



LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL DELEGATES MEETING – SEASON DE-BRIEF
WEDNESDAY 2nd JULY 2014 – 7.00pm – DSR Vincent St Leederville

CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE:

North	Kevin Sorensen – Wanneroo, Karen Lewis, Sue Haring, Graeme Beer – North Coast
West Coast	Jill Walsh, Felicity glendinning – Wembley, Tina Erdmann – West Stirling
South	Stuart Tyson – Melville Tee-Ball
Coastal Bay	Troy Flynn, Pieter Stegan – Rockingham, Michelle Lewis - Peel
East	Leigh Moyle, Brian Cornford, Ros Oliphant - Perth
Swan Hills	Marina Brennan, Bianca Brown – Swans Jnrs, Michael Carter – Eastern Hills, Gary Robideau – VicPark/Belmont
Southern Hills	Lee Miles – Roleystone, Annaliese Ardnt - Kalamunda
Central	Jes Fitzgerald, Aaron Drew – Willetton, David McKay, Mandy Gozzi – South Perth

Apologies: Lachlan Dale (GM)

LLWA / BWA: David Hayes (DA), Lance MacKichan (CM), Caroline Adamson (Reg),
Glen Tovey (LLD&P), David Gripper & Lou Bonomi (WABUA)

Meeting opened: 7:03pm

David Hayes thanked all for coming to the de-brief meeting. De-brief meeting is for information exchange and feedback from the delegates, and updates from LLWA.

David Nilsson apologies for not attending and will be here in August to make the Dingo World Series presentation.

1. Outcomes of LL commission meeting

- .1 Age group change (31 December cutoff) to take effect from 2017-18, Confirmed. It would just make all age groups 1 year younger. There will need to be discussions and decisions made on how this effects club-ball between now and then. Option available to keep club ball age cut off as 1 May but tournament age change is non-negotiable. Tournament team will be U12 not U13 in 2017-18.
- .2 Majors minimum age is 9 yo effective immediately. Players are required to play in LL Majors to be able to qualify for a State Championship Charter team.
- .3 LL Minor Player Pitch can be the same age group as LL Majors. 8-12 yo can play in this division.
- .4 Minors Asia Pacific tournament – Didn't come about as notice was too short. We now have 12 months to prepare if teams want to go. Essentially, your Development shield team just needs to nominate to go.
- .5 To standardize pitch count for club ball & tournament play, the rule as per Green Book is effective immediately.
- .6 Any LL-aged player that plays JL cannot play in LL tournament team. (Not even in one game). Intermediate League can be introduced to combat this issue. Please talk to your Junior League delegates for information.
- .7 National Clearance Policy proposal - ABF wants feedback from each state for this policy. If a player does not change address but moves from one club to another which results in the player also moving charter, the proposal is that the player would be barred from playing in a tournament team for 12 months. This is proposed to mitigate against team stacking. Clubs should prep parents that this may come in 2014-15 season. This does not affect players if

they have moved address nor a player who has moved to another club in the same charter. Also, this has no effect on existing players who stay with their existing club. Clubs wishing to voice an opinion on this proposal to email David Hayes ASAP.

- .8 Tournament coaches must be club members. This has not been previously been enforced, but be aware that Coaches for tournament teams must be active members of your Clubs/Charter.
2. Last season club-ball competition
 - .1 By-laws / Structure
 - Charter committee can have own by-laws. It cannot conflict with any LLWA by-laws. Send to David Hayes for approval. Once approved it will be loaded onto the LLWA website.
 - 2 Clubs can amalgamate to make an All-Star team if they do not have enough players. Request must be made to Lance MacKichan (LLCM).
 - Machine Pitch competition cannot conflict with tee ball. Teams can play in any competition or if you have an adequate amount of teams you can hold your own in-house competition. If there is a club with just one team, LLWA will help find a competition for you and Clubs will have to accept such teams.
 - .2 Fixtures – Try to align games to JL fixtures. Teams can play in cross charter games, they just need to be added to the fixtures to be a scheduled game to qualify players for tournaments.
 - .3 Team Nomination Fee's schedule will be sent out by early next week.

Link to on-line green book 2014: <http://www.littleleague.org/Assets/erules/2014BaseballRuleBook.pdf>
password is **llb2014** (wait for the password box to show up) don't lose the password.

3. Last season State Championship
 - .1 Tournament rules / Format
 - Having no 6 run rule for the first time in Championships blew out the period of the game. This effected all games on that diamond to run later and last game finishing around 11:00pm.
 - As Softball was played for the first time, we did not know how long the game would extend to.
 - Combined teams must be players who are 12 years old. Charters are to present names of players (12 yo) who were cut from the charter championship team tryouts. Perhaps these names need to come in a little earlier to stop any future issues with players being chosen for these teams.
 - Two grounds were used as there was an increase in Development & Minor League teams.
 - .2 Development Shield mandatory participation (Lance). Would like to introduce some form of defensive participation for this level. As the whole team roster is on the batting line-up, at times, some coaches were not giving some players a game in defense and would only bat. Recommendation to introduce 3 defensive outs. Comment from the floor was that it was a Development competition and players should have time on the diamond. Request for feedback from clubs and charters before the Charter Formation Night meeting in early September. Please contact Lance via email.
4. Other business
 - .1 Dispensations (please refer to the LLWA 2014 Club Ball Regs when available)
 - Charters will be given authority to give dispensation to a player to play down a grade. The usual dispensation form must be filled in with all required signatures for approval. Signature from Parent & Club. If the Charter approves the dispensation, then the Charter President is required to sign the form and send to the LLR Caroline Adamson. If the vote is not unanimous, then the dispensation must be submitted to LLWA registrar Caroline and to be looked at by Lance and Caroline.
 - Dispensation for a Junior League to play down in Little League must be submitted to the Little League Charter for Approval.
 - Dispensations are for players 1 year above their age group.
 - There are no dispensations to play up a grade.
 - .2 Dingo

- David Nilsson will give his presentation in August. It will be a fantastic tournament which will give players a great opportunity to play at a championship level. There will be a solid 6 – 8 international teams attending. It is an U14's competition. Players must be under 14 before the end of the tournament. The tournament will be held on January 2-9th with the state qualifiers to be held in the October school holidays. The tournament wants Charter teams. Charter teams can join together to make a team. Kids who were not in one of the five LL National Championships team can eligible. This is a WA Rule. A club team may apply. Nominations must be in by Mid-August.
 - Qualifying tournament Host Venue to be put out to tender to clubs.
- .3 Singapore tournament – There were concerns that this was arranged poorly last year. This year Glen Tovey is in charge of running it as part of his portfolio as the LLD & PM. The High performance department is keen for us to go. There is a benefit to the players. Each charter will be allocated three players to take part. The Goal is to have 24 kids and take two teams. Only two teams are allocated to us. The tournament date is 19th – 22nd February. Cost is approximately \$1700.00 and parents do not have to attend.
- .4 Goodwill - is no longer run by LLWA. It is run by BWA. Sue Reid will come out with this information. Dates are 20-24 December. Clubs can enter their own teams. Charters can enter teams. Player numbers in teams are unlimited.
- .5 LLWS – As a State, we are off again to the World Series. At this year's Nationals, we had four teams in the Quarter finals. Congratulations to North Charter for winning the Nationals.
- .6 Competitions Manager appointment – Congratulations to Lance on his new appointment as the new LLCM. He takes over the role done by Rod Bacon.
- .7 LL Development & Participation Manager appointment – Congratulations to Glen Tovey on his new appointment as LLD & PM. This role has been created to help develop and grow Little League.
- .8 Development Plans – Charters are to schedule meetings in July for development planning. Contact Glen Tovey or David Hayes when you have your charter committee nominated to go through your development plans.
- .9 All Star League nights – Mirrabooka will no longer be played on a Saturday night as the field is not available. LLS have allocated us Thursday nights. Games for All-Stars LL will be completed prior to Christmas. Costings for these games will be advised at a later date when the fields has been signed off.

General Business

- .1 Fees for teams can be negotiated, and only if a whole team is playing in two different competitions in the regular season not. Reason being that the team would have already paid for their insurance.
- .2 Request was made for database Training. Caroline will send an email out to clubs requesting interested parties.
- .3 David Gripper (Umpires Assoc.) - Lou Bonomi has taken over the job that Ryan Harder was doing last year. He will co-ordinate training sessions this season. Request was made that a minimum of 7 attendees for each sessions and perhaps 2 charters joining up for 1 session. These clinics will be Level 0 green shirt. Any Saturday is fine to book with Lou except for the 16th August 2014. Umpire clinics are mandatory for Charters and must be completed before the end of November. There are courses if umpires wish to step up to the next level. This level is just another 4 hour course and gives the applicant the ability to umpire at Little League state championships and LL Nationals. There is no cost involved. Green shirt attendees will be supplied with a green shirt after the course.

Meeting closed 8:55pm