

Managers Meeting Minutes



Type of Meeting: Managers Meeting
Location: Spazios
Date/Time: Saturday January 6, 2018

Dates:

January 14, 2018 – Tryout Camp

March 3, 2018 – Final Payments, Schedule and Equipment

Items:

Dickerhoff

- Fees are expected to be similar to last year – maybe a small increase
- Refunds checks were handed out to teams.
- Fields
 - Shaw Park will be closed for summer
 - Forest Park will close 7/31/18

Schmitz

- New umpire agreement for 3 years.
- Fees will increase from \$82 to \$85, \$85, \$87

DeBold

- Registrations will be emailed to all managers when new player registers.
- The pool spreadsheet will be mailed to all managers weekly

Memorial Day Tournament

- Organized by RH National. (Rob Giffen)
- 12 Teams from 45 and 60 Divisions
- Spots will be provided for St Louis teams

Mehrtens

- Roster Size discussed – no change leave at 25
- Managers are invited to Tryout Camp to view players.

Bergman

- Will attempt to get schedule done by March 1 for start in first week of April.

- **Chicago rule – not picked move up to older league – discussed, not approved.**
- **Managers approved Roy Hobbs rule that shared lineup runner must bat next time spot in order is due up.**

General

- **Discussed starting a Hall of Fame**
- **Discussed memorial plaque for recent deceased.**
- **Discussed redoing STLBFL Logo – John Wilson will review**

Main Meeting Links to Information

Bergman: [Website Notifications](#)

Bergman: [2018 Managers Rules Briefing](#)

Dickerhoff: [2017 Checking Account](#)

Dickerhoff: [2017 Budget](#)

Dickerhoff: [2017 Checking Account RECAP](#)

45+ Division Breakout

- 8 Teams
- 21 game schedule (each team plays each other 3 times)
- Top 6 teams make the playoffs with single elimination until finals then best 2 out of 3.
- Top 2 teams get a bye in round 1
- Round 1: #3 vs. #6 / #4 vs. #5.
- Round 2: #1 vs. lowest seed winner, #2 vs. second lowest seed winner.
- Championship is best 2 out of 3

53+ Division Breakout

- The 53s will split the division into 3 conferences. The A Conference will consist of the Patriots, Pirates and Sharks, the B Conference Mustangs, Knights and Cardinals with the C conference consisting of the Grays, Black Sox and Dodgers. Each team will play the 2 opponents in their conference 4 times for 8 games, the A conference will play the C conference teams 3 time each for 9 games and the A will play the B conference 2 times for 6 games. $8 + 9 + 6 = 23$ Regular season games.

53 Post Season - the 4 teams with the best records will play in a tournament with the remaining 5 teams having a separate tournament. The 4 team tournament will be 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3 in a single elimination. The 2 remaining teams will play a 2 out of 3 for the championship. The 5 team tournament will be exactly the same except there will be a play in game between 5 vs 4.

As a side note, when the conferences are set up on line, it is preferred that we reframe from using A, B and C. Instead, please use **North, Central and South**. That way there is no appearance of which teams are better. The concern is potential players viewing the web site and "knowing" who to avoid. In fact, it was suggested that the better teams be the last conference listed with the lesser team being first.

- Followup on 1/11/18 – The 53 Division will schedule 22 regular season games in 2018.

60+ Division Breakout

- The 60s decided to form a split division. 4 teams per division. Teams will play each team within the division 4 times for 12 total games and play the out of division teams 2 times each for 8 total games. Thus, the regular season will be 20 games. Post season will stay within the split divisions and is single elimination. 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3. the winners play a 1 game championship. The Lions, Grays, Cardinals and Black Sox form 1 division and the Jets, Game Face, Patriots and Pirates form the other.

The age of the Exception players in the 60 division will be raised to 59 in 2018 and phased out in 2019. Exception players will not be allowed to pitch. Teams are limited to 2 exception players this season. We have one exception to the exception and that will be a 59 year old playing on the new 60 Black Sox (Ed's new Team) who will be allowed to pitch. As soon as Ed gives me the name of the player, I will write up a special waiver and send it to the 60 managers. This was unanimously agreed upon by the managers who were all present.

Also regarding 60 division exception players, once you name and place an exception player on your roster, they cannot be replaced by a different exception player regardless of the circumstances. If you begin the season with less than 2 exception players, you can add these players during the season.