

President's Meeting on January 12, 2025 – Hosted by Baker Little League

Leagues in Attendance: Shalimar LL, Destin LL, Baker LL, DeFuniak Springs LL, Freeport LL, Niceville LL, Paxton LL, South Walton LL, Tri-County LL, Panama City LL

Leagues Missing: None

District Staff in Attendance: Windell Carnley, Ellen McLean, Ron Covey, Mike Bellino, Jess Vikara, Bill Vikara, Tonya Evanchyk

Meeting Called to order: 2:35

Meeting Adjourned: 4:05

Niceville motions to approve meetings from November, Freeport seconds, meeting minutes approved.

- Everyone seems to have gotten all their board members updated on the data center
- Asap plans – needs to be finished
- All but 1 league has confirmed their constitution
- By-laws: Please ensure that you've submitted these for review prior to playing.

New Business:

- Starting in Feb, we will do a quick league report for each league
 - Windell will be asking for updates on each league
- Any leagues used the online waiver request besides Drew (Niceville LL)
 - Working on it getting it done in the data center to submit request from there. For now they will be done through google form
 - League will send in a request for a player to the home league for approval, home league will approve or deny, then will go to district DA for final approval.
- State Tournament (8-10 baseball) – need to know who is interested in possibly hosting
 - Must have 2 approved fields to host.
- State Admin wants to run all teen leagues together the same weekend, centrally located in the state at the same location. This is to help with umpiring staff.
 - Tentatively set for weekend prior to July 4th.
 1. This will affect players who are playing intermediate, and all other tournaments will potentially be bumped forward.

District UIC Report

- Bill Vikara discusses changes: Please see the document provided to presidents by Bill; but here are a few key points
 - Modifications on bats – choke up knobs not allowed,
 - Pitcher undershirts – cannot be neon yellow or white/gray
 - Jewelry – Can wear jewelry now – but cannot be excessive. This will be determined by the umpire on the field
 - Helmet stickers – this is allowed, as long as it's not completely covered or an excessive amount
 - Continuous Batting order – runner does not have to complete run to meet minimum play time
 - Pregame inspection – no longer the umpire's responsibility to check. This falls on the managers to ensure that all players have no illegal equipment in the dugout
 - 1. If a player comes to the batter box with illegal bat – the player will be ejected, manager will be ejected, and they both will miss the next game.
 - Softball – all divisions pitcher can be removed from the mound and be eligible to return to the circle one time.
 - Baseball – Can be removed from the mound in intermediate division and above and return to the mound once per game as long as they remained in the game defensively
 - Electronic – change allows for the team to use 1-way communication to the catcher on Defense only.
 - 1. STILL No Cell Phones
 - Double 1st base – Defender must use the white section to make a play and offense must use the colored section 1st time through.
 - 1. If the batter runs through the base and is returning they must return to the white side. If they slide back to the bag and touch the colored portion and get tagged, they will be out.
 - Approved substances – on pitching – dirt, rosin, chalk are allowed to be applied to their hand only
 - ALL OF THESE CHANGES WILL BE LISTED ON OUR DISTRICT 1 WEBSITE
- Manager Requirements – Let Bill know when your manager meetings are and he will send out the document provided at presidents meeting. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS having one of the district umpires there to help discuss and relay.
 - Machine Pitch you can have 10 defensive players
 - If there is 5 run half innings
 - 1. If they start the inning and finish the inning, then they've met the required mandatory play. – If they do not play the entire inning from start to 5 runs – then they only receive credit for the outs made while they were in the field.
 - Mandatory play – if they do not meet their mandatory play – then they must play the entire next game
 - NO on Deck for Majors and below.

1. Intermediate above are allowed on deck batters, but they have to stay on the side of the field their dugout is on
 2. Majors and below between half innings – only 1 batter out of the dugout at that time.
- An adult must remain in the dugout at all times.
 1. If you have 2 coaches, then one must stay in the dugout and a kid with a helmet must be on as a base coach.
 2. If a manager/coach is ejected you MAY NOT bring another adult (approved volunteer or not) in to take their place.
 - No team moms
 - Catchers – Baseball must wear a catchers mit.
 - Protest – only considered interpretation of a player eligibility.
 1. Cannot be on an umpire judgement call
 2. Has to be done within the inning that its being questioned. If you wait till the next inning, it cannot be
 - Half Inning – Wasting time –
 1. You have 1 minute between half inning and that starts from the time the 3rd out is made.
 - Umpires – 902(d). No umpire should be replaced or removed once the game starts unless injured. Cannot be removed by coach, president, board member, or district staff
 1. This includes Junior Umpires.
 2. Create a list of your umpires prior to the season and your board should approve or deny those umpires.
- Interleague rules (By-Laws) – these rules are on the district website.
 - REQUIRED BY-LAWS FOR ALL LEAGUES PLAYING TEAMS FROM ANOTHER LEAGUE – house by-laws would be void at this time
 - Once they are approved they are park to park – this means that park by laws are void if 2 leagues are playing together.
 1. For example – if Baker is playing at Freeport – then interleague rules must be played by – NOT FREEPORTS PARK RULES
 2. No Gentlemen’s agreements made at the plate.
 3. Put a copy of the Interleague By-Laws in your concession stand, as well as your park by-laws.
 - Shalimar Motions to approve interleague rules, baker seconds – interleague rules unanimously approved.
 - By-Laws: Must have these approved by DA each year before play can begin
 - Niceville and Baker have submitted
 - Schedulers meeting via zoom – Amanda (Tri-County) will facilitate.
 - Senior SB/BB – not required to have minimum regular season play to participate in All Stars
 - Junior Divisions – must have 8 games scheduled to be eligible for tournament play.
 - District Assessments –
 - DUE APRIL 1st
 - Floor Open for questions –
 - Budget

1. Pins \$4000
 2. Flags/plaques \$4000
 3. Umpires - \$7500 (trainings, travel, tuition, etc) as well as State Tournament expenses.
 4. Travel - \$5000
 5. District Expenses - \$3500
 6. District Staff Trainings/Meetings - \$400
 7. Goal is next year to adjust some of these expenses down
- To help alleviate leagues assessment fees – please don't say you're going to have a team in a division, ie Junior or Senior League, if you're not going to push to field it. A Flag gets ordered for that division and then cannot be returned once ordered if a division is not created.
 - Tournament Seeding: seeding may adjust depending on number of leagues participating in each tournament.
 1. NICEVILLE LL
 2. FREEPORT LL
 3. PANAMA CITY LL
 4. SHALIMAR LL
 5. DESTIN LL
 6. DEFUNIAK SPRINGS LL
 7. PAXTON LL
 8. TRI-COUNTY LL
 9. BAKER LL
 10. SOUTH WALTON LL

LEAGUE	MANAGER MEETING	OPENING DAY
BAKER LL	JAN 25 @ 8:00 AM	MARCH 8TH
DEFUNIAK SPRINGS LL	JAN 28 TH @ TBD	MARCH 8TH
DESTIN LL	FEB. 2 ND @ 1:00 PM	MARCH 8TH
FREEPORT LL	JAN 18 TH @ 4:00 PM	MARCH 8TH
NICEVILLE LL	CITY HALL – FEB 3 RD @ 6:00 PM	MARCH 8 TH – SB COMPLEX
PANAMA CITY LL	FEB 7 TH @ 6:00 PM	MARCH 8TH
PAXTON LL	FEB 1 ST @ TBD	MARCH 8 TH - TENTATIVE
SOUTH WALTON LL	WEEK OF FEB 17 TH @ TBD	GAMES START MARCH 24TH
SHALIMAR LL	JAN 27 TH @ 6:00 PM	MARCH 1ST
TRI-COUNTY LL	JAN 26 TH @ 2:30 PM	GAMES START MARCH 10TH

- Umpire Clinic –
 - FEB 15TH – FREEPORT – TIME TBD
 - Feb 28th (classroom portion)– in Baker from 6:00-8:00 PM
 - March 1st at Baker's fields 8:00 am for game scenarios.

Helpful tips

- Waivers (12 yo playing minors, out of boundary waivers, other waivers that may be required)
 - Pool Players – Board must vote, player agents maintains the list and makes calls
 - Interleague and combined teams – forms are completed online and will only come for my Windells approval when all leagues involved have input their required information.
 - Open the floor –
 - Can we do some zoom meetings occasionally instead of in persons.
 1. Potentially up for discussion for some meetings, but not all.
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- Motion to adjourn from Freeport, baker second – Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm
 - Next meeting will be Feb 9th @ 2:30 and hosted by Destin LL.