

Dear Coaches,

The annual meeting was held on February 22, 2009, in Syracuse. The following individuals attended:

Lynn Wilhelm – Syracuse  
Corey Hiller – Syracuse  
Jay Young – Syracuse  
Traci Reuter – Syracuse  
Rick Nordhues – Syracuse  
Wendy Werner - Syracuse

Ron Hermann – Weeping Water  
Carol Thomassen – Weeping Water  
Brandy Ahrens – Weeping Water  
Tim Callaway – Elmwood  
Scotty Gottula – District Commissioner

**District Commissioner Scotty Gottula:**

1. 12 & under class C tournament is in Auburn on July 11-12. Districts for this age group are June 27-28 in Tecumseh. Cost is \$150 for districts and \$200 for state. Rosters must be in by June 7<sup>th</sup>. Lynn has roster sheets available. If a team goes to districts and is not 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, they will automatically qualify for Class D State if they wish to go. If a team goes to districts or state, their coach must take a test that is available online at nebraskasoftball.org for \$25.00.
2. Secondary insurance is available through Nebraska Softball for \$13/player. All players going to districts or state are required to have insurance. Lynn has forms available.

**8 & Under:**

1. Add rule - A 10' arc from the back of home plate must be placed from 1<sup>st</sup> baseline to 3<sup>rd</sup> baseline. If a hit ball does not pass this line, the hit will be considered a foul.
2. League rule #7 "All play is stopped when pitcher has control of ball in pitchers circle and runners must immediately return to the last base touched" is amended to "If a runner advancing between bases has not advanced more than half way when the pitcher obtains possession and control of the ball in the 16' (dia.) pitcher's circle, the runner will be returned to the last base touched prior to the pitcher gaining control of the ball in the pitcher's circle. This is solely the judgment of the umpire. A halfway chalk mark should be in place."

**10 & Under:**

1. See 8 & under #2.
2. League rule #1 "If the batter reaches ball four, the then batters coach will pitch until the batter either hits or strikes out" is amended to "If the batter reaches ball three,..." In order to speed the game, player pitchers will pitch until a strikeout or ball 3. Please inform umpires to aid the catcher to speed the game too.
3. Time limits for 10 & under games during regular season games and tournament games will be 1 hour 15 minutes.
4. Slide rule added to 10 & under – "If a play is made at home plate the runner must slide or the runner is out. (umpire judgment)"
5. Add rule - Once a pitcher hits 3 batters in one game, they are not allowed to pitch anymore.
6. Add rule – Coach pitcher must start with at least one foot in or on the pitchers circle.
7. Note rule in softball rulebook – "The batter becomes a batter/runner when a pitched ball not swung at or called a strike touches any part of the batter's person including the hands or clothing. If no attempt is made to avoid being hit, the batter will not be awarded first base unless it is ball four." (Rule 8, Section 1, F, pg. 82)

**12 & Under:**

1. See 10 & under #5
2. Time limits for 12 & under games during regular season games and tournament games will be 1 hour 30 minutes.

**All age groups:**

1. Add rule – Home team must make 2 attempts to reschedule the game. If 2 attempts are not made, the home team will forfeit. If the visiting team cannot reschedule, they will forfeit.
2. Tournament seeding is by percentage of game won, then head to head, then flip of a coin.

All league information is available online at [www.syracusene.com/parksandrec\\_sports.asp](http://www.syracusene.com/parksandrec_sports.asp). Registration forms and rules for all age groups are available on the site at this time. The 10 & Under Tournament will be hosted by Syracuse and will be held the weekend of June 12, 13, &/or 14. This age group may have a home site game for the first tournament game. The 12 & Under Tournament will be hosted by Syracuse and will be held the weekend of June 19, 20, &/or 21.

**League Registration is due by March 25.** Make copies as needed from the internet site. Scheduling of the games cannot be done if all of the registrations are not completed by that time. It is also important that you list the names of coaches and phone numbers at that time. All of this information with the rules, schedules, and coaches' address's and phone numbers according to the information that you submit will be available online. If the coach's names are not included on the registration, the sender will be responsible for sending coaches contact information to the other teams. Scorebooks and rulebooks were given to the town representatives at the meeting. Louisville and Murray/Nehawka will need scorebooks and rulebooks.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at work at 402-269-2601, on my cell at 402-269-7468, or e-mail at [parksandrec@syracusene.com](mailto:parksandrec@syracusene.com).

Regards,

Lynn Wilhelm