

Dear Coaches,

The annual meeting was held on February 12, 2010, in Syracuse. The following individuals attended:

Lynn Wilhelm – Syracuse
Kenny Reuter – Syracuse
Traci Reuter – Syracuse
Steph Wood – Syracuse
Brian Woolsey – Syracuse

Carol Thomassen – Weeping Water
Vince Meyer – Elmwood/Murdock
Bob Derby – Louisville
Mike Knott - Louisville
Gary Todd - Murray

Treasurers Report – Approved as presented. Current balance is \$124.47.

8 & under - \$20

UPDATED 10 & under - \$140 – Last year was \$120. \$20 added for tournament fees.

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District Information:

1. All area district play is June 26-27, in Tecumseh. Cost for districts is \$175. Cost for state is \$225. Each player must have secondary insurance at \$16 each. Coaches must be pre-qualified. Teams are registered with NSA through our league (\$22 of dues).

2. State for 12 & Under Class C is in Hasting on July 9-11.

8 & Under:

1. No changes were made to the rules.

2. 6 games will be scheduled.

10 & Under:

1. Pitcher warnings – Warnings given to pitchers pitching incorrectly was discussed. The league wants to focus on developing pitching. The consensus was not necessarily arm motion, but feet staying in contact with the pitching rubber until the ball is released. Rule #1 will have the following added – In order to develop pitching in this age group, 3 warnings will be given for incorrect footwork. If additional warnings are needed, the pitcher will be removed. The pitcher's feet must stay in contact with the pitching rubber until the ball is released.

2. League rule #1 reword to the following – Coach Pitchers will have a maximum of 3 pitches. If they start with 2 strikes, they will still get up to 3 pitches unless they pitch a strike that is not swung at or the batter swings and misses.

3. In order to get our rules closer to ASA rules, 10 & under will allow base runners to lead off after the pitch. The runner cannot advance unless the ball is hit and must return to the base prior to next pitch. The base runners can be thrown out, but cannot advance on an overthrow.

12 & Under:

1. Dropped 3rd Strike Rule – ASA Rule 8, Section 1, B will replace our wording.

2. Pitching – Delete rule 15 – Once a pitcher hits 3 batters in one game; they are not allowed to pitch anymore.

3. Add to Rule 9 – If extra innings, any person can pitch or catch starting inning 7.

All age groups:

1. Add rule – To be eligible for tournament play, either players must play in at least 50% of league games on the team they are playing on at tournament or at least 50% of league games in the lower age group to be able to play up an age group at tournaments. Players cannot be moved laterally for tournaments.

2. If the tournament is rain delayed, all games except the championship game may be shortened by 15 minutes. The tournament director and teams will discuss when to reschedule games. They may be rescheduled any time on Sunday's.

3. The league would like to get closer to using ASA rules only.

Tournaments:

10 & under on June 25, 26, & 27 will be in Syracuse

12 & under on June 18, 19, & 20 will be in Louisville. The first round on June 18 will be at the top 2 seeded teams, home sites.

All tournament umpires will be provided by the town having the tournament.

All league information is available online at www.syracusene.com/parksandrec_sports.asp. Registration forms and rules for all age groups are available on the site at this time.

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 will be delivered to the town representatives.

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 lnwilhelm@windstream.net.

Regards,

Lynn Wilhelm