



**Junior Baseball Organization, Inc. Minutes
Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 8, 2023, 1:00, Board Meeting**

Board Meeting called to order at 1:00pm by Jay Faxon

- Quorum Present** Jay Faxon, Lynn Robinson, Ryan McGeary, Tim Nystrom, Shane Ebberts (proxy for Joel Boothe), Kristen Meeker (proxy for Jeff Douglas), Terrence Haimoto, GeorgeVandehey
- Members Absent** Joel Boothe, Jeff Douglas
- Guest Present** Andy Cornils
- Approve Minutes** George motions to approve October meeting minutes. Kristen 2nd.
Approved 9-0
- President's Report** We do not need SOPs because our bylaws are very inclusive. Bylaws do state they should be reviewed every 4 years but that hasn't really happened, other than an adjustment here and there. Lynn will head up a committee to review the bylaws and come back with recommendations. Would like to have one person from each district to be on that committee.
Jay spoke to Wilson and they will sponsor JBO again this year. They will provide door prizes, baseballs for State, and one EvoShield item for each board member. JBO will encourage the DCs to tell their associations that it is in our best interest to use Wilson baseballs.
Between now and September, Jay will look to see what Rawlings and Wilson could do for us on a two year contract.
Lynn motions to accept Wilson as a sponsor for one year. George 2nd
Approved 9-0
Lynn motions to have Jay investigate a two-year contract from Wilson or Rawlings. Terrence 2nd.
Approved 9-0
We are voting today on rule changes and we need to be less territorial. Vote how your district wants you to vote. When we have the results, take it back to your districts. If an item they wanted to pass doesn't pass, let them know you voted how they wanted but the board voted differently and we need to support it.
For the rest of our business, we need to bury the territorial hatchet. We won't always agree on everything and that's okay. Just keep thinking about how it affects the players; think about JBO and those 9-14 year old kids.
- Vote on Rules** Lynn made an error on Item #6. **After discussion, Tim motioned to take it back to Districts and do an email vote in 2 weeks. Lynn 2nd. Approved 9-0**
Voting results on all other items are attached and rule book will be updated.

Player Waiver

We want to clarify in district and out of district waiver process.

II. Player Eligibility

C. Approval of the player waiver must be obtained from the Association the player resides in, the requesting Association, and the District Commissioners. If the waiver request is denied, an appeal can be made to the District Commissioners “in writing” for a final ruling.

D. A waiver is required for a player who elects to play in an Association outside of their District. Approval of the player waiver must be obtained from the Association the player resides in, the District Commissioners from which the player resides, the requesting Association, and the requesting District Commissioners. If the waiver request is denied, an appeal can be filed with the JBO Board "in writing" for a ruling.

After discussion, Ryan motioned to approve above proposal, George 2nd.

Approved 9-0

Financial Reports

There have been no changes in the financials since our last meeting. The price increases we voted on will help with the increased umpire fees and other state costs.

Dropbox

Dropbox for 2023 is set up. Paperwork is due in dropbox no later than April 1.

Sponsorships

Backstop: still need to verify State coach meeting dates with them.

Dick's will sponsor again—Lynn working on the paperwork. Les and Bob's sponsoring as is Oliver Insurance and Oliver Foundation.

ROTB

Date confirmed with North Marion MS for March 5, 2023. Please be there 12-4.

ROTB will be from 1-3. If we have any business to discuss we can do it after.

Terrence will contact Oliver Insurance to get coverage for March 5.

There will be raffle tickets for door prizes and prize for best table. Jay will check his warehouse to see what items he stored for us from 2020 when we canceled ROTB.

In October, we discussed and voted on a \$1000 marketing fee for non-JBO tournaments. **After further discussion, Lynn motioned to charge \$250 per weekend for marketing non-JBO tournaments. A table at ROTB is included. Terrence 2nd. Approved 9-0**

Lynn will email associations with ROTB details.

State Logo

We chose this logo from 3 options.



Board Apparel

Wilson will provide each board member an EvoShield item. To the February meeting, Jay will bring samples. Please be prepared to give Jay your shirt and hat sizes to that meeting.

State Trmt Dates

July 14-16	MN, MA, JN, JA, SN	Coach meeting July 12
July 21-23	MF, JF, SA, SF	Coach meeting July 19

Old Business

New Business

George requested that the new DCs be given a copy of the New Board Member Binders that were given out last year. Lynn will have them at the next meeting.

NFHS Rulebooks. Lynn will purchase the new 2023 books. Lynn will inquire about getting a link to the rulebook to distribute to coaches.

2023 JBO Rulebook: Once it is updated, the board can review it online, and once approved, Lynn will publish it on the website and proceed to have it printed.

Meeting adjourned 2:15 pm

Next Meeting Board Meeting, February 19th, 1:00PM

RULE CLARIFICATIONS AND RULE PROPOSALS

#1 APPROVED 9-0

I Team Eligibility

Letter E

The Commissioners will then verify all rosters and paperwork and **submit them to the JBO Vice President** no later than May 25th. Change to **“submit them to JBO dropbox no later than May 25th”**
A revised Team Roster with any appropriate waivers must be **submitted to the JBO Vice President** before additions are eligible to participate. Change to **“submitted to JBO dropbox”**.

#2 APPROVED 9-0

III. Waiver Policy

Letter F

All waiver forms must be attached to the team’s roster when submitted to the **JBO Vice President**.
Change to **“dropbox”**

Rationale: JBO uses dropbox now and all paperwork is placed in dropbox for ease of storage, management, access, and sharing.

#3 APPROVED 9-0

VI Leagues

I. If an Association is unwilling to play by the matrix or complete the reclassification section of the JBO Application and get District approval, yet still wants to play below the matrix, they forgo post-season play (District and JBO).
Add, **“The District has the ultimate authority on what level to place the team at for regular league play.”**

Rationale: The District needs to have ultimate authority on placement as they have an entire district to manage.

#4 APPROVED 9-1

X. Playing Regulations Grade division 1. Minor Division Letter M

For the National skill level, a runner may not lead off third base and may not steal home. A runner on third may only advance as a result of a batted ball, walk, or penalty.
Add, **“Penalty for not following this rule: runner returns to 3rd. At the end of playing action, the umpire will issue a warning to the coach of the team in violation and the next offending baserunner on that team will immediately be called out.”**

Rationale: Multiple coaches have asked for a clarification on the penalty if this rule is broken. The penalty falls in line with a carelessly thrown bat at the national level (warning and then an out)

#5 FAILED 2-7

Team Roster Size:

*Roster will consist of minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 14 players

*If a player is cut due to a team reaching the roster maximum that player becomes unserviceable and thus does not require a player waiver

#6 EMAIL VOTE IN 2 WEEKS

VI Leagues, letter D Matrix

ALL DIVISIONS

6A/5A High Schools			
#	Federal	American	National
1	1 (6A)	1 (5A)	
2	1 (6A)	1 (5A)	1 (6A/5A)
3	1	1	1
4	1	1	2
5	1	2	2
6	1	2	3
7	1	2	4
8	1	3	4
9	1	3	5
10	2	3	5

4A/3A/2A/1A High Schools			
#	Federal	American	National
1		1 (4A)	1 (3A)
2		1	1
3		1	2
4	1	1	2
5	1	1	3
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Rationale: 5A and 4A schools who follow the matrix and have a federal team often struggle to compete at the American level. A slight change in the matrix will encourage federal teams while also keeping the other levels engaged in competition.

#7 APPROVED 5-4

Cross District Transfer:

*Players family can submit an application for a cross district transfer, and if they do, they will have to complete the necessary paperwork (form in draft status).

A) The transfer is permanent for the remainder of the players eligibility in JBO

B) The transfer removes the requirement for a waiver for that and each subsequent season of play.

Commentary,

This is to try to address families concerns where they have played for or within an association boundary for years and then told they can't when a neighboring association has a program at the older age levels. (example: kid plays for 'association 1' for Tball, Rookies, Minors, Juniors due to 'association 2' not having a program for those levels. Then 'association 2' wants to have that player on their Senior team.

Parents want their kids to play with their friends at the youth level despite the overlap of HS boundaries. Some of these kids may live within 1 HS Boundary, yet still process the paperwork to attend a different HS

Option 1					
JBO (Season) Pitch Count					
Level	Daily Max	Rest Period			Weekly Max
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	
Minors	75	1-40	41-65	66-75	105
Juniors	85	1-40	41-65	66-85	115
Seniors	95	1-45	46-75	76-95	125
Week consists of Sunday - Saturday					

Option 2					
JBO (Season) Pitch Count					
Level	Daily Max	Rest Period			
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days
Minors	75	1-20	21-35	36-55	56-75
Juniors	85	1-25	26-40	41-60	61-85
Seniors	95	1-30	31-45	46-65	66-95

Reasoning Option 1: Has a weekly max and matches up better with the State Championships. Less confusing for coaches and still protects arms. We have been in the current pitch count for multiple years and a good time for an update with a weekly max instead of a rolling. Easier for districts to manage instead of doing the math of how many pitches are possible.

Reasoning Option 2: If the board likes the current format then Juniors needs to be adjusted to be different than minors. Its only a 5 pitch difference on days rest but seperates the levels. A big difference from a 9 year old to a 12 year old.

OPTION 1 FAILED 0-8-1

OPTION 2 APPROVED 6-2---same as Item #9

#9 APPROVED 9-0

IX. JBO League Pitching Regulations, All Levels

Pitch Count Chart-- **change pitch count so Junior and Minor are not the same**

Divisions	Pitch Count	Days Rest	Pitch Count	Days Rest	Pitch Count	Days Rest	Pitch Count	Days Rest	Max. Per Day
Senior	1-30	0	31-45	1	46-65	2	66+	3	95
Junior	1-25	0	26-40	1	41-60	2	61+	3	85
Minor	1-20	0	21-35	1	36-55	2	56+	3	75

#10 APPROVED 7-2

B. A pitcher who throws a warm-up pitch must pitch to one batter.

Change to **"A pitcher who throws a warm-up pitch must face one batter."**

Rationale: Facing

one batter could be an intentional walk, which is zero pitches. Intentional walks are part of pitching even though pitches do not count.

#11 APPROVED 8-1

A pitcher will be allowed to finish pitching to a batter if he reaches the daily maximum during an at-bat, but then must be removed from the mound.

Reasoning: OSAA rule and allows natural progression of the game. One of the biggest complaints this year.

#12 FAILED 4-5

Current State Chart

STATE TOURNAMENT PITCH COUNT AND REST REQUIREMENTS					
LEVEL	DAILY MAX	REST PERIOD			TOURNAMENT MAX
		0 DAYS	1 DAY	2 DAYS	
SENIOR	95	1-50	51-80	81+	125
JUNIOR	85	1-45	46-70	71+	105
MINOR	75	1-40	41-65	66+	95

No changes to the State Tournament pitching chart are recommended.

Pitch count should be per day, not per game.

A Senior pitcher gets a max of 95 pitches in their first day. They can use the 95 how they would like. At the end of the day, their total daily pitch count determines their rest period.

#13 APPROVED 6-3

Post Season Pitch Count:

Simplify the rule to be Daily Max & Tournament Max (remove sections for days of rest from the chart)

Condition 1 - A pitcher reaching the daily max will require 2 days of rest. Daily Max is the sum of all pitches thrown in any calendar day.

Condition 2 - A pitcher is allowed to pitch up to the Tournament Max outlined for that age level.

Example 1: At the Senior Level a pitcher is allowed to throw 125 pitches over the course of the tournament so long as that pitcher has not reached the Daily Max of 95 in any day of the tournament.

Essentially this is a "you get 125 pitches at the Sr Level use them as you want over the 3 day tournament. however, if you use a pitcher for 95 in one day they are done for the weekend"

#14 APPROVED 5-3-1

All pitchers must adhere to the pitch count rest requirements before pitching in another tournament game.

Reasoning: 2022 rulebook wasn't clear so this cleans up the post season pitch count. Critical to protect youth arms in the post season.

#15 APPROVED 9-0

XII. Post-Season Play 5. JBO State Tournament Berths, Seeding, and Brackets Letter D

The Higher Seeded Team shall be the Home Team for their first game of the State Bracket. If there are two teams with the same seed, then a coin flip will be used to determine home team. In all succeeding games, home team is determined by a coin flip. The team in the top of the bracket shall make the call of "heads" or "tails". The team in the top of the bracket shall occupy the first base dugout unless the opposing team is already in that space as a result of the tournament bracket/field schedule.

Change to:

The Higher Seeded Team shall choose home or away for their first game of the State Bracket. If there are two teams with the same seed, then a coin flip will be used to determine home team; the team in the top of the bracket shall make the call of "heads" or "tails" and the winner chooses home or away. In all succeeding games, home team is determined by a coin flip as described above. The team in the top of the bracket shall occupy the first base dugout unless the opposing team is already in that space as a result of the tournament bracket/field schedule.

Rationale: Multiple coaches and hosts have asked for this to be clarified.
