

Eastern Lehigh Valley Softball League

Coaches Meetings for June 07, 2015

2/3 Instruction and Advanced Coaches Meeting 5:07 PM to 6:12 PM

4/5 Coaches Meeting 6:30 PM to 7:35 PM

6/7 Coaches Meeting 7:50 PM to 8:50 PM

Juniors Coaches Meeting 9:08 PM to 9:57 PM

Roll Call (By Teams)

1. 2/3 Roll Call – All Teams present with the exception
 - a. During meeting, confirmed Pen Arygl Cheetahs (Tim Butzgy) and UMBT Pirhanas (Pat Howarth) had makeup game and excused (Advanced).
 - b. Advanced Missing Palisades South (Dave Mosher), BT Minions (Drew Finnerety), and UMBT Stars (Tom Black). If two of the three had game, they will be excused, otherwise \$25.00 fine each.
 - c. Instructional Saucon Valley (Matt Seyfried) and UN Black (Jamie Sterner). If they had game, they will be excused, otherwise \$25.00 fine each.
2. 4/5 Roll Call – All Teams present with the exception
 - a. During meeting, confirmed BT Fireworks (Bill Schankel)/Wilson (Steve Weber-present later), and Forks Lightening (Jason Alley)/LN Firecrackers (Rob Wilson) had games and are excused.
 - b. Palmer Thunder (Rich Hasonich) was a no-show and \$25.00 fine.
3. 6/7 Roll Call – All Teams present with the exception
 - a. Fork Phillies (Brian Trimmer) was a no-show and \$25.00 fine.
4. 8/9 Americans (A) Roll Call – All Teams present with the exception
 - a. During meeting, confirmed Palmer Americans (Jeff Young)/Palmer Inferno (Steve Speshok) had games and are excused.
5. 8/9 Nationals (B) Roll Call – All Teams present with the exception

Current Fines

1. Open: Steve Speshok
2. Paid: Leo McMenimen

Minutes

1. Minutes from last meeting of May 17, 2015 approved

Old Business/On-going

1. Continue to report scores and pitchers inning in timely manner to avoid \$5.00 fine
2. Continue to get all games in as we are down to the last week and seeding for the playoffs.
3. Continue to report issues with no show or late umpires, or issues with rules interpretation.

Review of Non-Played Games and Schedules

1. Completed at all levels and for the most part, all games played or reschedule dates confirmed. Thanks for getting the games in.

Tournament Discussion (June 26-28)

1. Meeting is next Sunday or Monday night (more than likely Northeast Fieldhouse)
 - a. Team size 12-15 girls
 - b. League pays for Umpires
 - c. League pays for the balls. You will get one new and one used ball for each game. Please return all balls back to concession stand. These balls will be used for fallball evaluations.
 - d. Need list of players with shirt sizes
 - e. Checks covering the cost of \$25 per player (Organization pays or parent pay)
 - i. Check paid to ELV Softball
 - f. Rules and seeding/shirt colors addressed in this Tournament coaches meeting.
 - g. If you want a coach's shirt, coach can order for \$6. (typically only done for Fallball)
 - h. Players can get names \$4 and number \$2 (Total \$6) with services provided by Sport Center USA
 - i. Joe Lococo
 - ii. 484-821-0244
2. info@sportscenterusa.net
 - i. 749 E. Ettwein St. Bethlehem, PA 18018-4446
3. 2/3 Level
 - a. Venue is Wilson (Not LN as on tournament pairing handout)
 - b. Teams
 - i. Bethlehem (Two-A, One-I) and Northeast (One-I)
 - ii. Palisades N (One-A), Palisades S (One-A), Easton (One-I), Wilson (One-A), Wilson (One-I)
 - iii. Lower Nazareth (Two-A), Upper Nazareth (Two-I)

- iv. UMBT (Three-A), Wind Gap Raptors (One-I)
- v. Pen Argyl (Two-A), Wing Gap Girls (One-I), Bushkill (One-I)
- vi. Palmer (Two-A, One-I), St. Jane (One-I)
- vii. Forks (Two-A, Two-I)
- viii. Saucon Valley (One-A, One-I), Williams (One-A, One-I)

c. Coordinators

- i. Phil Rissmiller for BT and Palmer/St. Jane
 - 1. 484-903-0383
- ii. Eric Togerson for SV/Williams and Palisades N&S/Wilson
 - 1. 484-633-5345
- iii. Dave Mike for Forks and Pen Argyl/WG/Bushkill
 - 1. 610-554-9772
- iv. Brandon Hill for UMBT and UN/LN
 - 1. 484-542-1459

4. 4/5 Level

- a. Venue is Lower Nazareth (Not Wilson on tournament pairing handout)

b. Teams

- i. Bethlehem Township (3 teams)
- ii. Forks (3 teams)
- iii. Lower Nazareth (2 Teams) / Northeast
- iv. Williams / Wilson / St. Jane
- v. Palmer (3 teams)
- vi. UMBT (3 teams)
- vii. Pen Argyl / Wind Gap / Upper Nazareth
- viii. Palisades South / Palisades North / Saucon Valley / Easton

c. Coordinators

- i. Jeremy Shuler for LN/NE, Palisades S/N/Easton/SV, PE/WG/UN, and Williams/Wilson/St. Jane
 - 1. 484-542-0438
- ii. Ross Griffith for BT, Palmer, Forks, and UMBT
 - 1. 610-554-4723

5. 6/7 Level

- a. Venue is Upper Nazareth (Tuskes)
- b. Teams
 - i. Bethlehem township (2) / Saucon Valley
 - ii. Williams / Palisades South / Palisades North
 - iii. Forks (2) / Wilson
 - iv. Upper Nazareth / Pen Argyl / Wind Gap
 - v. UMBT (3)
 - vi. Palmer (2) / Easton
 - vii. Northeast / St. Jane
- c. Coordinators
 - i. Erol Borluca for UMBT, Fork/Wilson, UN/Pen Argyl/WG
 - 1. 973-438-3804
 - ii. Bill Ryker for BT/SV, Palmer/Easton, Williams/Palisades, NE/St. Jane
 - 1. 610-360-0074

6. 8/9 Level

- a. Venue is Northeast
- b. Teams
 - i. Bethlehem Township (Two-A, One-B)
 - ii. Palisades North (B) / Palisades South (B), Easton (B)
 - iii. Northeast (A) / SV (A) / LN (A)
 - iv. Palmer (Two-A), Pen Argyl (A)
 - v. Forks (B) / UN (A &B)
 - vi. UMBT (One-A, Two-B)
- c. Coordinator
 - i. Juan Delvalle for BT and NE/SV
 - 1. 347-742-0814
 - ii. Jeremy Setzer for Palisades / Easton and UN/Forks
 - 1. 484-894-8374
 - iii. Dave Klinge for Palmer/Pen Argyl and UMBT
 - 1. 484-894-1859

Rules Discussion

1. Line-up Card (all Levels)
 - a. Provide LAST NAME, NUMBER, and Position
 - b. Fail to comply, umpire can eject the coach
2. 6/7 Rule Change
 - a. Prior to meeting, rule change to allow players to play anywhere in the field to the counter the bunt (not within 3 feet of baseline). We upgraded to unlimited bunting and did not change defense rule to keep equal playing field.
 - b. Clarification on 9th batter rule for batting:
 - i. We removed the automatic 2 out when 9th batter is declared to avoid penalizing the offense for hitting into an out where if any other batter, potential runs could score.
 - ii. Example: runner on third with one out. 9th batter hits to second base who completes the out at first. The runner at third does score.
 - iii. That said, we have had unlimited base running resulting in un-necessary injuries. Example, runner on first with one out and 9th batter hits the ball to second, who gets the out at first. Runner continues to run and is tagged out at home. Normal base running based on possession rule, the runner would get to second, or third base at the most.
 - iv. Rule 3: The ninth (9th) batter will be announced.
 1. No Automatic two (2) outs
 2. Defer to Base Running Possession Rule For Details. In general, the base runners will advance the same number of bases as the batter.
 - a. Example: Runner at 2nd and 3rd with one out where ninth batter hits to first baseman who steps on the base for out two. The runner on third can score and the runner on second would not score if they did not reach 3rd base when the out is made. (Play is dead with the out and possession by the infielder. The ball does not have to return to the circle.)
 - b. Example: Runner at 2nd and 3rd with one out where ninth batter hits to second baseman who throws to first where possession by the first baseman is not made initially. The first baseman then obtains possession where the runner from second successfully round 3rd base and can advance home at their own risk. (This is regardless if the first baseman was able to make an out on the batter or not).

- c. Example: Runner at 2nd and 3rd with one out when the 9th batter walks. If the runner at third is not stealing on the play, once the batter reaches first base, the play is dead with the catcher or pitcher in possession of the ball. The catcher throwing or rolling the ball back to the circle after dead ball is irrelevant.

Fall Ball

1. Information on Fall Ball will be presented at the June Meeting.
 - a. Coaches are required to provide a signup sheet to all players. (DO NOT make the decision for your players)
2. In interested in coaching, please e-mail Gary. (gkmbaseball@aol.com)
3. Defer to website for Sign-up sheet if lost
4. Evaluations at Palmer Fairview
 - a. July 27 for 4/5 at 6:00 PM
 - b. July 28 for 6/7 at 6:00 PM
 - c. July 29 for 8/9/10 at 6:00 PM
 - d. August 2 for 4/5 at 5:30 PM (make-up)
 - e. August 2 for 6/7 at 7:00 PM (make-up)
 - f. August 3 for 8/9/10 at 6:30 PM (make-up)

New Business

1. Brief discussion with issues at the 8/9 level with player eligibility as well as other issue that will be taken to the Executive Board for further review. Details from the discussion were purposely not captured here in order to allow for due process. The league will provide at statement as soon as it becomes available.

Thanks to all Coaches

1. Gary thanked all coaches for volunteering/service. You have helped make memories they will remember forever.

Next Meeting

1. TBD