

PPSL BASEBALL MEETING
ST ROBERTS SCHOOL, JUNE 6TH 2011, 7:00PM

Meeting called to order by Mike Watkins, Baseball North League Commissioner at 7:10pm.

Roll call: Commissioners present:

All Souls, IHM, Nativity, Notre Dame, OLA, St Catherine, St. Charles St Dunstan, St. Gregory, St Matthew, St. Raymond, St Robert St. Timothy, St Veronica.

Also present, Ellie Rapp, Conference Director, Dominic Franco and Mike Watkins, North and South League Commissioners.

Absent: No Commissioners from St Pius and Mt Carmel

A review of the 2010 baseball season determined that a major restructuring of the baseball program was necessary. There was an alarming rise in the number of forfeits due to failure of teams to show up for scheduled games. The most commonly given reason for these forfeits was the marked difference in skill levels between stronger and weaker teams. Our two baseball league commissioners, Mike and Dominic, devised a proposal to make the 2011 league more competitive and therefore more appealing for the participants, the parents and the coaching staffs. After much discussion, the proposal was adopted by a **unanimous (14-0) vote** of the commissioners present at the meeting. Please keep in mind that the proposal was approved for a **one year trial** and will be reevaluated at the end of next season.

2011 Baseball Season Scheduling

There will be two divisions in the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Eagles divisions.

The Varsity (1) division will include the top ranked teams from the previous year's Junior Varsity division. The Varsity (2) division will include the lowest ranked teams from the previous year's Junior Varsity division.

The Junior Varsity (1) division will include the top ranked teams from the previous year's Eagles division. The Junior Varsity (2) division will consist of the lowest ranked teams from the previous year's Eagles division.

The Eagles (1) division will consist of the top ranked teams from the previous year's Cubs division. The Eagles (2) division will consist of the lowest ranked teams from the previous year's Cubs division.

School/Parishes who are sponsoring two teams in the Varsity, Jr. Varsity or Eagles divisions, the athletes with higher skill levels must participate on the strongest level available to their grade levels.

The composition and scheduling of the **Cubs** and **Training** divisions will not change for the 2011 season. (**Approved 14 - 0**)

Exceptions requested:

Notre Dame and St Pius, the two Baseball commissioners requested to move one 8th grade Varsity player to participate on their 7th Jr. Varsity teams for the 2011 season.

(Approved 14-0)

The two 8th grade Varsity players who will participate on the Jr. Varsity team may not pitch.

Combined teams for the 2011 baseball season are as follows:

St Tim's: will combine their (6) Jr. Varsity players to compete with **St Matt's** Jr. Varsity team.

St Raymond and **Nativity** will combine their 4th grade players to field one 4th training team.

St Roberts and **Notre Dame** will combine their 4th grade players to field one 4th grade training team.

The above requests were (Approved 14 - 0). Ellie reminded the commissioners they need approval from their principals.

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League Commissioners, Mike and Dominic asked each commissioner to verify that their 2011 Baseball 'Team Commitment Forms' are accurate. A roll call by school commissioner was taken to verify that the information submitted on his school/parish 'Team Commitment' form is accurate.

(A phone call was made to Mike Montalbano, St Pius commissioner, asking him to verify his teams and fields for the 2011 season).

St Raymond's commissioner, will get back to Mike Watkins, by July 1st with the names of the fields they plan to use for the 2011 season.

Reminders from Ellie:

- 1- When you receive your Draft Schedule from Cheryl, it is your responsibility to check your individual school schedule; verify that your teams are all accounted for and the dates, times and fields are correct. Notify Cheryl immediately if you find errors to your schedule.
- 2- Verify that all new coaches complete the Archdiocesan Requirements, Livescan and Shield training prior to practicing or coaching any team.
Penalty forfeit of game(s).

First league games are scheduled for Sept 11th. The final season game scheduled for Oct. 30th.

The Division Playoff games are scheduled for Nov 4th, 5th & 6th.

The Division Championship games are scheduled for Nov. 11th 12th & 13th.

No North/South Championship games will be scheduled for the 2011 season.

Fields: for the division playoffs and Championship games:

Chanteloup, Highlands, Bayside, Highlands, Trinta, and Harbor;

Fields will be reconfirmed at the next league meeting. (Sept 7th @ St. Catherine).

4th grade Training Umpires will be provided by the home team.

Home team commissioners when reporting your home game scores, it is your responsibility to include the names of the umpires who worked your training games.

(The umpires will be paid as follows:

One umpire will be paid \$30.00 per game.

Two umpires will be paid \$20.00 each per game.

Other Topics:

- 1- St Dunstan's annual 'Friendship Tournament' will be hosted by St Robert's for the 2011 season. Commissioners will receive additional information re the date, time and location... (Two possible dates: Aug 19, 20, 21 or Aug 20, 21, 22).
- 2- Rob Winters, St Matt's commissioner, will provide the Little League rule books; Ellie will provide the Pony League rule books for all baseball commissioners.
- 3- All Baseball Commissioners are to report weekly scores each week to Baseball Commissioners, Mike and Dominic.
- 4- Baseball coach's clinic will be held at Serra HS in August, dates to follow.
- 5- There are no changes to the 2011 Baseball Rules.

August 1st is the earliest date you may begin practices. If you wish to schedule practices on August 1st prior to the start of the school year, you must purchase supplemental insurance through your school.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Ellie Rapp, Conference Director