

Fall Rules Meeting  
Central Iowa Baseball & Softball Association  
September 11, 2011

Central Iowa Baseball and Softball Association held its fall rules meeting on September 11, 2011 at the Clemons School. President Tracey Malloy called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and Baxter, Green Mountain and State Center were absent from the meeting. Legrand updated their contact person to Tonya Lamb home (641-479-2077) cell (641-485-6149) and email: [famolamb@netzero.net](mailto:famolamb@netzero.net). The treasurer's report as of August 16 was \$3040.65. Towns that were present were paid for semifinal games. Tracey also noted that he paid the Rose Queen, Mackenzie Goecke, \$40 since she helped out at both the boys and girls championships. There were no other board members present other than Tracey on Sunday so he made this executive decision. He would like to pay the Rose Queens in the future to help out. Stacy Porter noted that she invited Maddie Daters, the former Rose Queen, to help when championship games were in Melbourne and the board never paid her. That is part of their duty to promote State Center. Both Tracey and Stacy discussed this was an issue that the board needed to discuss in the winter meeting when enough board members are present. There were no comments made from other towns.

Tracey asked how the season went and these were the comments made:

-Some would like to see later start times for tournament games. It was also noted by many towns that tournament games were started early and parents weren't happy as they are rushing from work.

-Numerous towns want a master scheduling done with the board. Many agree that towns have a master schedule anyway so why not let just a few people from each town sit down and hammer out a schedule. This would also ensure that local towns are playing each other and not already full when a coach tries to schedule. Example: it doesn't make sense that Baxter doesn't even schedule with Melbourne but plays a game with Garwin. With the economy and people's tight schedules towns feel the board could do a better job scheduling. Towns wanted to take a vote, but Tracey refused as he wanted to discuss this with board members. Stacy noted a final email would be sent to towns once discussion took place in winter meeting if we did want to take a town vote.

-Many towns want a list of certified ump's. Tracey said to let him know and he'd get a list out. Tracey also noted he could use more names if anyone knew of umpires.

-Lots of discussion on having two certified ump's at tournament games. There weren't two ump's and that is what our tournament by laws stated. Also wasn't fair as towns that had two ump's had to pay out more. Tracey stated board discussed this in tournament scheduling. Tammy and Stacy were pretty sure the board only agreed to that if it was a first round game and only had one game at a site. Tracey would discuss this with the board.

-Babe Ruth teams wanted to know why they had to pay full fee of \$50 when they didn't have a tournament. Board members present agreed they should only have to pay the \$15 like tee ball since the board didn't organize a tournament for them.

-Also was discussion on the rule books. Towns thanked Stacy for ordering rule books. She would do it again next year. Towns wanted to know if they could only order one for the concession stand. It was left up to each town what they wanted to do.

-Lots of positive comments made about the new website.

-Many towns were having issues with parents not doing their part with concessions and umpiring. Some towns are fining parents and others are charging more money to hire people to fill these positions. It really is up to each town's board to determine their policies. If you have any questions, you can address a board member and they can give you some ideas that were discussed.

That concluded the discussion and some left the meeting as girls' rules were next on the agenda.

### **Girls' Rule Changes:**

-Darci from Laurel made a motion to change Rule 4.04.4 to read major girls pitch from 43' same as high school. Tammy, from Ferguson, seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to change.

-Tammy, from Ferguson, made a motion to change 9.01 and 9.02 to read like the NFHS rule book and Iowa Softball Adaptations rules. Tracey, from Rhodes, seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Rule 9.01 will read:

Legal Bats-Rule 1-5 regarding bats will be followed with the following modification to 1-5-1d: Bats must meet the 2004 ASA Bat Performance Standard, bear the 2004 certification mark, and not be listed on the ASA non-approved bat list. Bats made entirely of wood are permitted and need not bear an ASA mark. **Bats with the 2000 certification mark are ILLEGAL.**

Rule 9.02 will read:

All catchers in any division must wear a catcher's helmet and mask combination that meets NOCSAE standard while playing the game or warming up the pitcher. SEE Rule 1-7-1 and Rule 1-7-3 in NFHS rule book.

-Darci from Laurel made a motion to change rule 9.05 to read, all divisions will use the optic yellow softball. Minors and Majors divisions shall use the Dudley SB12LRF Y FP. Stacy, from Melbourne seconded. Vote was unanimous.

-Darci, from Laurel, suggested changing the wording of Rule 2.01 to be like the Iowa Softball Adaptations so it was easier for everyone to understand. Everyone agreed.

Rule 2.01.2 will read: Pee Wee 4 innings, 10-run rule after 3 innings (2.5 innings if the home team is leading by 10 or more runs)

Rule 2.01.3 will read: Minors 5 innings, 10-run rule after 4 innings (3.5 innings if the home team is leading by 10 or more runs)

Rule 2.01.4 will read: Majors 7 innings, 12-run rule after 3 or 4 innings (2.5 or 3.5 innings if the home team is leading by 12 or more runs) and a 10-run rule after 5 or 6 innings (4.5 or 5.5 innings if the home team is leading by 10 or more runs).

-Stacy, from Melbourne, noted then that we need to change the wording of 2.04 to match the rule books as well. It was agreed upon.

Rule 2.04 will read: If a game ends because of weather conditions, or darkness interferes with play so that the game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game provided:

Pee Wee have played 3 full innings, or if home team is ahead after 2.5 innings.

Minors have played 4 full innings, or if home team is ahead after 3.5 innings.

Majors have played 5 full innings, or if home team is ahead after 4.5 innings.

-Terry from Ferguson suggested that Rule 2.01.2 have a suggestion put behind it that the game could be speeded up if the umpire or coach had a second ball ready so the ball didn't have to be chased back to the backstop every time. No official vote on this. Needs to be discussed with coaches.

-Darci made a motion to change rule 8.01 to state like the NFHS rule 3-3-5, any player, starter or substitute may be withdrawn from the game and re-entered once, provided such player occupies the same batting

position whenever in the lineup. A starter and any substitute for a starter may not be in the game at the same time. A violation results in illegal substitution. Sharon Rubik, from Albion, seconded. Vote was unanimous.

-Tammy, from Ferguson, wanted to change rule 2.05 so it stated: If a pitcher pitches 3 balls with less than 2 strikes to any batter in the inning, an adult pitcher from the offensive team will enter the game and pitch to that batter from within the pitching circle and that batter will have to hit or strike out. If the batter has 2 strikes, the pitcher has the opportunity to strike out the batter until 4 balls are thrown. Then the adult pitcher enters the game. No bunts or walks are permitted off the adult pitcher. The youth pitcher performs all fielding responsibilities from within the pitching circle, even when the adult is pitching. John, from Garwin, seconded. After much discussion, the motion was approved. There were still concerns about getting the girls to swing a bat.

-Tammy, from Ferguson, also wanted to add to rule 2.05 so it stated: In the last 2 weeks of the season, if coaches agree, pitchers can pitch the entire inning or game and there be no coach pitch. There was lots of discussion on this issue. Stacy, from Melbourne, stated that the ultimate goal was to get pitchers in shape for the tournament and get batters to understand that a coach wasn't coming out to pitch. Wendy, from Rhodes, asked why this rule was ever made. She feels this has been teaching her kids to never swing the bat off the pitcher and they just were waiting for the coach. Stacy replied she brought up the rule originally when games were taking hours because of all the walks. The kids were then bored in the field and kids weren't swinging a bat at all then. Stacy feels this has been better, because kids are swinging a bat off a coach at least and kids are getting balls hit to them so they can work on their fielding. It's the hope that kids get the confidence hitting off the coach that they will swing the bat off the pitcher. Tracey, from Rhodes, seconded. The motion was approved.

There wasn't any more discussion. Tammy moved to adjourn meeting. Stacy seconded. Meeting was adjourned. Tracey will contact board members on date of winter meeting.