

# MINUTES TO MANAGERS MEETING 2022

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The annual managers meeting was held on February 16, 2022, at which time Steve Leonardo and George Helmstetter were retained in their positions for the upcoming season. A new Rules Committee was formed to deal with any issues raised during the season. The Committee consists of Steve, George and Joe Plumeri.

The 2021 and 2022 budgets were discussed. There was an actual savings of \$306 in 2021 from projected costs. A very preliminary estimate for the team dues for 2022 is estimated at \$700. Once we are able to gauge inflation impact, we will be able to firm up costs and issue a further advice on the actual team dues.

The managers list was updated and will be revised on the website.

By majority vote, James Stemetzti (JJ) and the USA group was retained to umpire our games during the 2022 season. The cost is \$40 per game, \$20 show up fee and billing at the conclusion of our season. James contact information is (609) 351-0844 and [stikity25@aol.com](mailto:stikity25@aol.com).

Once again the winning game scores must be reported by phone, text or e-mail, to George Helmstetter at (609) 558-2665 or [geohelm@verizon.net](mailto:geohelm@verizon.net). We have an inquiry to the umpires as to whether they will report the scores or winning teams will be tasked. If the winning teams are tasked, they will have one week to report the score or the game will be listed as an automatic tie in the standings. Further advices will follow.

Fields again will be discussed with Mercer Park. Some Division I teams would like to play doubleheaders, but this is not a possibility unless we were able to obtain Field # 1 for early games in addition to our present fields. Mercer Park postponements are currently done via e-mail and managers need to check their e-mail in the event of inclement weather.

The upcoming schedule for 2022 will continue with the majority of games against your own Division teams. Each team will play two games each against the other Division teams.

By majority vote, we have changed the “stacking rule”.

“If a player wants to play for another team, he can request a release from his manager. If the manager agrees the player can play for any team he chooses. If the manager chooses not to release the player, he must complete the season with his present team. The following season the player is a free agent and can play with any team he chooses “.

The 5 run cap rule has been instituted. This allows the team to score a limit of 5 runs in an inning. The last open inning remains and allows for catching up.

**For inter-Division games, a 5 run “ head-start” has been implemented for the Division II teams. A 5 run lead will be applied at the start of the game against a Division I opponent.**

**The flip/flop rule has been eliminated. Instead, a cap has been placed on the open inning allowing the visiting team to go up to a total of 15 runs. The home team will then get a chance to bat.**

**In the event of darkness on Field # 4 before becoming an official game, the game will be treated like a rainout. The game will be replayed from the start at a later date.**

**Division I playoffs will continue to use the “Nick Plan”. Division II playoffs will continue with the standard format. First round with single game elimination, followed by best 2 out of 3 in the finals round.**