

North Dakota Amateur Softball Association

2010 Advisory Board Minutes

January 8-9, 2010, Jamestown, ND

General

Spring Meeting April 17.

Roster deadline is June 1.

Roster change deadline is June 12.

Registration deadline is May 15.

Late fee deadline is June 1.

Classification meeting is July 9.

2010 National Tournaments:

Minot WSP Class C & D – Sept 2-Sept 6.

Bismarck MSP Class E (Rec) – Sept 2-Sept 5.

2011 National Tournament.

Bismarck MSP Class C – Sept 1-Sept 5.

Women's Slow Pitch

Reported by Sue Lachenmeier

(THESE ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WSP GROUP TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

(See Executive Committee minutes for final actions taken)

Women C & D no longer have a division in the Hooters National Tournament.

National C & D tournament in Minot - Rec I teams can participate, but will be bumped up to D for the next year they play in the Rec I State Tournament.

Umpires at state tournament should **not** get paid for "IF" games not played. NOT FAIR TO THE ASSOCIATION RUNNING THE TOURNAMENT!

Prairie Rose State Games July 9, 10 & 11 in Bismarck will have a Women's Slow Pitch Division.

Men's Slow Pitch

Reported by Roger Weigel

(THESE ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MSP GROUP TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

(See Executive Committee minutes for final actions taken)

State tournaments with mandatory two umpires, the entry fee should be raised from \$130 to \$150 per team. Extra fee goes to host city. Passed

1-1 count with courtesy should be used for league and non-advancing tournaments. Failed.

Motion that the Rec I State winner have entry fee paid for National. Passed.

Any team that plays in a state tournament that meets qualifications, and pays entry fee can enter North Dakota National "E" tournament. Passed

North Dakota C teams moved to B classification by National ASA shall be allowed to play in North Dakota C Invitationals for one year. Passed.

NDASA continue sponsor of Dakota Cup at \$300 per year. Failed.

Masters Slow Pitch

Reported by Jack Jones

(THESE ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MASTERS GROUP TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

(See Executive Committee minutes for final actions taken)

2010 State Tournaments:

Recommendation made for Masters 35/50 to be held in Mandan....Masters 40/60 in Fargo.

Masters 35/40:

Recommendation dropping placement round in Masters 35. Some teams have been accused of intentionally losing placement games in order to play in the lower division...recommend using the double elim/3 game guarantee format used at ASA Masters 40 National in Mandan.

Recommend Masters 35 have only three divisions of play instead of four.

Masters 50/60:

Recommend a single wall bat list from ASA website be established for 2010. All bats must be checked prior to the first round of metal bat tournament.

Host city must use the scoring line, not a second home plate. Scoring line allows base runners more room to avoid contact with defensive player.

Recommend a Consolation Division in Masters 50 State. Consolation Champion trophy can be given instead of third place.

Suggestion was made to begin pool play in Masters 50 on Friday evening, with tournament completed on Saturday evening. Teams will be surveyed regarding this proposal.

Revise "underage player" rule in Masters 60.

Maximum 4 underage players, maximum two 58 yr olds.

Comments were made that current underage point system rule is too confusing.

Allow players to play both Masters 35 & 50 or 40 & 60, even if the tournament is played on the same day or weekend. This change was recommended in 2009, but rejected by the NDASA Executive Committee. This is allowed per ASA Code, as each group is considered a separate "division" in ASA Softball. Every player is allowed to participate in all divisions in which they are age qualified to play. The Masters players very strongly support this change.

Girls Fast Pitch

Reported by Jim Hanley

(THESE ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GFP GROUP TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

(See Executive Committee minutes for the final actions taken)

July 1 is deadline for background checks.

All coaches must be ASA registered and have a background check. Cost is \$13. Exception: high school and college coaches.

One coach of a team playing in a state tournament must be ACE certified.

State tournament dates – 18 & to 10U, in Fargo July 24-25, 2010.

All state tournament entry fee checks – send to State Office. Cost for state in 2010 is \$100.

Bill Butterfield named new JO fast pitch commissioner.

State JO commissioner with input from host city tournament manager will do all state tournament draws.

J O Fast Pitch individual registration cost is \$8.00 per player

Executive Committee

MSC Approved all 2010 tournament sites.

MSC Mike Wolf, Wayne Beyer, and Jack Jones were appointed to the executive board.

MSC Bill Butterfield named J O Fast Pitch Commissioner.

MSC To approve all recommendations from the Girls Fast Pitch group;

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MSC In Masters Division allow players to play both Masters 35 & 50 or 40 & 60 even if the tournament is played on the same day or weekend.

MSC Revised Masters 60 underage player rule. Maximum 4 underage players of which only two can be 58.

MSC State tournaments with mandatory two umpire system in Men's division I, II & III and Women's C & D, the entry fee for state tournaments will be raised to \$150. Fee increase goes to host city.

MSC NDASA will pay the entry fee for the National E tournament for the winner of the Men's Rec I state tournament.

MSC Any men's team that plays in a state tournament that meets qualifications, and pays National entry fee can enter the National E Tournament that's being held in North Dakota in 2010.

MSC North Dakota C class teams moved to B classification by ASA shall be allowed to play in North Dakota C invitational tournaments for 2010.

No Action was taken on recommendation by the Women's Association for non- payment to an umpire for the "If" game in a state tournament. This concern was sent to the Umpire Committee.