

UCSSL MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 13, 2019

The following is a summary of our league meeting of March 13, 2019

36 were in attendance, with all 23 teams represented.

Additional registration materials, team sponsor fees and forfeit checks were submitted to the league treasurer; managers were again reminded that the remainder of these materials, as well as initial team rosters, are due before the season begins.

Shirt order forms are due to Gary Wiese to ensure that shirts will be available by Opening Night in less than 5 weeks.

A date and time for testing new bats (only) will be held in early April before the season begins. New bats can also be tested at the conclusion of the April league meeting. Previously tested bats will be scheduled for testing at the field during the first weeks of the season, as usual.

As usual, the March meeting consisted of discussion and votes on rule change proposals.

The following rule changes were discussed and approved by managers:

Revisions to **2.5**.

Rule 2.5.1: DOUBLE FIRST BASE: A double bag shall be used at first base. Two individual bases shall be used, the 2nd base will be in foul territory 1' from the regular base. The 1' separation is a safety issue. During the 2019 season, the 60+ Division will use two individual, separated bases. The 50+ Division will do the same in 2020. (Bases will be supplied by the league; double bases will be donated to any league in need.)

Rule 2.5.2: If a play is being made at first base, the batter/base runner **MUST** use the outer base or be called out (and the ball is still live). If a play is being made at first base, the defensive player **MUST** use the inner base or the batter /base runner shall be called safe (and the ball is still live).

Addition to 3.3. Players not wearing a league shirt may not participate in any league game. Failure to follow rule will result in forfeiture for the offending player's team.

Addition 4.2. If a hardship waiver is requested, the team manager must submit the names of the players who have left the team thereby creating the hardship. Removed players may not return during the current season.

Clarification of 4.4.2. Each team will be required to put up a separate check in the amount of \$45 in addition to their sponsor's fee. This will be kept by the league only if

the team forfeits a game at any time after 3 PM on game day, but will be returned at the end of the season to those teams that have no such forfeits.

Addition to **5.1.1.** If a short handed team has called in a forfeit before 3 pm on game day in order to avoid a forfeit fee, that game will be considered a forfeit even if later inclement weather might have rained the game out.

Update of **5.7.** No regular season games will be scheduled or played any later than the second Thursday in August (Thursday August 8 in 2019).

Revision to **7.3.** (Removes 60s ONLY designation, now applies to both 50+ and 60) Neither team can score more than six (6) runs in the first inning.

Clarification to **7.4.** Fair fly balls over the fence are limited to three (3) per team per game on fenced fields. Any fair fly ball over the limit will be ruled an out with no advancement by the base runners. If both teams have reached the limit (3) a team is allowed to go "one up" with an additional fair fly ball over the fence. A fair fly ball hit over the fence will **still count** against the maximum 3 per game even if it does not result in a run or runs scored as the team had reached their maximum six or six-up runs for the inning.

If a fly ball is first touched by a defensive player and it then goes over the fence, it shall count as a home run **but not against** the maximum 3 fair balls over the fence maximum.

Changes will be made and an updated set of 2019 UCSSL Rules will be emailed to managers soon. Please be sure to read the rules carefully and always carry a copy of both the USA/ASA rules and our UCSSL modifications to those rules to all games.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, at 7:30 pm. This meeting will consist of field selection and will also include the distribution of: softballs, checks for umpire fees, USA/ASA Rulebooks and scorebooks.