

Augusta Minor Softball Minutes Meeting Thursday April 23rd 7pm

Present : (15) Dan Dunbar-Kars, Brent Smith-Athens/Co-Chair, Tom Burchill-Smith Falls, Richard Hanna-Lyn, Amy Finucan-North Augusta- Treasurer, Mike Limburg-Johnstown, Kendra McIntosh-Spencerville, Joe Chabot-Mallorytown-Co-Chair, Scott Neild - Mallorytown-Secretary, Nicole Kehoe-Cardinal, Roxanne Riddell-Cardinal, Michael Seed -Westport, Lisa Lockett-Maynard, Mark Baldwin -Osgoode

Absent- Darlene Foley-Athens

Joe Call the meeting to order around 7:10pm

1. Election of Executive... Scheduling /Statistician - Rules & Discipline

Rules & Discipline position was taken by Darlene Foley. Thanks Darlene for stepping up and volunteering your time. Scheduling and website updates will be done by Steve Ferguson and Scott Neild will update the scores during the season from the scores being submitted to scores@augustasoftball.com

2. Team submissions from each association/division

3. Home night preferences for each association/division -come prepared with 2 possible home nights

Listing by division with Home nights requests

Mosquito -East-4 teams 6:15pm - 14 games

Johnstown- Mon and Wed nights

Maynard #1- Mon and Wed nights

Maynard #2- Mon and Wed nights

Spencerville- Mon and Wed nights

Mosquito -West-3 teams 6:15pm - 14 games

Athens #1- Mon and Thurs nights

Athens #2- Mon and Thurs nights

Mallorytown- Mon and Thurs nights

No cross over only play your division East plays East and West plays West

Games Start week of May 19 and go to week of July 13 (9 weeks)

- 17 days for 14 games

No mid season tourney for mosquito

Year end tourney is in Johnstown on July 18

Mite -East-3 teams 6:15pm - 14 games

North Augusta- Mon and Wed nights

Maynard- Mon and Wed nights

Spencerville- Mon and Wed nights

Mite -West-4 teams 6:15pm - 14 games

Athens- Wed night

Westport- Mon and Thurs nights

Mallorytown #1- Mon and Thurs nights

Mallorytown #2- Mon and Thurs nights

Mallorytown has two diamonds. Cross over only to play one team from the other division a home/away and the rest of the 12 games are to be played inside the division east to play east and west to play west. Example Mallorytown #1 plays North Augusta total of 2 games each team gets a home game

Games Start week of May 19 and go to week of July 13 (9 weeks)

- 17 days for 14 games

Mid season tourney is in North Augusta June 27

Year end tourney is in Mallorytown on July 18

Squirt -5 teams- 6:15pm - 14 games

Athens - Tues night

North Augusta- Mon night

Maynard-Tues or Thurs night

Lyn- Thurs night

Westport - Tues or Thurs night

Mid season tourney North Augusta on June 27th

Year end is tourney format in Westport on July 25th

Peewee Girls-

No teams

Peewee Boys-3 or 4 teams- 6:15pm - 16 games

Athens - Sun night

Spencerville #1- any night

Johnstown - Tues night

Spencerville #2 Girls team - decided to play in boys division- any night

Mid season tourney date Johnstown -June 20?

Year end is playoff format best of 3, playoffs must start on Mon July 27.

Round 1 from July 27 to Aug 2, Round 2 from Aug 3 to Aug 9

Bantam Girls-4 teams - 8:15pm - 16 games

Lyn #1 - Mon and Thurs night

Lyn # 2 - Mon and Thurs night

North Augusta- Thurs night

Cardinal-Tues night

Mid season tourney in Lyn (with Bantam Boys same time) on June 27th

Year end is tourney format in North Augusta on July 25

Bantam Boys-4 teams- 8:15pm- 16 games

Lyn #1-Sun and Tues night

Lyn # 2-Sun and Tues night

Johnstown-Wed night

Osgoode - Tues night in Kars

Mid season tourney in Lyn (with Bantam Girls same time) on June 27th

Year end is playoff format best of 3, playoffs must start on Mon July 27.

Round 1 from July 27 to Aug 2, Round 2 from Aug 3 to Aug 9

Midget Girls-7 teams-8:15pm 16 games

Mallorytown# 1 - Sun night

Mallorytown # 2- Mon night

Cardinal - Mon night

North Augusta - Tues night

Have the extra game in schedule Mallorytown vs Mallorytown and NA vs Cardinal

No mid season tourney date yet

Year end is playoff format best of 3, playoffs must start on Mon July 27.

Round 1 from July 27 to Aug 2, Round 2 from Aug 3 to Aug 9

Midget Boys-7 or 8 teams- 8:15pm- 16 games

Spencerville - any night

Kars- Wed night

Johnstown- Mon night

North Augusta - Mon night

Lyn - Wed night

Cardinal- Thurs night

Smith Falls # 1- Tues or Wed night

Smith Falls # 2- maybe a second team will know more in a few days

No mid season tourney date yet - Johnstown maybe

Year end is playoff format best of 3, playoffs must start on Mon July 27.

Round 1 from July 27 to Aug 2, Round 2 from Aug 3 to Aug 9, Round 3 from Aug 10 to Aug 16th, season must be finished on Sunday Aug 16th.

Each organization breakdown

Maynard -2-Mosquito, 1-Mite-, 1-Squirt-

Lyn- 1-Squirt, 2-Bantam girls, 2-Bantam Boys-1 Midget Boys (mosquito and Mite stay in Lyn)

North Augusta-1-Mite, 1- Squirt,1-Bantam Girls,1-Midget Girls, 1- Midget Boys

Spenceville-1-Mosquito, 1-Mite-, 1-Pee wee Boys, 1 pee wee girls (playing boys division), 1 Midget Boys

Athens-2-Mosquito, 1-Mite, 1-Squirt,1- Pee wee Boys

Mallorytown- 1-Mosquito, 2-Mite , 2-Midget Girls

Smith Falls-2-Midget Boys?-

Westport- 1 -Mite-, 1 Squirt

Johnstown-1-Mosquito-1-Pee wee, 1-Bantam Boys,1-Midget Boys
Kars-1-Midget Boys

Cardinal-1- Bantam Girls, 1 Midget Boy, 1 Midget Girl

Osgoode - 1 Bantam Boy

4. Midseason / Year End tournament dates/hosts for each division

Mid Season

Mosquito- Host -No mid season tourney
Mite- Host -North Augusta date June 27
Squirt- Host -North Augusta- June 20
Pee wee Boys-Host-Johnstown-June 20 tentative
Bantam Girls-Host -Lyn - June 27
Bantam Boys-Host -Lyn June 27
Midget Girls-Host -North Augusta maybe- will review if enough interest
Midget Boys- Host-Johnstown maybe - will review if enough interest

Year End

Mosquito- tournament- Johnstown- July 18
Mite- tournament- Mallorytown - July 18
Squirt- tournament-Westport - July 25
Pee wee Boys-playoffs best of 3- start July 27 rd 1 July 27 to Aug 2, rd 2 Aug 3 to 9.
Bantam Girls-tournament-North Augusta - July 25
Bantam Boys- playoffs best of 3- start July 27 rd 1 July 27 to Aug 2, rd 2 Aug 3 to 9.
Midget Girls- playoffs best of 3- start July 27 rd 1 July 27 to Aug 2, rd 2 Aug 3 to 9.
Midget Boys- playoffs best of 3- start July 27 rd 1 July 27 to Aug 2, rd 2 Aug 3 to 9, rd 3 Aug 10 to Aug 16, season finishes on Aug 16th.

5. over age player discussion-any for approval

Westport- Aleah Seed -play in squirt as a Pee wee Girl age- approved
Westport- Lindsay Truelove- play in squirt as a Pee wee Girl age- approved
Lyn - Joseph Birtch- Midget Boy - 1994 DOB- approved
Lyn - Darby Mallory - play in Bantam Girl as Midget Girl age- approved
North Augusta -Cole Molson - play in Mite as a squirt age -approved
Maynard - Megan Stephenson - play in Mite as a squirt age -approved
Lyn - Lydia McGlynn- play in Squirt as a Pee wee age -approved
Lyn - Darcy Worden- - play in Squirt as a Pee wee age -approved

6. Team lists to be handed in prior to 1st game

Team list to be emailed to scores@augustasoftball.com before first game, we need division ,name of players and date of birth

7. Updated Coaches list to be sent in with team lists

Need each association to send in there coaches names, phone numbers and email to be updated on league website for each division.

8. Reminder to all associations regarding proof of insurance

Send in proof of insurance before 1st game, send in to scores@augustasoftball.com , league needs it before start of your 1st game , if not in game cannot be played.

9. Need to update the Softball reps list for each organization

The softball reps list is now updated on the website.

10. Coaches Code of Conduct Form

This form needs to be signed by all coaches in the league and needs to be submitted at the coaches meeting or by email with the proof of insurance before the first game, send to scores@augustasoftball.com. The executive must have these before first game or games will not count.

11. Submitting scores on time!!! -

New rule in place for 2015 season: Scores must be submitted within 48 hours of the game by both teams. Rainouts must be communicated within 48 hours of the game. Failure to do this... results in 0-0 score final and both teams get zero pts.

Scores are sent in to scores@augustasoftball.com with Game#, Division, score both teams

12. Team Fees -

To be paid at the Coaches Meeting or before to Treasurer Amy Finucan

- \$5 fee for each team in your association

- \$50 deposit fee for each team in each division Year End Tournament format

- \$10 fee for each team in Bantam /Midget boys and girls to purchase a Large Champions trophy for each division (4 trophies). This trophy is returned to Augusta Minor Softball the following year at the first meeting.

13. coaches meeting, when and where

Is set for Wed May 13th at 7pm at North Augusta Hall.

It is for all coaches come for a review of rules and expectations for the season. Greg Beach-UIC - will be discussing any new rules

14. Rules Changes

Overage rule once player is approved at league meeting , player not allowed to Pitch or Catch but allowed to play corners 3rd and 1st.

Defensive conference's per game:

"There will be unlimited substitutions in all leagues. The defensive conference rule is in effect and a pitcher is removed after ~~2 defensive conferences~~ is **Change to 3 defensive conferences per game and Peewee and below 5 per game..** The removal applies for the balance of the inning only

Jewelry :

Jewelry can be worn as long as it is not a distraction to opposing players, this is up to the Umpire discretion on whether it is to be removed or covered up

Game time:

Time of the Game starts is when the 1st pitch is thrown.

Pitching rules have changed:

- Pitching Rule Points of Emphasis Augusta Minor Ball

In all female categories, and in all male categories up to and including **Peewee (Bantam was removed)**, the pivot foot must remain in contact with, or push off and drag away, prior to the stepping (non-pivot) foot touching the ground.

The portion of the rule allowing the drag, leap, or hop and then throw affects ONLY the male **add Bantam** and Midget category in Augusta Minor Ball.

Midget Girls runs per inning rule

It was asked if we could removed the 7 run cap per inning in the Midget Girls division, this decision will be tabled at the April 23rd meeting and voted on at that meeting by all the Midget Girls division associations.

Approved at April 23 meeting

- An inning is described as 3 outs or 7 run cap per inning, with unlimited runs in the 7th inning ONLY.

Steel Cleats

Steel Cleats are being allowed by Softball Canada at the Midget Boys level. Augusta Minor Softball will table this decision at the April 23rd meeting and voted on at that meeting by all the Midget Boys division associations.

Not Approved at April 23rd meeting Steel Cleats are not allowed in Augusta Minor Softball Midget Boys division

Coaches must call time and be granted time

Coaches must call time and be granted time before entering the field of play. 1st time will be warned by the umpire if enter field before granted time. 2nd offence could result in ejection from game at the Umpire discretion. This must be made aware at the Coaches meeting in May.

Mosquito rule everyone bats

Current rule "• An inning will consist of 3 outs or 5 runs whichever comes first (Modified June 2008)"

Change rule to "modifying the rules for MOSQUITO to reflect how MOST associations okay it. Everyone bats. The batting order is only to keep the batters organized. No score is kept. This is directly in line with softball Canada recommendations." So an inning would consist of each team's full batting lineup.

Squirt Division Umpire Rule

We would like for the Year End Tournament in Squirt to have an Adult (over 18) Carded Umpire behind the plate for the Semi-Final and Final games of the tournament instead of only a JD umpire. To be decided at the April 23rd meeting by all associations with Squirt teams.

Approved at April 23 meeting , must be Adult (over 18)

Next Meeting Wed May 13th at 7pm at North Augusta Hall – FOR all Coaches in Augusta Minor Softball league. All fees and if possible insurance, teams list , coaches list handed in this night.