



PA District 14 LL – Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2016

Roll Call: Pete Kline called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm January 17, 2016. Roll call taken by sign in sheet. Leagues Represented: Bermudian, Carlisle, Dallastown, Dillsburg, Gettysburg, Greencastle, Newville, Northeastern, Pen Mar, Shippensburg, Southern York County, Spring Grove, York & York City.

Approval of November 15th 2015 meeting minutes: November 2016 meeting minutes approved – motioned Pete Kline, 2nd Josh Dull – fully passed with no corrections.

Southern York County: Pete Kline officially welcomed and congratulated SYC LL on the receipt of their 2016 LL Charter.

Old Business:

1. Boundary Maps – updated league boundary maps were distributed
The following leagues returned signed maps to be forwarded to ER: Bermudian, Carlisle, Dallastown, Gettysburg, Newville, Northeastern, Spring Grove, York City & York.
The following leagues require clarification and/or signatures: Dillsburg, Greencastle, Hanover, Pen Mar, Shippensburg & South Middleton.
2. Tournament Schedule – Tournament host sites were finalized w/ the following changes to previous:
 - a. INT'L : Intermediate 50/70 SECTIONAL is TBD
 - b. CBT: Dallastown to host 9-10 & York LL to host 7-8
3. International Tournament Affidavit meeting is scheduled for SAT June 18th – Gburg Legion – Time TBD
4. Interlock Scheduling Procedural changes for 2016 and Timeline were reviewed – SEE Appendix I to meeting minutes attached for details
5. Interlock Scheduling Reschedule meeting date was changed to SAT March 5th – Gburg Legion – Times TBD
6. 2018 Bat Rules – upcoming 2018 change to USA Baseball Bat Standard was discussed
7. Scout Hat – Dallastown's Chad Forry discussed Dallastown trial w/ Scout Hat interactive assessment tool
8. *Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA)* – 36 attendees to Jan 16 DGC I workshop
9. ASAP Plans – FEB 15th D14 DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL OF ASAP PLANS – Leagues reminded to complete ASAP Plans
 - a. 2015 Met 86% participation for \$350 / only 2 leagues met the deadline
 - b. Completion by deadline D14 will receive \$350 to the District account
 - c. Your league will receive 15% credit on 2017 accident insurance premium
10. Leagues were reminded of the Background Check Requirements: LL 1st Advantage/Mississippi SOR/PA State
11. Challenger: New Challenger programs 2016 (Newville/Shippensburg/SYC)
12. Softball: Dillsburg to charter SB minors
13. Tournament of Champions – 2016 expand to Central & West
 - a. Will expand TOC to Central & West Divisions in 2016 – Minors division only for 2016 with consideration for expansion to Majors division in 2017 – interested leagues reminded to complete their regular season by June 10th.
 - b. Jamie Snyder NELL will distribute an email to all leagues to identify which leagues are interested in participating. Jamie will take the lead in coordinating the TOC
14. Fall Ball –Fall Ball Coordination meeting scheduled for Sunday MAY 1st – Leagues were asked to identify a League Fall Ball Coordinator to attend this meeting.
15. Umpire Clinic Dates were reviewed and details can be found on PA D14 Website

New Business

1. District Boundary Map identified and has been posted on home page of D14 Website
2. LL BOD approved increase in tournament fees \$150 - \$200 / team
3. Proposed Revision to Spring Interlock Rules – Addition of Minor (Hybrid) Player/Coach Pitch & Minor 100% coach pitch: rules as proposed were agreed upon and will be updated and posted on the District Website
4. Proposed Revision to Fall Baseball Rules – Elimination of 2 inning per day pitch limitation was agreed upon and will be updated and posted on the District Website

5. AED/CPR – Dallastown's Chad Forry provided highlights of a situation that occurred at a fall ball game where a coach experienced a heart attack on the field and due to quick response of CPR and the use of AED from a neighboring Soccer game the coach's life was saved. Leagues were encouraged to purchase AED's for their fields and the district will investigate possible funding opportunities.
6. District wide coaching mechanics and fundamentals training was discussed. There is interest on part of the leagues to investigate options. District Staff will investigate options such as Doyle/Big Al etc. for the 2017 season.
7. The Agenda items for the ER Regional Mini-Congress Roundtable, March 4th & 5th was reviewed and discussed
8. Leagues were reminded that Little League University is up and running and to utilize this new resource
9. Leagues were reminded to file their Tax Returns by the due date in Mid February.

Open Discussion: no discussion

Next Meetings: Sunday March 20 – 5:30 – 7:30 Eddies

APPENDIX I

Interlock Scheduling Procedures and Timeline

Divisions:

- Tball
- Minor 100% Coach Pitch
- Minor 7-8 Hybrid Player/Coach Pitch
- Minor 7-8 100% Player Pitch
- Minor 8-11 Player Pitch
- Majors 9-12
- Intermediate 11-13 (Recommend 13 yr w/ strong 12 year olds and exceptional 11 year old)
- Juniors 13-15 (15 year old ineligible to pitch)
- Seniors 15-16
- Big League 17-18

Process:

- Leagues to identify a league interlock coordinator
- Leagues to provide the following to district staff for each of the above defined divisions: (ALL TEAMS-even if interlock is not planned for that division) – TEMPLATE Provided by District for this info submittal on Tues Jan 19th
 - Age range players eligible for participation at that division
 - Number of teams rostered
 - Names of teams rostered
 - Divisional Coordinator & contact info for each division
 - League scheduler and contact info for that division
 - Manager name and contact info for each team
 - Field Name(s) used for that division
 - Fields addresses & special directions – for inclusion on D14 website
- Above information will be used to develop database for D14 website master schedule
- Leagues to provide divisions/teams that will participate in District Interlock Play & specify leagues with whom they would like to interlock
- Above interlock information will be distributed prior to interlock scheduling meeting

Scheduling Meeting Format:

- LOCATION: Gettysburg Legion
- Times for each division will be determined based on number of leagues/teams at each division
- For each divisional time slot the scheduling will be divided into 2 segments
- Segment 1: Separate Tables for interdivision scheduling
 - EAST/CENTRAL/ WEST
- Segment 2: Cross Divisional Scheduling

PA D-14 Little League 2016 Divisional Breakdown

EAST	CENTRAL	WEST
DALLASTOWN (E)	BERMUDIAN (C)	CARLISLE (W)
NORTHEASTERN (E)	DILLSBURG (C)	GREENCASTLE (W)
SYC (E)	GETTYSBURG (C)	NEWVILLE (W)
YORK (E)	HANOVER (C)	PEN MAR (W)
YORK CITY (E)	SOUTH MIDDLETON (C)	SHIPPENSBURG (W)
	SPRING GROVE (C)	

Scheduling Meeting Format:

- At the meeting copies of each leagues schedule will be provided to District Scheduler
- Following Meeting all schedules will be entered to the District Website Game Schedule per division
- Leagues are required to review and approve the final website schedule
- A process for updating the website schedule throughout the season needs yet to be established

TIMELINE:

Jan 23rd – District issue league Roster form

Feb 20th – Deadline for Leagues to submit Roster form

Feb 24th – District issue combined Roster form to all leagues for review

Feb 25th – Leagues to respond with corrections OR confirm no corrections required

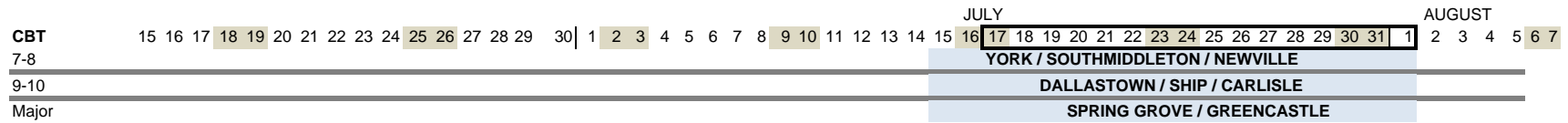
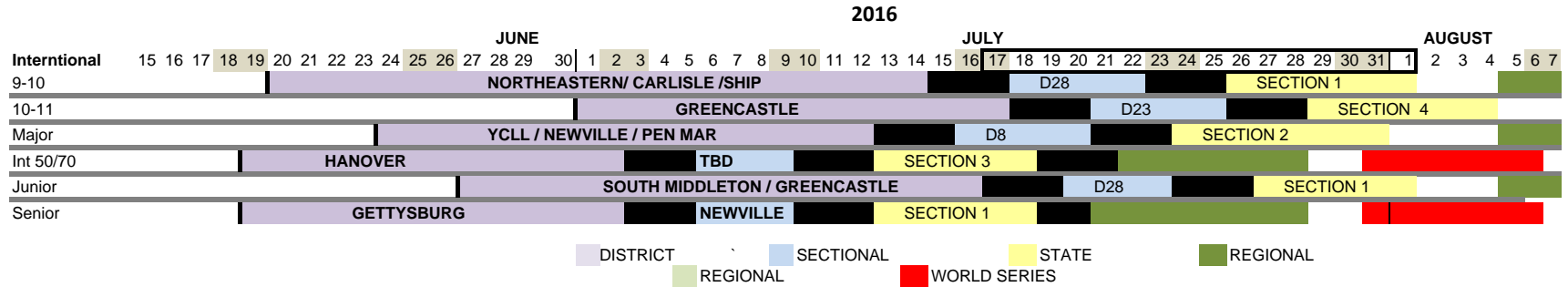
Feb 26th – District distribute final Interlock Roster form

March 5th – INTERLOCK Scheduling Meeting GETTYSBURG AMERICAN LEGION : Divisional Times TBD

March 12th – Schedules posted to D14 website for review

March 19th – Deadline for Leagues to respond w/ corrections OR confirm no correction required

DISTRICT 14 TOURN SCHED & HOST SITE
TENTATIVE - DATES/SITES SUBJECT TO CHANGE





2016 Little League® International Region Roundtable Agenda Survey

Item 1 – Regulation I(a) and IV(c) – All Divisions of Baseball and Softball

Regulation I(a):

(a) The league is the only unit of organization.

1. The Little League (Major) Division is to accommodate participants league ages 9-12.
2. The Minor League Division is an extension of the local Little League to accommodate participants league ages 7-12.
3. The Tee Ball Division is an extension of the local Little League to accommodate participants league ages 4-7 and may utilize the batting tee or the pitched ball (by a coach). The league may opt to deliver a designated number of pitches to all batters and then utilize the tee if necessary.

NOTE 1: 7 year-olds may play in Tee Ball or Minor League depending on the local structure and ability of the players.

NOTE 2: Players may participate in more than one division.

Regulation IV(c):

(c) The president of the local league (or District Administrator, if the Big League (Softball: Senior/Big League) is administered as a district operation) MUST certify and be responsible for the eligibility of each candidate previous to player selection. **NOTE:** At the time of registration, a player must designate whether he or she will try out for baseball, softball, or both if program options permit. A player may be on the roster of more than one team in the Little League program.

Synopsis: This would provide participants the ability to participate in multiple divisions, provided they qualify under Residency/School Attendance Eligibility Requirements, programs, and divisions of play. Player may only be selected to one Tournament team.

Item 2 – Regulation I(b) and Tournament Manager and Coaches – All Divisions of Baseball and Softball

Officers shall be elected by the Board (i.e. president, one or more vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, safety officer, coaching coordinator, and player agent or agents). The president may manage, coach, or umpire provided he/she does not serve on the Protest Committee. The president of record or anyone who assumes the position or duties of president, on or after January 1 of the current year, may be eligible to serve as tournament team manager or coach with written approval from their respective District Administrator. The president will not serve in the capacity of District Administrator. Player Agents shall not manage, coach, or umpire in their respective divisions. Vice presidents may manage, coach, or umpire provided they do not serve on the Protest Committee.

Managers and Coaches

The president of the league **may serve as manager or coach with written approval from their respective District Administrator.** The District Administrator or District Staff shall not serve as manager or coach.

Little League: The manager and coach(es) shall be regular season team managers and/or coaches from the Little League Baseball (Major) Division.

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Synopsis: This would allow league presidents to be eligible to serve as a tournament team manager or coach for any division of play.

Item 3 – Affects Regulation VI(c), Playing Rule 3.03 and Tournament Rule 10 – Softball Junior, Senior, and Big League

- c) A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game but only once in the same inning as he/she was removed. A pitcher, withdrawn from the game offensively or defensively for a substitute, may not re-enter the game as a pitcher. Exception: See Rule 3.03(c). **Junior/Senior/Big League: A player may be removed as a pitcher, offensively or defensively, and return as pitcher only once per inning provided the return does not violate either the substitution, charged conference, or mandatory play rule(s).**

Synopsis: This would allow players within Junior, Senior, and Big League Softball divisions to be replaced on the pitcher's plate and return to pitch, even if removed from the game, providing they meet the substitution, charged conference and mandatory play rule(s).

Item 4 – Affects Rule 1.08 – Junior, Senior and Big League Baseball and Softball

1.08 - The league shall furnish players' benches, one each for the home and visiting teams. Such benches should not be less than 25 feet from the base lines. They shall be protected by wire fencing.

NOTE 1: **The on-deck position is not permitted.**

Synopsis: This would restrict the use of an on-deck batter in the teenage divisions.

Item 5 – Affects Rule 6.02 and Tournament Rule 3 – All Divisions Baseball and Softball

- (a) **Local League Regular Season Option/Mandatory Tournament:** After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat.

Exceptions: The batter can leave the batter's box:

- 1) On a swing, slap or check swing.
- 2) When forced out of the box by a pitch.
- 3) When the batter attempts a "drag bunt" ("slap" for softball).
- 4) When the catcher does not catch the pitched ball.
- 5) When a play has been attempted.
- 6) When time has been called.
- 7) **Baseball:** When the pitcher leaves the dirt area of the pitching mound or takes a position more than five feet from the pitcher's plate after receiving the ball or the catcher leaves the catcher's box.
Softball: When the pitcher leaves the eight-foot circle or the catcher leaves the catcher's box.

8) On a three ball count pitch that is a strike that the batter thinks is a ball.

Penalty: If the batter leaves the batter's box, delays play and none of the exceptions apply, the umpire shall warn the batter. After one warning on a batter, the umpire shall call a strike. Any number of strikes can be called on each batter. No pitch has to be thrown and the ball is dead.

EXCEPTION: Intermediate (50-70)/Junior/Senior/Big League Baseball: No pitch has to be thrown and ball is live.

Synopsis: This would allow a local league to determine if they implement this rule for the Regular Season; however, batters would be mandated to keep at least one foot within the batter's box throughout their at-bat after entering the batter's box during the Little League International Tournament under Tournament Rule 3.

Item 6 – Affects Rule 6.06(e) – Baseball Minor and Major League

A batter is out for illegal action when –

(e) he/she fakes a bunt and then takes a full swing.

Synopsis: This would eliminate a Minor/Major Division player from fake bunting and “slap-hitting” the ball.

Item 7 – Affects Tournament Release of Names – All Divisions of Baseball and Softball

The release of names of players selected for the tournament team **shall be made only after availability and eligibility of all prospective team members has been established.** [The Little League group accident insurance program underwritten by an AIG member company for tournament teams will **only be in effect for Little League related activities, practices, Special Games (as noted in Regulation IX), and/or International Tournament games.**]

Violation of this rule may be cause for revocation of tournament privilege by the Tournament Committee.

Synopsis: This would remove the June 15th date, or two weeks prior to the start of Tournament, as a requirement for releasing players selected to the tournament team(s).

Item 8 – Affects Tournament Player Eligibility – Baseball and Softball 9-10, 10-11 and 11-12 Year Old Divisions

Player Eligibility

Players are eligible for Tournament Play, provided they meet the criteria established by the Little League “Residency and School Attendance Player Eligibility Requirement,” “Participation In Other Programs” and the following:

9-10 Year Old Division - Any player League Age **8**, 9 or 10, with amateur status, who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of the regular season games as of June 15, with the exception of the school season, on a:

1. Little League (Major) Division team, or;
2. Minor League team.

10-11 Year old Division - Any player League Age 9, 10 or 11, with amateur status, who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of the regular season games as of June 15, with the exception of the school season, on a:

1. Little League (Major) Division team, or;
2. Minor League team.

Little League (Major) Division - Any player League Age 10, 11 or 12, with amateur status, who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of the regular season games as of June 15 on a Little League (Major) Division team, with the exception of the school season.

Synopsis: This would provide participants three years of eligibility for the 9-10, 10-11 and 11-12 Divisions of the International Tournament. This would also provide local leagues additional flexibility in their player selection.

Item 9 – Affects Tournament Team Practice – All Divisions of Baseball and Softball

Try-outs or practices by tournament teams **shall be made only after availability and eligibility of all prospective team members has been established.** Tournament team practice may only take place against other teams within the same or contiguous districts in the same division, providing such practice is done out of uniform. [The Little League group accident insurance program underwritten by an AIG member company for tournament teams will **only be in effect for Little League related activities, practices, Special Games (as noted in Regulation IX), and/or International Tournament games.**]

Violation of this rule may be cause for revocation of tournament privileges by the Tournament Committee.

Synopsis: This would remove the June 15th date, or two weeks prior to the start of Tournament, as a requirement for tournament team try-outs or practice.

Item 10 – Affect Regulation IV(a), Regular Season and Tournament – Baseball and Softball Teenage Divisions

Synopsis: This will be an open dialogue to discuss possible restructuring options of the teenage divisions due to declining of participation within these levels. Little League needs to evaluate our current Regular Season and Tournament offerings for these particular divisions. Additional background information will be provided during the Region Roundtable discussion.

District 14 Meeting 1-17-15

NAME	LEAGUE	POSITION
Josh Frite	D14 staff	ADA
Doug McFee	Ship.	Pres.
DAVID Hoover	CARLISE	PRES.
Laura Hoover	Carlisle	SIC.
Chris Young	Bermudian	Pres.
JOSH DULL	Spring Grove	Pres.
Joe Jones	Pen Mar	VP
Jason Mills	Greencastle	VP
JAMIE SWIDER	NORTHEASTERN	PRES
STEVE BARROWSKI	York L	PRES.
Rick Griffe	Newville	Pres
Matt Shoads	Gettysburg	Pres
BRIAN MARTIN	SVC	PRES.
Chad Ferry	Dillsburg	UP
Tony Jeas	Dillsburg	P
Steve Bush	YCU	