

## NJGSL BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 2, 2022

7:30pm – Location: Napa Moose Lodge

7:37pm start time

### **Attendees:**

Karly Michie – President, Sara Tavizon – Vice President, Katie Newman – Secretary, Zena Page – Treasurer, Leanna Yeager – Snack Shack, Michael Michie – Umpire Coordinator, Josh Chaddock – Member at Large, Alesha Romero, Paul Sims, Jessica Clark, Alex Decius, Aimee Reed-Heidenreich, Lon Gallagher, Mark Crocker, Joe Hall, John Torres, Alex Padilla, Mando Donovan, Jillian Efishoff, Whitney Yates, Gene Chae, Annmarie Baker, Bobby Shackford, Billy Pieratt, Gasper Tavizon, Miryam Chae

- Meeting Norms Recap

**Approval of Minutes:** Sara Tavizon made a motion to approve, Michael Michie second the motion. ALL IN FAVOR of March minutes.

### **Reports of the Board:**

- Spring Fling
  - 8U Brackets – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday games as assigned. Aimee Reed-Heidenreich made a motion to approve, Mark Crocker second the motion. ALL IN FAVOR of assigned brackets.
  - 8U Championship Game – to be played on NJGSL Field 3. Jillian Efishoff made a motion to approve, Michael Michie second the motion. ALL IN FAVOR of 8U Championship Game on NJGSL Field 3.
  - 10U & 12U – Championship Games to be held at Kiwanis. Michael Michie made a motion to approve, Sara Tavizon second the motion. ALL IN FAVOR of 10U & 12U Championship Games to be held at Kiwanis.
  - Raffle baskets need to be delivered to NJGSL Fields no later than 8am on 5/14/2022
- End of Season Tournament Rules (attached)
  - Mark Crocker made a motion to approve, Michael Michie second the motion. ALL IN FAVOR of End of Season Tournament Rules as stated in the attached document.

- All coaches will receive evaluations for each player post season – this helps determine placement for Fall Ball as there are no on-field evaluations
- Equipment Return - Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Put duct tape with your name on the equipment you are returning (bag, tee, bucket, etc)
- Fall Ball Registration Opens June 1<sup>st</sup> – Early Bird Pricing!
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – TBD

#### **Opinions of Coaches:**

- Jessica Clark 6U:

\* Safety concerns with 4 year olds in 6U. Often they're not paying attention, in danger of getting hurt or actually getting hurt during practice/games.

\* Suggestions:

- Extra practice/training for 6U players
- Birthdate cutoff, no younger than 4 ½ years old

\*\*\* 8:21pm - Meeting Adjourned. Michael Michie made a motion to approve, Zena Page second the motion. ALL IN FAVOR of ending the meeting.

#### **POST MEETING:**

- Per Karly, make a note:
  - Talk about player position in Playoff/Championship Games.



## End Of Season Tournament Rules

1. Tournament winners will be decided by a double elimination bracket tournament until Championship Game at which point becomes a single elimination tournament. Home team is the higher seed in each series determined from league play.
2. Time Limit
  - a. Play-off games will be no new inning after 1 hour and 40 minutes on weeknights for 10U and 12U and 1 hour and 20 minutes for 8U. Saturday's Playoff games will be no new inning after 1 hour and 20 minutes for all divisions, excluding championship games. Championship games in the 10U & 12U will be no new inning shall begin after 1 hour 40 minutes with the 10 run rule in effect. Championship games in the 8U division will be no new inning shall begin after 1 hour and 30 minutes for 8U. Tie games will be determined with an international tie breaker using the tie-breaking rule (see rule number 3.9).
3. Pitching
  - a. In the 8U division a pitcher can pitch no more than 2 innings a game. Championship game is unlimited. In 10U & 12U divisions a pitcher can pitch no more than 7 innings in back to back games. The Championship Game is unlimited. All games beyond 7 innings in the "12U" and "10U" division or 4 innings in the "8U" division will not be counted towards the pitcher's total playoff innings. If games go into an international tie breaker it will not be counted towards a pitcher's total playoff innings.
  - b. If a pitcher throws one or more pitches to a batter in an inning, it will be counted as a full inning pitched. If two or more pitchers throw one or more pitches to a batter in an inning, each pitcher will have an inning deducted from their playoff game allowance. Any team that breaks playoff pitching rules will forfeit both games. The coach will be brought before the Board for disciplinary action. League rules governing disciplinary action will come into effect.

The umpire's timer is the official game time. Game time is started when the umpire calls out the game time. The home book will log in the umpire's start time.

A new inning begins on the clock the moment the third out is made against the home team.

If there is a tie, on weeknights the current inning will be completed. If that inning ends in a tie the International tiebreaker rules will be in effect until the umpire calls the game due to light/safety until a team is ahead at the end of the inning. If there is a tie on Saturday the current inning will be completed. If that inning ends in a tie the international tiebreaker rules will

be in effect. If after one inning of the International tiebreaker is played and neither team is ahead a coin toss will happen at home plate to determine the winner. Home team calls heads or tails. Championship game excluded.

Umpires will enforce a quick 1 minute transition between half innings.

Coaches must warm up pitcher & assist catchers between half innings. Runners for catchers should be used (not required) to help in the 1 minute transition.

\* 10 run rule after 5 innings or more is in effect for playoff and championship games.

\* an inning will be 3 outs or 5 runs whichever comes first in all divisions.

## 5. Conduct

### 5.1 Coach, Parent, or Board Member Behavior

5.1.1 Per Article 1.6.2 Coaches, Parents, and Board Members will follow Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) & the ACE (Achieve, Certify, Educate) Coaching Certification Program philosophies. **Head coaches are responsible for the behavior of their players, assistant coaches and spectators.** All players, parents, and coaches will complete the NJGSL Code of Conduct agreement upon registration.

5.1.2 No coach or fan is allowed to stand behind the backstop or on the field inside the out-of-bounds territory while the ball is in play, except for the base coaches. The offending coach or fan will be ejected from the game after one warning. He/she must leave the field immediately. The umpire will enforce this rule. Failure to comply with this rule will result in forfeiture by the offending team.

5.1.3 Derogatory chattering, singing, screaming, or noise making by the players, coaches or spectators in an attempt to harass the opposing team will not be permitted.

The use of artificial noise making devices (bells, air horns, etc.) is prohibited.

Continued harassment of umpires or players will be cause for ejecting the coach or forfeiture of the game. Any coach or spectator that is found to threaten an umpire either verbally or physically will be removed from their coaching position or the spectator will no longer be allowed to attend games for the remainder of the season as determined by the Board. It is each coach's responsibility to inform spectators of this rule.

## 5.2 *Adult Misconduct*

### 5.2.1 Adult Misconduct will not be tolerated:

1. Examples of Misconduct:
  - a. Obscene language
  - b. Verbal abuse to any player (including coaches own daughter)
  - c. Verbal abuse to any coach, umpire, or board member
  - d. Physical abuse to anyone
  - e. Bullying or harassing behavior to anyone

1<sup>st</sup> offense: *REMOVAL FROM THE GAME if witnessed by umpire or board member in the moment*  
*If a complaint is filed after the offense & the umpire or board member did not witness to respond in the moment, the board will respond by:*

- a. *interviewing and gathering statements from witnesses*
- b. *interviewing and gathering statements from alleged offending coach*
- c. *suspending coach from next game until the board can convene, meet with coach and determine next steps.*

2<sup>nd</sup> offense: *REMOVAL FROM THE LEAGUE and suspended from all Napa Junior Girls Softball activities for a minimum of one year.*

## 5.3 *Physical Abuse*

5.3.1 Physical abuse of any kind is prohibited. Such persons shall be automatically suspended from all Napa Junior Girls Softball activities for a minimum of one year.

## 5.4 *Alcohol and Tobacco*

5.4.1 Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on school grounds. Violators will be told to throw the beverages away or leave the school grounds. Under no circumstances will a coach, scorekeeper or umpire be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages during games or practices. Violators will be ejected from the league.

5.4.2 Smoking is not permitted on the playing field or in the dugout during any practice or league game. Smoking in the concession stand will not be allowed at any time.

## 5.5 *Violation Protocols*

5.5.1 If a coach player or spectator violates one of the above guidelines, the umpire will issue one verbal warning to the coach of the offending team. Any violation after that, the umpire can and will end the game. The offending team will lose by forfeit.

Any coach having to forfeit a game due to conduct will appear before the NJGSL Board.

Any coach removed from a game must appear before the NJGSL Board within 48 hours (time and place determined by the NJGSL Board) to explain his/her conduct. The NJGSL Board will decide what, if any, reprimand will be given. No personal appearance by the umpire is necessary.