

Mercer Men's Senior Softball League

Manager's Meeting March 1, 2023

Call to order. Nomination & Election of League Officers. Results:

President/Treasurer - Steve Leonardo

Vice President - Joe Plumeri

Secretary - George Helmstetter

Rules Committee - Steve Leonardo, Joe Plumeri, Dave DeSantis

Elect to bring back same Umpire crew headed by James Stemetzki (JJ) Fee remains at \$40 per game, \$20 to show up.

The budget rises slightly due to the cost of balls. Home teams supply one new ball and one "used" ball for the game. Total dues are \$777 due by June 1

Marty's Place has left the league is now replaced by 1600 NJ Bar & Grill. They will be in Division II with no handicaps.

Review of certain Rules:

- A. Confirm the addition of last years' rule to allow 60-year-olds to use Senior bats.
 - a. Clarification; Player must turn 60 in the current calendar year. (eg. In 2023)
 - b. Team Managers are to submit team rosters indicating who are 60 years old in 2023. Send to Secretary (George Helmstetter) by April 15, 2023 and Secretary will supply copies to each team manager and the Umpires in case a bat and/or batter is questioned. The Umpire can make the final determination. If a player comes to bat that is not eligible to use a Senior bat, a warning will be given, a second time the player receives an out for his AB. All questionable bats or players should be presented to the umpire before the game begins so there is not confusion during the game.
- B. June 5 is the deadline to add any new players to a team. Please present additions to the President and the Secretary so that rosters can be updated.
- C. In the event 2 teams forfeit, both teams get the loss. No rescheduling of the game will be done.
- D. Further clarification of the "Pitcher getting hit" rule. The Pitcher is "hit" if he is defenseless and the ball hits him. Making a play on the ball does not constitute as "being hit". The final decision is made by the Umpire. Also;
 - a. When team in A Division plays another A team, this "Hit the pitcher" does not apply.
 - b. When an A team plays a B team, the "Hit the Pitcher" applies.
 - c. When a B team plays another B team, the "Hit the Pitcher" applies.
- E. Playoffs in the A division agreed to use the "Nick Plan" as used last season.
- F. Division B playoffs begin with Single Elimination, then the Div. Championship is best 2 out of 3 game series.

Use of fields is still being determined and will be decided with Mercer Park and what the 60 year olds will be using. Division A teams wish to play some doubleheaders if possible.

Need to devise a system with Steve to text Managers if a game Cancellation happens. George will work out this process.