

NeoBaseball, Ltd.

BASEBALL REP MEETING AGENDA

October 26, 2025 (6:30pm) - Randolph Town Hall

ATTENDANCE:

Corey Myrla

LOCAL REPS/OTHERS

Alliance: Dave Conrad

Brimfield: Erin Cramer, Steve Berry

Champion: Steve Smith, Damon Warren

Crestwood: Ellen Paterson, Adam Wenrich

Edinburg: Mat Hartung, Ryan Shankle

Ellet: Mike Engelhart, Dave Dowling

Garrettsville: Chris Sanchez, Rob Altemus

Jackson-Milton: Nick Dean, Kaitlyn Bassi

Kent: Garyn Daniels

Lake: Max Briggs, Justin Banar

Lake Center: Shane Byler

Lordstown: Brittany Housel

Mogadore: Justin Fournier, Dan Straight

Newton Falls: Aaron Spahlinger, Chad Jones

Ravenna: Ken Kinder

Rootstown: Joe Brown, Andy Day

Southeast: Zack Sallaz, Russ Sallaz

Springfield: Joe Delario

Suffield: Cassie Geiger

SWB: Dan Hinerman, Pete Raga

Waterloo: Bobby Braybon, Jeff Feciuch

Western Reserve: Jason Majirsky, Eddie Morales

Windam: Travis Hammonds, Jon Crisman

U-I-C: LeeAnn Ferguson

Jackson Milton: Kristin Barrett

START TIME:

FINSIHED BUSINESS:

- Schedule of Events
- Fall Ball Update

RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS (60% vote of attending areas required to implement these changes. 1 vote per active area):

- ADJUSTING DIVISIONS OR NOT (simple “yes” or “no” vote first. Do we want to adjust or keep things as they were)
 - If yes approved, then we’ll vote on:
 - EITHER offer Major/Minor divisions during season, when possible, at 11u-14u (keeping in mind, it will likely only be possible at 12U and 14U most years)
 - If major and minor approved, more teams will likely play each other twice
 - If doing major/minor divisions during season, there will NOT be gold/silver divisions in tournaments (there would be one tourney bracket for the age division).
 - Major would be seeded by pts from game results. Minor teams would be “blind drawn” into the tournament if the teams want to participate (using a random # generator). Seeding cannot be challenged.
 - What we found last time was that 1/3 of the teams wanted “Major”, 1/3 of the teams wanted “Minor”, and 1/3 of the teams didn’t know where they fit because they were somewhere in the middle (I would usually suggest playing up into Major if middle of the road)
 - NOTE: Gold/Silver tournament brackets would remain for the 10U and younger age divisions.
 - OR play more teams only once rather than playing as many both home/away
 - If just spreading out games and not doing major/minor during season, then gold/silver brackets can remain
 - Depending on outcome, there may be a separate option to vote on Major/Minor at 10U (vs just playing more teams once). Same conditions apply as noted for 11u-14u.
 - MUSIC
 - (9U and older age divisions) No music (including walkup music) during regular season games and tournaments (music fine during warmups only).
 - If not approved, we will vote on whether to exclude from Tournaments only (and still allowing for walkup music at regular season games)
 - Depending on results, 8U and Coach-pitch may be voted on separately
 - 8U REMOVAL OF WALKS
 - Coach-Pitcher to come in to pitch to batters when the pitcher gets to 4 balls.
 - Pitches available will be based on the # of strikes thrown by the kid-pitchers. (1 strike means coach has 2 pitches available. No strikes then coach has 3 pitches. 2 strikes then 1 pitch avail)
 - PORTABLE MOUNDS:

- Allow portable mounds if rubberized, commercially manufactured, and in good/safe condition.
- Homemade, worn/unsafe, and mounds with hard/slick surfaces and/or ledges will still not be permitted.
- TOURNAMENT TIME LIMIT
 - If two tournament rounds are scheduled the first Saturday of spring tournaments then a 1h45min “no new inning” time limit shall apply in both games (rather than a 2-hour time limit), even if one of the teams will only play one game that day.
- TRAVEL PLAYER POLICY (simple “yes” or “no” vote first. Do we want to adjust or not):
 - If yes, then we’ll vote on:
 - EITHER allowing more travel players per team (2 or 3) with the same restrictions (can’t pitch/catch, need to be from the community, need to play in 75% of games to play in tournaments, etc.)
 - OR adjusting to softball style restrictions (no limit on how many travel players, they can pitch/catch, need to be from the community, need to play in 75% of games to play in tournaments).
 - Currently, baseball allows for one travel exemption with restrictions.
- Allow for a 2nd “out-of-area” player with written league approval prior to season (rather than one). The 2nd out-of-area player must have played for that team for 3 or more years prior and then moved to another area/school.

OTHER NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN:
 - Areas should develop an Emergency Action Plan (to be sent to Neo and posted at the facility)
 - Include non-emergency #'s for fire and police, local rep primary and secondary contacts, and any other relevant contact (like for lights, park access, etc.)
 - Nearest hospital and med center
 - Best point of shelter in case of emergency
 - AED location, if applicable
- Tournament Hosts
 - Hosting locations should provide primary and secondary point of contact each day for hosting tournaments (who is available if something needs addressed)
 - NOTE: A minimum of 4 fields is required to host most age divisions so some age groups will need to split between two different hosting locations (primary host and secondary host)
 - I would like to get back to Championship games being at just couple venues on the same days when possible (spreading them out over several locations on the same day isn’t ideal).
 - CP1: ○ 11U:
 - CP2: ○ 12U:
 - Farm: ○ 13U:
 - 9U: ○ 14U:
 - 10U
- Early Bird Tournaments (need flyers to post online)
 - Mogadore
 - Alliance/SWB
- UMPIRES:
 - Recruiting
 - Reps should recruit locally (FB/email blasts, outgoing coaches and players, etc)
 - Reps to get contact info for HS coaches
 - Clinics (can be scheduled through LeeAnn)
- Open Forum
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NEXT MEETING: TBA

END TIME: