

METRO SPORTS BASEBALL

Board Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2009

- 1) Discussed rules-
 - a) Bat rule- No Restrictions for any age group.
 - b) Time Limits in Metro Tournament- Approved using time limits for both American and National divisions during pool play only. Time limits will be 90 minutes for 7/8 year old divisions and 1 hour 45 minutes for 9-14 year old divisions. The Time Limits is defined as "A new inning may not start after..." (does not mean to stop the game at that point, you must finish the inning that has started unless the home team is batting and is ahead) and by definition, an inning is "over" the instant the 3rd out is made, so if there are seconds remaining when the 3rd out is made, you must play another inning.
 - c) Team Batting/Roster for 11-14 year olds- Amended the rules to add giving the coach a choice of batting his entire roster. He now may choose to bat 9, bat 10 (using the Extra Hitter), or he may now also bat his entire roster (was approved during pool play last year). Whichever choice he makes before the start of the game must be followed throughout that game (he may choose different options from game to game just not change during a game). Batting the entire roster will also create free substitution defensively.
- 2) Tournament Sites:
 - 7 National- Trussville
 - 7 American- Vestavia (Cahaba Heights)
 - 8 National- Homewood
 - 8 American – Mountain Brook
 - 9 National- Hoover East
 - 9 American- Homewood
 - 10 National- Shades Mountain
 - 10 American Shades Mountain
 - 11 National – Mountain Brook (OM help if necessary)
 - 12 National- Vestavia (OM help if necessary)
 - 13/14- Vestavia (HE/Homewood help if necessary)
- 3) Tournament Format/guidelines for National- Steve's example- Approved. All tournaments will start on Wednesday June 3.
- 4) Tournament Format/Guidelines for American- Approved. All tournaments will start on Wednesday June 3. Specific brackets and schedules will be determined after the number of teams is finalized in each American league tournament but 3 fields will be used for each tournament to try to make sure they stay as close to the National timeline and schedule as possible.
- 5) Team Gate Fee- Approved and should be used at all parks in lieu of individual admission. Amount- \$400/team.
- 6) Next Meeting is Sunday May 17 at Hoover East and **All Tournament Directors** should also attend that meeting which will include a Tournament Directors meeting to be conducted by Rules Chairman Tim Nelson in an effort to help create a little more consistency in the administration and management of all the tournaments.