

## ASSL Managers' Meeting February 5, 2026

Attendees: Doc Watson, Vince Schell, Bryan Ristau, Craig Lehmann, Tom Austin, Keith Avery,  
Larry Mikla and Tom Dury

1. Recently, we had people playing in two tournaments. They were not sanctioned by the league. The problem is that people who are not chosen to participate can be resentful. After much discussion, the group saw no issues with the recent tournament play. However, Vince volunteered to research a Senior Games over 70s tournament and will report back.
2. Can we change start times because of weather or other circumstances? Further, if a Tuesday or Thursday game is expected to be cancelled, can the game be moved to another day? The fields are not used in the morning. The group decided to change next year's January and February games to 10:30. For the remainder of this year, a decision will be made no later than 5 pm the night before a game to move the start time to 10:30 if the weather is questionable.
3. Should we extend a season because we had to cancel games? Standings matter? Discussion was had to keep the standings in place and Craig will look at a possible tournament to be added to the end of the current season. Details will follow when Craig works through it.
4. Umpires were discussed, and the group agrees that the umpires need to be more assertive. Additionally, the umpire should stand behind the pitcher.
5. Brief discussion on going back to seven innings, but the group decided to remain with the current 8-inning games.
6. Tom A. brought up the newer players questioning the "bickering" on the field. It served as a reminder to all managers to try to limit the arguing of calls and "poor sportsmanship."
7. Bryan will start the work for a players' luncheon on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.