

Minutes from Coaches Meeting (2/3 Instructional and Advanced, 6/7, 4/5, and 8/9B)
May 15th, 2016

2/3 Instructional and Advanced (5:05 to 5:50)

1. Roll Call (by Team for 2/3 for both levels)
 - a. Instructional
 - i. No rep from LN Leopards (Gregg Kauffman)
 - ii. No rep from LN Bulldogs (Tom Whiteash)
 - iii. All other coach's present or excused due to games
 - b. Advanced
 - i. No rep from Palisades North (Marie Brown)
 - ii. No rep from Bushkill Breeze (Carol Anthony)
 - iii. No rep from Wind Gap (Amy Hettel)
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. See these minutes for fines to be collected at June Meeting. Unpaid fines could result in your ability to coach next season.
 - b. UMBT was short \$75 for league fees. Otherwise, all teams/organizations paid for.
5. Umpiring: Advanced League Coaches Need to Remember the Following
 - a. Gary provided Umpire Schedule at meeting
 - b. Umpires at this level are in training
 - c. Their purpose is to keep the game fair and under control
 - d. 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 Scores and Standing will be posted at the end of the season, not during the season. Intent is to develop players, not win championship.

7. **League Rules: Instructional (Update)** Please print this out and have with your rule book as official language going forward this season. This will go to the rules committee for 2017 consideration.
 - a. When you submit your line-up, denote any player that is K/1 or first year player who is struggling to hit the ball off the coach. Those with Asterisk will get a max of 6 pitches and can use tee. Others play either until ball in play or 3 strikes are out.
 8. Score Reporting
 - a. No issues thus far
 9. Tournament – Will occur June 24-26
 - a. Tournament Committee
 - i. Palisades (Instr) - Heidi Deem
 - ii. Saucon Valley (Both) - Matt Seyfried
 - iii. UN (Instr)- Chad Forsyth
 - iv. UN Advanced - Alex Jordan
 - b. First meeting at 8:30 at Hecktown Fire Company Thursday 5/19
 - i. 2nd meeting will finalize rule changes and team setup
 - c. In the past:
 - i. Fee is \$25 which will provide for tournament costs and jersey
 - ii. 5 game guarantee with more for advancing teams
 - iii. Advanced teams will send 3-4 girls
 - iv. Instructional can send best 2 girls if interested – grade 3
 - v. League needs players name, shirt size and \$25 per player by June date TDB
 - vi. Some organization covers this cost, other organizations requires parents to pay.
 10. Next meeting
 - a. Next meeting is June 5th
 - 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 late July/early August, team made of 12-15 girls.
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1. **Roll Call (by Team for 6/7) (6:03 to 7:08)**
 - a. No rep from UMBT Diamond (Rocco Danubio)
 - b. No rep from UMBT Bombers (Jeff Steele)
 - iv. All other coach's present or excused due to games
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. Treasurer Report: Fines Due for Attendance, Unreported scores or Pitchers
 - a. No fines to date. See these minutes for fines to be collected at June Meeting. Unpaid fines could result in your ability to coach next season.
 - b. UMBT was short \$75 for league fees. Otherwise, all teams/organizations paid for.
5. **Umpire / Rules Discussion Update:** Please print this out and have with your rule book as official language going forward this season. This will go to the rules committee for 2017 consideration.
 - a. Item 6 under base running has been interrupted several ways due to punctuation or lack there of.
 - i. CURRENT: Courtesy runner MUST be used when the catcher is on base and may be used for the pitcher and there are two outs. The courtesy runner will be the last person to make an out.
 - ii. Now and Finishing the Season as decided in the meeting with coaches: When there is at least ONE out, a courtesy runner MUST be used when the catcher is on base. When there is two outs, it is optional for a courtesy runner to be used for the pitcher. In both cases, the last person to make an out will be the courtesy runner.
 - b. Discussion, no rule change.
 - i. Runner on 3rd, drop 3rd strike, and a throw to first to attempt the out. If the runner at 3rd is not forced, coming home regardless if she breaks on the initial throw, the throw is caught by 1st baseman or after the ball is overthrown will be considered a steal. So only in the case of bases loaded and two outs would the advancing runner from 3rd not be considered a steal. To clarify again, runner at 3rd, drop third strike and ball overthrown, ball is live and batter can go to first, but runner from 3rd is a steal. The worse case is runners on 2nd and 3rd, drop third strike, ball overthrown at first, if everyone

advances one base, this is a double steal. So no change in the rule, but something the rules committee will consider for 2017.

6. General Comments

- a. Sportsmanship - Win with Class. Please know the situation. Running up the score when you are nearly or mercy a team. Stealing bases because you have steals remaining is not playing with class. Please go station to station. Girl hits a triple, hold to double or even a single.

7. Tournament review

- a. Committee:
 - i. BT Force - Rich Philippi
 - ii. Wilson - Steve Weber
 - iii. Palisades North - Bill Ryker
- b. June 24-26 Upper Nazareth
- c. We currently have 21 teams at this level, so considering 7=8 teams for the tournament
 - i. Teams about 12 players, so if three teams to make one team, 4 players each.
- d. Tournament meeting at Hecktown Fire Company for potential pairings, Thursday May 19 at 8:30.
 - 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
- e. No head coach, we have coaches/co-coaches
 - i. In the past, Cost is \$25 a kid for playing and includes a shirt. If name on back of shirt, and additional cost (~\$8)
 - ii. Need players name, shirt size and \$25 per player by June meeting, TBD
 1. Some organization covers this cost, other organizations requires parents to pay.

8. Next meeting

- a. Next meeting is June 5th
 - 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 4/5) (7:20 to 7:46)**
 - b. Full attendance except
 - i. No rep from Easton red Hawks (Raymond Zellner)
 - ii. No rep from Palmer Lightening (Tim Gutekunst)
 - iii. No rep from Palmer Rain (William Wilbert)
 - iv. No rep from Forks Phantoms (Jason Singley)
 1. All other coach's present or excused due to games
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3. Old Business
 - a. None
4. Treasurer Report: Fines Due for Attendance, Unreported scores or Pitchers
 - a. No fines to date. See these minutes for fines to be collected at June Meeting. Unpaid fines could result in your ability to coach next season.
 - c. UMBT was short \$75 for league fees. Otherwise, all teams/organizations paid for.
5. Umpire / Rules Discussion
 - a. Go by the rule books provided. Gary will investigate if the correct 4/5 rules are on the website.
 - b. No rule changes. Look at overthrow run at any forced base for next season as potential advance one additional base similar to first. Right now, only overthrow at first can result in additional base. Other was considered an attempt and no additional advancement. (Difference of SS throwing to second and overthrow to right field)
6. Tournament review
 - a. Committee
 - i. BT Cyclones - Ross Griffith
 - ii. LN - Dave Moore
 - iii. SV - Mike Pretopapa
 - iv. UMBT Intensity - Jose Gonzales
 - b. June 24-26

- c. In the past, We currently have 25 teams at this level, so considering 8 to 9 teams for the tournament
 - i. Teams about 12 players, so if three teams to make one team, 4 players each.
 - ii. Tournament meeting at Hecktown Fire Company Thursday, May 19 at 8:30.
 - iii. Best 5th graders, or best 4th grader equal to 5th graders
 - iv. No head coach, we have coaches/co-coaches
 - v. Cost is \$25 a kid for playing and includes a shirt. If name on back of shirt, and additional cost (~\$8)
 - vi. Need players name, shirt size and \$25 per player by June 12th
 - 1. Some organization covers this cost, other organizations requires parents to pay.
7. Next meeting
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 - iii. Evaluations in early August, team made of 12-15 girls.

1. Roll Call (by Team for 8/9 B) 8:00 to 8:35

- a. Full attendance except
 - i. All other coach's present or excused due to games
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- b. Posted on website. Minutes approved at all level. Again, any questions, corrections, additional or deletions, please contact secretary at jwclymire@me.com
 - b.
3. Old Business

- a. None
- 4. Fines Due for Unreported scores or Pitchers
 - a. No fines recorded
- 5. Umpire / Rules Discussion
 - a. For rule consideration for next year, if agreed to play 5 innings (Say back to back games), play the 5th with 7th inning rules.
- 6. Tournament review
 - a. Committee
 - i. From B: UN - Wayne Degan
 - b. June 24-26
 - c. We currently have 14 teams at this level, so considering 6 teams for the tournament
 - i. Teams about 12 players, so if three teams to make one team, 5 players each.
 - d. Tournament meeting at Hecktown Fire Company thursday, May 19 at 8:30.
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