

PTAA Softball Board Meeting Minutes

January 2025

Softball Board Members

Director	Kane Stein	X
Assistant Director	Travis Hart	X
Secretary	Jay Kelleher	
Fast Pitch Coordinator (EFP)	John Comer	X
Equipment Manager	Darren Rybolt	
Field Maintenance Manager	Jim Massarelli	X
Tournament Director	Matt Keibler	X
Travel Coordinator	Greg Carpenter	X
	Jim Drenning	X

Spring 2025 Age Determinations/Eligibility

Fastpitch		Slowpitch	
6U	9/1/17 – 8/31/20	10U	1/1/14 – 12/31/16
8U	9/1/15 – 8/31/17	13U	1/1/11 – 12/31/13
10U	9/1/13 – 8/31/15	18U	1/1/06 – 12/31/10
12U	9/1/11– 8/31/13	N/A	N/A
15U	9/1/08 – 8/31/11	N/A	N/A

1. By-Law Review
 - a. Do we feel like we need an update?
2. Little League – No-go for 2025
 - a. LL organization hesitated with only 12U entering
3. Registration
 - a. Fee Increases to pay for uniform costs and umpires
 - b. Not open yet. Waiting on Code of Conduct
 - c. Should be open by End of January
4. PTAA Spring/Summer 2025 Dates (Fastpitch & Slowpitch)

- a. 2025 calendar to be uploaded
 - b. Registration Begins: 1/31
 - c. Late Fee Begins: 3/10
 - d. Registration Ends: 3/17
 - e. Tentative Draft: 3/20
 - f. Tentative First Practices: TBD
 - g. Tentative Work Party: 4/24 – 4/25
 - h. EFP Opening Day: TBD
 - i. Tentative PTAA Opening Day: 4/26
 - j. All Star Tryouts (formal and make-up)
 - i. 8U: TBD
 - ii. 10U FP: TBD
 - iii. 12U FP: TBD
 - iv. 10U SP: TBD
 - v. 13U SP: TBD
 - k. PTAA All-Star Tournament: 7/17 - 7/21
5. Umpires/Uniforms: Will need help from Greg and Matt, respectively
- a. Blaise?
 - b. Junior Umpires?
 - c. Uniform design (In-House and All Stars)
 - i. Early
6. Website Updates
- a. add info for parents (coaching responsibilities: scheduling, field maintenance, concession stand, EFP website, etc.)? Thoughts? Best way?
 - b. general thoughts/additions/changes?
7. Summer In-House All Star Teams
- a. Grading scales & Selection process (keep the same, change?)
 - b. Age Groups: Number of teams
 - i. 8U:
 - ii. 10U FP:
 - iii. 12U FP:

iv. 10U SP:

v. 13U: SP

Updates

1. Eastern Fastpitch (Comer)
 - a. Dates available yet?
2. Equipment (Rybolt) – Absent
 - a. Review In-House design
 - b. Place order for equipment in February
 - c. Need count on what we have and don't have
 - i. Previous season coaches still have equipment
3. Field Maintenance (Massarelli)
4. Tournament (Keibler)
5. Travel/Heat (Carpenter)

Open Discussion

1. Anything else additional to discuss? Comments, Questions, Concerns, Issues

NOTES FROM MEETING

1. Greg Carpenter is the Travel Coordinator on the Softball Board. Need to ensure this is captured.
2. With no Little League for Spring 2025, the Softball Board will revisit later this year to determine if 2026 makes sense
3. Updates to specific age group registrations
 - a. 8U: +\$10
 - i. Registration did not change previous year, but included pants (not shorts) and junior umpires. The additional \$10 will help pay for both of these moving forward
 - b. 10U SP: +\$10
 - i. Help pay for umpires
 - c. 13U SP: +\$15
 - i. Help pay for umpires
4. Junior Umpires: Middle School age and up
5. Umpiring this spring: We need to ensure that umpires are made aware of cancellations. We should look at putting a large text chain together for coaches to communicate with Board and Umpires

6. Order some extra rec jerseys in the spring, just in case
7. For Summer In-house All Stars
 - a. Travel players NOT signed up for rec ball cannot participate. This was voted on in 2024 and adopted. Needs to be added to by-laws
 - b. Discussed having outside help with All Star selections (e.g. Denny Little, high school girls)
8. Summer Tourney
 - a. Try to get food trucks. Need to start early for permitting.
 - b. Slow Pitch will run off Westmoreland League rules
9. Would like to sell merch at concession stand
 - a. Thoughts: Quick turnaround time, some in stock at concession stand, 4-5 designs, make available to order
10. Work on collecting equipment from last year, so we can inventory it and figure out what we need.