



ZONE #4 BASEBALL

2015 Season – Meeting #2

Vazzy's Restaurant - Bridgeport Thursday November 20TH – 2014 @ 7:00 PM

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Intro's / Attendance
2. State Committee
 - a. Chuck Berry – Background Checks, Waivers and Hot Stove Dinner
 - b. Paul Iverson – Registration & Futures Showcase
 - c. Ed Slegeski – Website and Challenge Cup
 - d. Craig Zimmerman – Key National & State Updates, Rules
3. Schedule Information
 - a. Tournaments
4. New ideas
 - a. Form 2, Registration
5. Feedback from last year

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

EVENT	Location	Date
Background Check Process Opens for 2015 Season		Saturday 11/01/14
New Milford Coaches and Players Clinic	New Milford High School	Saturday 12/06/14
State Committee Meeting	West Hartford Legion Hall	Sunday 12/07/14 @ 12:00 PM
Team Online Registration Process for 2015 Season		Tuesday 01/01/15 thru Sunday 02/15/15
Hot Stove Dinner	The Aqua Turf Club in Southington, CT	Friday 01/09/15
State Committee Meeting	West Hartford Legion Hall	Sunday 01/11/15 @12:00 PM
World Baseball Coaches Convention	Mohegan Sun	Thursday 01/15/15 – Saturday 01/17/15
Zone #4 Meeting	Owen Fish Legion Hall, Fairfield	Thursday 01/29/15 @ 7:00 PM
State Committee Meeting	West Hartford Legion Hall	Sunday 02/08/15 @ 12:00 PM
GM & Coaches Training Session/Meeting (State Committee Meeting to follow)	TBA	Saturday 03/14/15
2015 Northeast Regional Tournament (19&U)	Muzzy Field, Bristol CT	Tuesday 08/04/15 thru Sunday 08/09/15
2015 World Series (19&U)	Shelby, North Carolina	Thursday 08/13/15 thru 08/19/15



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1. Introduction\Attendees

Team	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Bridgeport	0	1								1
Darien\NC	1	1								2
Fairfield	0	1								1
Greenwich	0	0								0
Norwalk	0	1								1
Ridgefield	1	1								2
Stamford	1	1								2
Trumbull	1	1								2
Westport	0	1								1
Wilton	1	1								2

2. State Committee

- a. Chuck Berry – Background Checks, Waivers and Hot Stove Dinner
 - i. Look to get background checks done ASAP
 - ii. Reminder if completed before Jan 1st, ignore email in 2015
 - iii. Waivers done at the end of May\early Jun, remember to follow up quickly if contacted
- b. Paul Iverson – Registration & Futures Showcase
 - i. Registration opens January 1st for the 2015 Season
 - ii. In order to register GM must have completed background check
 - iii. Reminder – now is the time to check you can login to the National website in order to register later so you don't have to figure this out at the 11th hour
 - iv. Registration process should be the same as last year
 - v. Teams which “fold” may or may not get refund – depending on when this is completed
 - vi. Futures program
 - Will be the same as previous years (Games targeted to be around the first full week of July)
 - Coach starts the process with the player and Coach should make sure process is completed (Open Communication)
 - vii. Mohegan Sun Coaches Convention
 - CT Legion will have a booth
 - Looking for volunteers at the booth during the convention, please contact Paul Iverson.
- c. Ed Slegeski – Website and Challenge Cup
 - i. Complete pre-roster on National site
 - ii. Looking to expand iScore usage this year, please contact Ed if you want to volunteer
 - iii. If maintaining stats on website, and player “moves” from one team to another (i.e. 17U to 19U) can work with Ed to have the player “Traded” in the system to keep his stats complete
 - iv. Remember to enter Coaches and Players emails and cell #'s so that game changes are automatically sent to them
- d. Craig Zimmerman – Key National & State Updates, Rules
 - i. CT AMERICAN LEGION = TOP 5 in COUNTRY
 - ii. Next 2 years CT will have two teams (State winner and Host) participate in the Regional Tournament



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- iii. 15U Division
 - Future of American Legion
 - Looking for division to expand from 18 to 30 teams in 2015
- i. Scholarships (\$1K college scholarship)
 - Post Sponsored program – 2014 only 3 players applied
 - Non-Post Sponsored program – 2014 only 1 player applied
- ii. Insurance
 - All forms for events (Fall ball, Winter workouts) need to imply it is related to a “try-out” (i.e. participants of the event are NOT playing for another program)
 - State Committee to look into how it will work for Fall Legion in 2015
- iii. Bats
 - Real wood OR Composite
 - BBCOR must be visible on the bat (etched)
 - Enforcement to be tighter in 2015 (impact on insurance)
- iv. Ages
 - No change (as of Jan 1st)
 - Player on National roster at least once in last 2 years but doesn’t play Sr. High School season may come back
- v. Tournament
 - 15U – no change
 - 17U – double elimination until final 8, then single elimination
 - Dual participation – remember this is enforced at the start of the post-season regardless of when teams first game is
- 3. General Information
 - a. General discussion around raising awareness on college recruitment
 - b. State Committee working with local colleges to provide more information on the process

Action Item:

- Craig – If a player played as a JR in high school but not as a SR and family moves where can he play the following year?