

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, DISTRICT 18

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING – March 28, 2023

ATTENDANCE: Milan Mrakich, DA, Diane Bowen, Mike Goodrich, ADAs. George Anguiano, South El Monte, Alberto Ocon, South Pasadena, Josh Kelley, Temple City American, Billy Kobayashi, Rick Bowen, Temple City National, Miguel Ruelas, Los Angeles.

ABSENT: Alhambra American, East Alhambra, Northeast Los Angeles, El Monte National, El Monte Eastern.

The meeting was called to order and held at the Temple City Community Center.

INTRODUCTIONS: The roll call was taken.

REQUIRED SUBMITTALS: Milan handed out the Required Submittals list. Leagues are reminded the ASAP Plan is due March 30th to enable the District and the league to get the incentive from LL. Leagues are reminded to complete their background checks. Milan also handed out printouts of the Combined Play entries in the data center and the Interleague Play forms. It was clarified leagues do not have to enter regular season Interleague Play forms for leagues within the District, but they are required in the data center for any Interleague Play with leagues outside District 18. There were many that are awaiting participant and/or District approval.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Milan handed out a Calendar for the 2023 season. Leagues should close by June 10th and he will start TOCs June 12th, to take into account rainouts experienced this spring. He has also set District meetings throughout the season.

JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: Mike asked presidents to notify him if a Junior game is rained out so he can reschedule it. He is working on a schedule through April (it was emailed to presidents April 4th). If presidents have any variables please let him know as he will try to work around them. He suggests a drop dead time limit on games at SPLL as the games are set two hours apart. All teams will go to Clarich Field at SP at least one time.

SOFTBALL: Mike reported SEM has a softball league rule a pitcher can only pitch three innings in a game. This is only a SEM rule, and does not apply to any teams playing at or with SEM. **Milan noted no District softball teams are allowed to play games with Monterey Park Softball teams.**

Mike reminds presidents managers need to carry pitching affidavits for all games (in all divisions). There are also no on deck batters except in juniors/seniors levels.

CONTINUOUS BATTING TOURNAMENT RULE: A handout regarding *Continuous Batting Order* was handed out and discussed. During All-Star tournaments continuous batting will be required at all levels (except senior), and that meets mandatory play rules. Most leagues are using continuous batting during regular season, however, during the regular season the rules still require mandatory play of 6 defensive outs.

DATA CENTER FILING CABINET: Milan handed out information re *Filing Cabinet in Data Center*. He explained eventually all waivers will be retained in the Data Center so that leagues will have access to prior waiver information. This will also apply to league constitutions, bylaws, and other documents. It will make it easier when leagues change management for the new board to have access to prior documents. At the present time LL is behind in processing residency waivers. Eventually leagues using Sports Connect for registration will also see an eligibility map as they register players. More will be forthcoming regarding this.

INSURANCE: Milan handed out information regarding insurance. In the future leagues may be required to carry worker's compensation insurance for hired umpires. It was noted "unfunded" mandates are very problematic.

An Application for Special Games form was handed out which must be filled out and submitted for any games played with non-Little League teams, it also explains Insurance Procedures the non-Little League teams must provide before the games will be approved. Any games not approved will not be covered by LL insurance.

REQUIRED DIAMOND LEADER TRAINING COURSE FOR TOURNAMENT TEAMS: This training course is required for all managers and coaches. It can be accessed at LittleLeague.org/training. Leagues will be able to access a list of completion data from their data center.

2023 TOCs: The TOC brackets need to be created and approved by LL. Once approved they will not be changed. Milan will send out entry forms and applications to host TOCs shortly. SPLL indicated they will not put any teams in the TOCs this year as they will play their own league post-season games.

ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT CALENDAR: Milan handed out the master *Little League Tournament Calendar* which shows all dates for tournament play through the World Series. Milan noted he will need All-Star tournament hosts and is hoping not to have to split leagues for the larger divisions, but it may be necessary.

The next meeting will be April 11th.

Written by Diane Bowen, District Secretary