



**Junior Baseball Organization, Inc. Minutes
Board of Commissioners Meeting
November 19, 2017**

Meeting called to order by JBO V.P. Jay Faxon

Members Present Terrence Haimoto, Lynn Robinson, Jay Faxon, John Graham, Tami Esmay, Misty Gendhar, Mike Done, Matt Holliday

Members Absent Phil Gendhar

Guest Present Dean Allen (Keizer)

Rule Proposals CCJBA has no rule proposals to submit.
Westside has one proposal. It is a proposal for JBO to dictate how many umpires are required to work certain divisions/levels.
The districts in JBO determine the requirements for their own umpire certification. JBO sets the requirements for the State Tournaments. The decision on umpire requirements is determined by each district.
Valley has two proposals.
Proposal #1 Intentional Walk Rule----see attached
Proposal #2 Minimum Player Defensive Out Rule---this proposal is written as a talking point, not as a rule proposal.
Lynn motions to not take it to the districts, 2nd by John Abstained: Terrence
Approved 6-0-1

Administrative Rule Proposals/Vote: see attached

Board Apparel Order completed for receipt by the NW Coach Clinic Jan 19-21
Need to have new JBO logo before the apparel can be produced.
Jay will work up a couple of options and email out for approval.

Bids/Costs for State Hardware, etc Got bids 3 years ago. No one could match/beat prices and all we've had are nominal increases. Service from our vendors is outstanding – we are staying put with our vendors.

- Canby Trophies – If we change 1st place and team sports trophies to State of OR shape, overall increase of \$450. We looked at rings for individual 1st place award. Rings would be an increase of between \$1300-\$1800. Pretty steep so we'll stick with the plaques. Lynn will research some other type of plaques. We will vote on the increase for the state of OR shaped trophies at the January meeting.
- Gisi – price increase for the rulebooks is a total of \$6
- Les and Bob's – a possible \$.10/shirt increase over last year. Very nominal.

NW Coach Clinic January 19-21, Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel
Lynn will send out a sign-up sheet for table coverage.

Old business

Senior Federal State Tournament

John reported that Westside is okay with the tournament being held at HOPS field. Glencoe would like to host again (they will need to apply).
John motioned to hold SF State Tourney at HOPS field
2nd by Lynn Abstained: Misty and Tami Approved 5-0-2

Changing State Tournaments

Valley made a proposal in November. Westside against single elimination the first day, but they did like the idea of starting on Friday and rolling into Monday. It would help with getting volunteers. They wanted to leave the bracket structuring the same.
CCJBA has no input.

John motioned to have the districts discuss and provide input on starting State tourneys on Friday and ending on Monday. 2nd by Terrence Approved 7-0

Positive Coaching Alliance

John reported on Westside's feedback on how PCA went last year. The new coaches got the most out of it; a lot of feedback from others was that they thought the info was basic.
Phil was in contact with PCA. We will table further discussion until January meeting.

Friends of Baseball

Offering a coach clinic February 19, from 1-5, at Madison HS in Portland. Each association has to register by February 13th with a complete list of coaches/email addresses by February 17th. Cost is \$75/each association/unlimited number of coaches.
JBO will pay 75% (\$56.25) of each association's clinic fee. All they have to do is provide us with proof of payment and we will reimburse them 75%.

Lynn motioned, 2nd by Terrence. Approved 7-0

New Business

Meeting Place

Wilsonville Library will be undergoing renovations and will not be available to us as of January. Lynn will research and obtain a new place.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting

January 21, 2017, Canby Public Library – Willamette Meeting Room
1:30 – Executive Board
2:00 – Board of Commissioners Meeting

2018 RULEBOOK CLARIFICATIONS AND UPDATE PROPOSALS

1. In rulebook, change all reference from ‘Championship’ tournament to ‘State’ tournament.
2. Remove “Cubs” from our program. Haven’t had a Cubs program since 2005.

X. PLAYING REGULATIONS BY GRADE DIVISION

1 Midget Division (this would apply to all Divisions)

- A. A player may play outside of their division. A player may play “up” with proper documentation and District approval. A player may play “down” with proper documentation, District approval and JBO Board approval.

NEW: A player may play “up” with proper documentation and District approval. Completely remove the rest of the wording.

3. Remove “Southwest Washington” reference on the website. (where is this reference located as Lynn cannot find in the rulebook or on the website.)
4. New text added in bold

VIII. Game Playing Regulations

U. For darkness and/or weather, JBO follows the NFHS Rulebook for game ending procedures, as amended by OSAA:

1. If a legal game is not completed, it is a continuation.
2. If a legal game is completed, both teams have had an equal number of complete turns at bat and the score is tied, it is a continuation.
3. If a legal game is completed, both teams have not had an equal number of complete turns at bat and the score is tied, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning. If the score was tied at the end of the last completed inning, then the game is a continuation.
4. **If a player was present for the original game but is absent from the continuation game, he is dropped from the original line-up and everyone moves up.**
5. **If a player was absent from the original game but is present for the continuation game, he is inserted at the bottom of the original line-up.**
6. **In order to pitch in the continuation game, a player must NOT have been removed as pitcher in the original game AND must currently be eligible.**

Home book documents the point of interruption in the official scorebook (including inning, score, outs, runners on base, defensive charged outs, etc.) National level teams also document when the game was interrupted in regards to time limit. Pitch count is reported. Both head coaches sign the scorebook.

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IX. JBO LEAGUE PITCHING REGULATIONS, ALL LEVELS Team Eligibility

Add a letter L. PITCHING RULE FOR A CONTINUATION GAME: see section VIII. Letter U.

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I. Team Eligibility Add the text in bold

- A. Any Association intending to participate in the Junior Baseball program must have an approved "Application for Participation" and "Certificate of Insurance" received by and on file with the JBO Secretary no later than April 1 of each calendar year **If after April 1st, an Association's Insurance is set to expire during the season, the new and valid Certificate of Insurance must be received by the JBO Secretary prior to the expiration date.** After April 1st, Districts will be fined \$50/week (or parts thereof) for each Association that is non-compliant, with a cap of \$250 per Association. Once the \$250 cap is reached, that Association is suspended and not eligible to participate in JBO for the season.

I. Team Eligibility

- D. Each team accepted for participation in Junior Baseball must file **a completed team roster form, as posted on the State Website,** and any waivers, report cards, and all verification paperwork, to their District Commissioners no later than their first league game. The Commissioners will then **verify all rosters and paperwork and submit them** to the JBO Vice President no later than May 25th. – rest of the paragraph remains the same

II. Player Eligibility

F. added line to paragraph at end—**American teams can only have 3 total players outside their Association boundaries, waived or un-waived.**

The above item is tabled for more discussion at the January meeting

H. A player who is attending an out of district school is allowed to play JBO baseball in the Association which encompasses the attended school without a waiver if they submit a current year report card or copy of their school ID card from the school which they are attending. This will be submitted with the team roster as verification of eligibility.

Letter H is simply removing any mention of the open enrollment law.

Change the positions of Unsportsmanlike Conduct and Waiver Policy in the rulebook.

Motioned by John to approve all of the above changes/clarifications, Mike 2nd the motion. Approved 7-0

Current Rule: Section VIII, Paragraph Z

VIII. GAME PLAYING REGULATIONS

Z. Umpire certification for league play, uniforms and pay scales will be determined by the district.

Proposed Rule: Section VIII, Paragraph Z

Z. Umpire certification for league play, uniforms and pay scales will be determined by the district. **The home Association shall provide umpires in accordance with the following minimum guidelines;**

- All games, including Junior American and below – (i.e. MN, MA, MF, JN, JA)
 - One (1) Plate Umpire
- All games, including Junior Federal and above – (JF, SN, SA, SF)
 - One (1) Plate umpire & One (1) Field umpire

Position Statement:

- The addition of this language will help create a baseline standard of umpire staffing levels across all JBO Districts and Associations promoting fair and balanced competition.
- The skill level and speed of play at the Junior Federal level is such that making calls in the field (i.e. pick off plays at all bases, throw downs at all bases, and run downs between all bases) is extremely difficult and nearly physically impossible to be in a good position with only (1) one umpire.
- At the higher divisions (i.e. JF, SA, SF) pitching mechanics affecting pick offs and balks can only be readily seen and analyzed by a field umpire closer to the action(s) in question.
- The sheer size and dimensions of the Senior level field(s) clearly dictate the need for a field umpire to get in a position close enough to call plays outside of the approximate home plate area (i.e. bases and outfield catches close to the ground)
 - In the past, MJBO has experienced SF and SA games on 90/60 fields officiated by (1) one umpire.

The districts in JBO determine the requirements for their own umpire certification. JBO sets the requirements for the State Tournaments. The decision on umpire requirements is determined by each district; therefore, there will not be a vote on this.

At the February, 2016 meeting, the JBO Board of Commissioners voted to follow OSAA guidelines to only count the pitches thrown during an intentional walk. The following proposal has been received:

Intentional walk rule removed. The pitcher should have to burn 4 pitches to put a player on base.

We will have an email vote on this after the Districts conduct their votes.

Official Vote: Yes=0 No=8 Motion Failed.

Minimum player defensive out rule combined with home team mercy rule. I suggest either waiving the minimum player defensive out rule if the mercy rule is going to be used or mercy rule goes in effect after the home team has hit. I have had numerous games where it is a struggle to get the minimum player outs and losing that last defensive inning when you are the away team can be tough.

This proposal is written as a talking point, not as a rule proposal.

Lynn motions to not take it to the districts, 2nd by John Abstained: Terrence Approved 6-0-1

Changing State Tournament Days

A proposal was made to change the days of the State tournaments from Thursday-Sunday to Friday-Monday. DCs took it back to their districts and we conducted an email vote.

Official Vote: Yes – 3 No – 5 Motion failed.