

5 April 2025
50+ Middlesex Country
Softball League Board Meeting

PRESENT

All team managers/representatives and voting members were present..

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-The **Treasurer's Report** and financial overview was provided by our Treasurer, Ed Mullen. He indicated that the field fees increased for the 2025 season to \$45/field. This increase does have some financial implications in the event the league goes beyond the 24-game season that we completed in 2024. We had a discussion on the possibility of requiring each team to be assessed an additional \$100 to absorb the increase in field fees and the potential increase to a 26 game schedule for 2025.

-Paul O'Connor of Damage Inc provided his receipt for the purchase of the pitching screen. He will be reimbursed 50% of the cost.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

-The Chair provided an update on the final disposition of Provident Bank team and the rationale for replacing the league's umpire assignor, John Primavera.

OLD BUSINESS

-Each manager was given a hard copy of the 2025 Rules of Play. The rules changes were voted on the previous meeting and incorporated to the document distributed.

-Softballs were distributed to each team.

-The contact list was finalized and will be posted on the NJ Senior Softball website (njseniorsoftball.com)

NEW BUSINESS

-Initial Rosters were submitted and will soon be visible on the NJ Senior Softball website. As a reminder, the rosters will be frozen upon completion of the fifth scheduled games of the season.

-League divisional alignment was discussed at length. The greatest determinate on divisional alignment is to create a balanced playing schedule. The initial thought was to create a 4-4-2 alignment of A,, B, and C divisional teams. Anthony Santorelli is attempting to create a potential matrix that achieves a balanced schedule using a 2 A1, 3A2, 3B & 2C team alignment. This alignment allows for:

- The two A1 teams to play the same exact schedule (Vintage Bombers and Phoenix Tube)
- The three A2 teams to play the same exact schedule (GPS, Columbia Bank, Loud Comm)
- The three 3B teams to play the same exact schedule (Manasquan Bank, Advanced Recycling, Damage, Inc)
- The two 2C teams to play the same exact schedule (Drifters, Lionsgate)

To achieve this balance, the season will be extended to 26 games (13 weeks). As far as division alignment is concerned (for posting league standings), that decision has not yet been determined. Initial thoughts were:

<u>A-division</u>	<u>B-division</u>	<u>C-division</u>
Phoenix Tube	Loud Communication/Comcast	Drifters
Vintage Bombers	Manasquan Bank	Lionsgate
Columbia Bank	Advanced Recycling	
GPS	Damage Inc	

The alternative divisional alignment for posting league standings would be:

<u>A1-division</u>	<u>A2-division</u>	<u>B-division</u>	<u>C-division</u>
Phoenix Tube	Columbia Bank	Manasquan Bank	Drifters
Vintage Bombers	GPS	Loud/Comcast	Lionsgate
	Advanced Recycling	Damage, Inc	

For playoff consideration, the intent is to still have a three-division playoff alignment. The results of league play of the A2 division teams will most likely determine divisional playoff scheduling.

Regarding the 5 run rule and who gets 5 runs per game, the following applies:

- C-division teams receive 5 runs when playing A2 and B-division teams.
- B-division teams receive 5 runs when playing the A1-division teams
- A2-division teams receive 5 runs when playing the A1-division teams
- There are no runs received when the B-division teams play the A2-division teams.

RULES DISCUSSION AND VOTES

None discussed

ROUNDTABLE

None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 1015.