

NeoBaseball, Ltd.

SOFTBALL REP MEETING AGENDA

Sunday October 26, 2025 (5PM) Randolph Town Hall

ATTENDANCE:

Corey Myrla

LOCAL REPS/OTHERS

Brimfield: Erin, Cramer, Paul

Stoicoiu, Travis Mull

Crestwood: Ellen Paterson,

Jeremy Hayes

Edinburg: Mat Hartung, Aaron

Pettigrew

Ellet: Mike Engelhart, Richard

Neal

Garrettsville: Nikki Bultrowicz,

Jeremy Lawless

Jackson Milton: Nick Dean,

Kaitlynn Bassi

Kent: Garyn Daniels, Bill Lewis

Lordstown: Brittany Housel

Mogadore: Julie Walker, Dan

Straight

Newton Falls: Chad Jones

Palmyra: Kelly Harvey, Nick Lam

Ravenna: Jacob Spinah, Scott

Moore

Rootstown: Greg Bell, Andy Day

Southeast: Becky Shreffler,

Marisol Sallaz

Southington: Diane Hilted

Suffield: Ashleigh Alexander

Waterloo: Leah Campailla, Bo

Cooksey, Joe Capan

Western Reserve: Jason Majirsky

Windam Travis Hammonds

SCHEDULER: LeeAnn Ferguson

START TIME:

FINSIHED BUSINESS:

- Schedule of Events
- Fall Ball Update

RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS (60% vote of attending areas required to implement these changes. 1 vote per area):

- CONTINUOUS WALK (10uFP)
 - No continuous walk beyond 2nd base (can round to 2nd but not to 3rd)
 - Can advance further if a play is made
- TOURNAMENT TIME LIMIT
 - If two tournament rounds are scheduled the first Saturday of spring tournaments then a 1h45min “no new inning” time limit shall apply in both games (rather than a 2-hour time limit), even if one of the teams will only play one game that day.
- MUSIC
 - (10U and older age divisions) No music (including walkup music) during regular season games and tournaments (music fine during warmups only).
 - If not approved, we will vote on whether to exclude from Tournaments only (and still allowing for walkup music at regular season games)
 - Depending on results, Coach-pitch may be voted on separately
- TRAVEL PITCHERS: Limit travel player pitching to no more than 3 innings per game per player
- 10uFP DIVISION
 - Split 10uFP division into 9uFP and 10uFP
 - would estimate there will end up just over half as many 9u as 10u. 2025 there were 29 teams total so it would be reasonable to expect 8-10 9uFP and 14-18 10uFP teams if split).
 - Smaller divisions = longer drive time (but hopefully more balanced competition).
- ADJUSTING DIVISIONS (AT EACH AGE DURING SPRING SEASON)
 - Playing more teams only once rather than playing as many of the closer teams home/away
 - Initial vote will be on 12uFP and 14uFP (14u would essentially be playing each team once)
 - Depending on 12u and 14u outcome, may have a separate vote on 10uFP
- AGE CUTOFF ADJUSTMENT OR NOT (simple “yes” or “no” vote first. Do you need to adjust the age cutoff structure or keep things as they are)
 - If yes is approved, then we’ll vote on:
 - EITHER to revisit age cutoff and still using a date
 - May 1st of current year (like baseball, so their softball age at start season is their actual age)
 - September 1st of the previous year (like USA, so girls will actually be almost a year older than their softball age)
 - OR go to a grade cutoff (players grade at start of season)
 - K/1st = GCP1, 2nd/3rd = GCP2, 4th/5th = 10uFP (A ball), 6th/7th = 12uFP (B ball), 8th/9th = 14uFP (C ball)
 - Alternatively, we could consider August 1st bday of the current year to align
 - Playing teams in same community vs not

- AGE EXCEPTION: Allow for 15-r-old age exceptions even if in High School (Remove 8th grade from Rule 11.c.iv.4)
- DOUBLE ROSTERED PLAYERS: Allow double rostered players to pitch in both divisions (11.g.i: Remove “but they can only pitch in one of the divisions”)

OTHER NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN:
 - Areas should develop an Emergency Action Plan (to be sent to Neo and posted at the facility)
 - Include non-emergency #'s for fire and police, local rep primary and secondary contacts, and any other relevant contact (like for lights, park access, etc.)
 - Nearest hospital and med center
 - Best point of shelter in case of emergency
 - AED location, if applicable
- Tournament Hosts
 - Hosting locations should provide primary and secondary point of contact each day for hosting tournaments (who is available if something needs addressed)
 - NOTE: A minimum of 4 fields is required to host most age divisions so some age groups will need to split between two different hosting locations (primary host and secondary host)
 - I would like to get back to Championship games being at just couple venues on the same days when possible (spreading them out over several locations on the same day isn't ideal).
 - CP1:
 - 12U:
 - CP2:
 - 14U:
 - 10U
- Early Bird Tournaments (need flyers to post online)
 - Mogadore
- UMPIRES:
 - Recruiting
 - Reps should recruit locally (FB/email blasts, outgoing coaches and players, etc)
 - Reps to get contact info for HS coaches
 - Clinics (can be scheduled through LeeAnn)
- Open Forum
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NEXT MEETING: TBA

END TIME: