

RSSA Board Meeting 2-12-24 (1.3)

Attendees: Scott Allen, Jay Monogue, Mike Berg, Jim Erdman, Terry Mens, John Scherek, Jack Butler, Larry Junkermeier

Summer '24 Registration (Jay Monogue): Registration forms are to be sent out electronically to all summer '23 and winter '24 players (includes sub list) on March 4, 2024. Submissions due by April 1, 2024. Orientation and Assessment Day will be April 2 for all new players from winter ball and those that have not played on a RSSA team. Summer League fee is \$50.

Pizza Party: Second half winter pizza party will be held at Macaluso's Thurs., Mar. 14 from 11:30-5:00 pm. RSSA will pay for pizza and soft drinks.

Summer Session 2024 Timeline

Mid February

Announce league Directors & Managers

Early March

Registration opens Monday March 4, 2024

Registration closes Monday April 1 Follow up with Directors/Others

March

Board/League Directors Meeting

Fields, Rules, Registration Form, Waiting List, Player League ID

Early April

Orientation/Administration Day-Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Mid April

League Drafts

B Monday, April 8, 2024

C Monday April 15, 2024

D Monday April 22, 2024

Early May

League Play starts

Tuesday April 30, 2024

Player Assignment: Scott A. led a discussion of League Directors and the Deputy Commissioner investigating player league/team assignments as related to player safety, fair and competitive balance and age (avg age/2023 Summer-Winter 2024 leagues: B/69yrs, C/74yrs, D/76yrs).

Players are ultimately assigned to a league/team **best suited** to the player's overall ability (particularly strength of hitting), age and league team balance by the Deputy Commissioner in consultation with League Directors

Regarding age, a player reaching a league's average age or above and not a safety concern, can select which draft they choose to be initially placed in. However, if the player does not get selected in that draft, they move to the next draft level down.

Player Health News: An element of RSSA's mission is to help foster and enhance player fellowship. Accordingly, RSSA tries to recognize and communicate significant player health issues, bereavements, and obits. To date, this duty has been primarily undertaken by the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner with help as needed from the Web Masters.

Examples include player health updates (e.g. Dick Ritter, Larry Pursuitti and Greg Frank), "in memoriam" postings and promotion of related gatherings (Hot Stove League, Senior Hall Fame inductees, senior tournament recognitions and the like). Occasionally there are also requests for "Go Fund Me" solicitations, flowers, etc.

Recommendation: The RSSA Board review our current communication effort in this area and ensure appropriate organizational support and direction. Scott A. will put on the next Board meeting's agenda for further discussion.

Spring '24 Election: Being an even numbered year, the offices for the Commissioner and Treasurer will be up for election. Proposed key dates for this process are: The Commissioner appoints a Nominating Committee chair by Monday April 1. Candidates finalized by Friday, Apr. 26. Monday, June 3, electronic and paper ballot voting commences and runs through Friday, June 14. The results will be forwarded to the Exec Board by the Nominating Committee Chair/Secretary by Friday, June 21. The announcement to the League would be made by the Commissioner on Friday, June 28 and official new officer installation on Monday July 1.

Next Board Meeting Tentatively scheduled for early May

