meeting in one to two weeks at Hecktown Fire Company for potential pairings.
 - i. Need 3-4 volunteers to look at rules, pairings, and game timing
 - ii. Best 7th graders, or best 6th grader equal to 7th graders
- d. No head coach, we have coaches/co-coaches
- e. Cost is \$25 a kid for playing and includes a shirt. If name on back of shirt, and additional cost (~\$8)
 - i. Need players name, shirt size and \$25 per player by June 12th

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 - b. Full attendance except
 - i. *Palmer Flames – Marc Crisafulli*
 - ii. *Thanks for Joyann Smith for took notes*
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 - i. Palisades have 7 home games and 7 away games, with over 30% not being played when originally scheduled. Anymore cancelations (excluding weather), the league will assign play date which will include week days
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 - i. Teams about 12 players, so if three teams to make one team, 4 players each.
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 - c. Full attendance except
 - i. *Bethlehem Township B – Jayson Hayes*
 - ii. *Palmer A – Steve Speshok*
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3. Old Business
 - a. Noted error on the division assignment for 8/9 A. With scheduled posted, switch BT Blackhawks and BT Cyclones contact information. Gary will update website to ensure current directory is posted.
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APPENDIX – All Levels

Not all organizations have moved games without consulting their statistician first but there are coaches from several organizations who have taken it upon themselves to NOT follow the rules. The rules for moving games have been covered at the last 2 coaches meeting and the "Game Procedures" sheet in their books was covered as well. I brought it up at the meetings last night and **emphasized** that there is a 3 game suspension if they move games without their statistician's permission.

The rules are in effect to ensure legitimate reasons for moving games. Prior to adopting the rules we had coaches moving games all over the place to make sure their best players were there. We had nobody overseeing when the games were being played, if the games were being played and whether the umpires were contacted. A couple of years ago we had to shorten the playoffs in one age level because of all of the moved games that hadn't been played at the end of the season.

The statistician's job is to allow moving of games for legitimate reasons, ensure they are rescheduled and played in a timely manner in order to complete the season on time. They statistician also contacts Jon Adams with the replay date. It's a double check system to ensure we have an umpire for the makeup.

If a game is being moved forward the coach does not need permission. All the coaches has to do is notify Jon Adams and the statistician. Please send out the following portion of this email to all of your coaches at the 2/3, 4/5, 6/7 and 8/9 Levels. After covering this again at May meeting, it happened twice today.

Thanks for following up.

**ANY COACH WHO CONTACTS AN OPPOSING COACH
TO MOVE A GAME
BEFORE
GETTING PERMISSION FROM THE STATISTICIAN**

WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR 3 GAMES

**THE STATISTICIAN MUST GIVE APPROVAL FIRST
IN ORDER TO MOVE A GAME**