

August 28, 2022

Meeting Notes – Fastpitch Committee

Attending

Terry Olson
Corryn Anderson
Stephanie Wallschlaeger
James Saulsbury

Heather Wright
Jamielynn Sparre
Sara Taylor

Agenda

Committee Guidelines

Voting Member Criteria

P&L Review & Accountants

Volunteer Fees

Committee Notes

Player Release / Community Waiver Requests

Pitching & Catching Development Program

2022/2023 Season Tryouts

Discussion

Committee Guidelines are due

- Fastpitch: Complete Baseball: Not Complete
- Request to have baseball utilize/customize the fastpitch template to close this deliverable. Corryn/Terry to reach out to Eric P.

Voting Member Criteria

- Core Fastpitch members can vote, any external attendees who attend 3 consecutive meetings may vote. Must be present to vote.

P&L Review & Accountants

- What else is needed? Purpose of review
- Accountants accept the current level of detail provided in the “simplified” statement

Volunteer Fees

- What is and is not allowable (not for tryouts, season has not begun)
- Fees waived for Head Coach and Assistant Coach

Fee Breakdown

Initial Cost to Play	Refundable \$	Cost to Play (post refund)	Uniform Price	Volunteer check Field work – Summer Fastpitch Tournament
\$425	\$150 By fundraising and volunteering Must be completed by:	\$275 (IF fundraising & volunteer criteria are met, opening on DIBS)	\$ TBD Numbers determined by SBAA Sizing kits may be available	\$200 Written and turned in prior to season start and collected by Operations. Not cashed unless criteria not met Must be completed by:

Meeting Notes

- Nikki will need to send Fastpitch Committee notes to both Corryn and James for follow-up and posting

Player Release / Community Waiver Requests

- Pursuant to Minnesota Softball By-Laws a community may release a player from their program for the purpose of giving that player an opportunity to play with a neighboring community. There are exceptions to needing a release. These exceptions are explained in totality in the [Minnesota Softball By-Laws in article 7.0.4](#)

Pitching & Catching and Winter Development Program

- Jamielynn and Sara are looking into local opportunities with the goal to meet or improve the current costs, considering locking in a multi-year rate. Winter Development & Dome ball offered at all levels of registered players.
- Speaking to: Rory Green new facility opening in previous Gander Mountain, Abby, Optimize Training, and Community Facilities who accept a donation for use of space in lieu of fee.
- No facility coaching needed, coaching may be by coaches or players looking to volunteer

Registration

- Corryn has it set-up online, ready to go-live

Coach Recruitment

- Post-registration go-live, we will evaluate coaching interests

Tryout Evaluation Modifications

- Omitted Station 3 Base running – Home to Home, only Home to 1B sprint
- Omitted Station 4A – Catching catcher evaluation will be within Station 4B Pitching
 - Form will be updated and add a space for evaluator notes
- Catchers evaluated on:
 - Throw down accuracy, mechanics
 - Framing (block) technique behind plate, glove movement
 - 10U – catching confidently, technique, less on framing
 - Pop time and balance
 - General guidance
 - EXCELLENT = 1.6 seconds or less.
 - GOOD = **1.8 seconds.**
 - AVERAGE COLLEGE = 1.9 to 2.1 seconds.
 - AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL = 2.3 seconds
 - Game knowledge, situational awareness (harder to measure)
 - Leadership, good catchers are fun, the igniter, team compass, quarterback

Outside Evaluators

- Update on evaluators must be emailed by August 30, 2022
- High School Coaches were contacted to be evaluators for 10U and 12U only
- Outside parties may be evaluating 14U+

Weather Contingency

- September 29th, 2022 is our weather make-up, this will not be published

Tryouts – Board members, head coach, and player volunteers may be present

4 stations (1-2 evaluators per station, head coach or board members assist in set-up with players)

Check in Table: 14U+ Board Member Supervisor

September 26 – 10U, Blaine HS Evaluators, Sunrise students may arrive late due to dismissal/bus time

September 27 – 12U, Blaine HS Evaluators

September 28 – 14U & 16/18U, Outside Evaluators

September 29 – Weather make-up

October 4 - Player Evaluation Committee meets (Terry, Corryn, and Stephanie)

- Determines # of teams and coaches needed based on tryout attendance
- Determines if any special considerations
- Evaluates available coaches for 2022-2023 season based on availability/feedback

October 5 - **Team Selections with Head Coach of each team**

- Top 8 players will go to top team, additional 3 players selected from pool
- Teams will fill 11 players to start, 12 max
- Coaches consider bubble players occurs at team selection after the Top 8 players
- Coaches may select assistant coach
- Coaches may select a team manager (if needed, only volunteer fee waived)

October 7 - Teams posted

Roundtable Considerations

Fundraising Committee

- Collect and Act on Fundraising ideas for SBAA, Fastpitch and Individual Teams
 - Hit-A-thon in Cambridge raised \$24k
 - Calendar Fundraiser
 - Annual Fundraising / Sponsor plan – Sara + Committee
 - Separate fundraising account
- Sponsors requesting tax i.d. need to follow a new accounting/ process to meet 501 3C guidelines
- Charitable Gambling requires two paid staff to run

2023 Registration – Website Content Suggestion

“What does my registration fee cover?”

- Umpires
- Insurance
- Equipment and first aid supplies
- Instructional and coach's clinics
- League fees
- Field maintenance and rental
- 2 regular season tournaments
- State Qualifier and State tournaments
- Family "gate fees" for Qualifier and State tournaments

Next Meeting

Branding / New Jersey & Apparel Sizing Kit

High School Player Open Combine – Additional opportunities for current eligible H.S. players

SBAA Official Draw Area – by MN State HS League or MN Softball

Set pitching/catching program date and cost

Fall & Winter Training Opportunities and Costs

The Coaches Handbook – Coach the coaches (Agendas, plays, leadership in each position)