

## LYBSA Advisory Meeting – 01/21/2026

1. Announcement of New Advisory Team Members:
  - a. Lance Koza and Ryan Lundberg named Co-VP's of Baseball
  - b. Tara Yukawa named Secretary
  - c. Commissioners:
    - i. Cameron Sander – 4u Baseball
    - ii. Star Bennack – 6uT Baseball
    - iii. Collin Temple – 6uM Baseball
    - iv. Cory Birchfield – 8u Baseball
    - v. Andrew Milledge – 10u Baseball
    - vi. Brandon Kline – 12u Baseball
    - vii. Daniel Kanneg – 14u Baseball
    - viii. Sam Fair – 6u & 10u Softball
    - ix. Anthony Pena – 8u, 12u & 14u
2. Tryouts Feedback:
  - a. Josh Vitela (VP of Softball): Softball side went great
    - i. League equipment needs an upgrade – Bri to purchase extra balls to be made into practice balls for future use.
  - b. 8u Baseball went much smoother with 2 lines, not as much chasing the ball with over throws or missed catches.
    - i. Need smaller sized catcher's gear for 8u – try All Star, Easton, Rawlings, or Wilson brand gear for smaller sizes
      1. Have it available at the tryouts
    - ii. Ask for coach's kids to help catch to provide a more realistic target for those who are trying out
    - iii. Have a table for long lost and found items at the tryouts for those who need gear
    - iv. As coaches are watching and making their teams, make Bri aware of the kids who may need gear; either they don't own any or they own a much too small sized gear
  - c. 10u and 12u baseball went very well!
    - i. Have one person available to be in charge and get the tryout rolling
  - d. Draft Feedback:
    - i. Suggest to remove hat picks method and have Bri/Jessey place on team instead at random during the draft for all to see
3. All Stars:
  - a. Put nominees on teams with controlled scrimmages and head coaches watch and take notes
  - b. Potentially send only 1 or 2 teams – ensure they are competitive
4. Open Forum:
  - a. 8u Baseball Coach Kaden Norton: rule change suggestion in 8u American
    - i. Instead of removing rule, add a base limit, such as 2 bases?
    - ii. UIC collaboration on how umpires can aid in ensuring teams are just running on a merry-go-round
    - iii. 8u commissioner to send out reminder that the game is developmental in American v National
    - iv. Poor coaching behavior = suspension? Give a warning before the game so kids throw and runners not running all bases
5. Adjournment: Next meeting scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Leander Activity Center. Please check <https://teamsideline.com/sites/Leander/content/38355/BaseballSoftball-Advisory-Team> for any updates to meeting date and time.