

Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League
Pre-Season Meeting
Monday, April 9, 2018
Cedar Lane Park
Ellicott City, Maryland

Minutes

1. 2018 Budget was approved with no revisions.
2. Team Rosters – all teams submitted their 2018 rosters. I will review and maintain league file for each team. I will contact individual team managers with questions and concerns. Any change to your roster should be initiated by email to me.
3. Franchise Fee and Playoffs – payments totally \$2700 collected and deposited.
4. Softball order completed. Payments collected, sent on to MCSSA and balls distributed to all teams as ordered.
5. USA Softball of Maryland-DC-Delaware – 2018 Registration. Steve Zawierucha attended and provided update on rule changes, rulebooks and scorebooks. Our registration and payment for 2018 has been completed.
6. Rules Change Proposals – results
 - a. Courtesy Runners From Home (Rule I-2) was voted down 15 to 5.
 - b. New Team Entry Requirements was approved 19 to 1. Actual wording for rules will be revised to require 15 player roster and payment at Fall Meeting. The revisions will be approved by email.
 - c. League Alignment Rules requiring first place team to move up and last place team move down was approved 20 to 0. Actual wording for rule will be adjusted to be generic. Exception procedure and scheduling was tabled for revision as separate rules.
 - d. Residency Requirement was changed to 3 out-of-state players by 19 to 1.
 - e. Pitching Screen use was approved in the C/D divisions. Guidelines below.
7. Revised Bat List – 2018 has been posted on the web site.
8. Schedule/Playoffs – Website
 - a. The regular season will begin on Monday April 23, 2018
 - b. Games during the first two weeks of the season may begin at 11:00 a.m. to avoid the cold mornings. Variations can be adjusted by mutual consent between the two managers.
 - c. Use the website for submitting the scores of your games.
 - d. Post Season tournament will be double elimination within each division.

Pitching Screen Usage Guidelines

The C/D Divisions will use the following pitching screen usage guidelines for the 2018 season:

1. Teams wishing to use a pitching screen may do so. Therefore they bring the screen to both home and away games.
2. The team using a pitching screen will remove it from the field when their defensive half of an inning is complete.
3. A hit ball that strikes the pitching screen is a dead ball.
4. If a pitching screen is used and a hit ball touches the pitcher in any way, it is a dead ball and the batter is awarded first base. No runners advance unless they are forced to by other runners advancing (i.e., there is already a runner on first, or first and second, or first, second and third when it happens). All runners would then have to advance.
5. A thrown ball that hits the pitching screen is a live ball.

Please keep these guidelines with you during the season and ensure that your umpires understand them.