

LYBSA Board Meeting – 09/03/2024

1. Opening Weekend Recap/Feedback
 - a. Went very well!
 - b. Thinking about just doing 10u and older in coming years. 8u seemed to struggle more about just making contact with the ball. Also starting with less than 2 outs every inning. The inning that started with 2 outs seemed to go by quickly and they didn't get much out of it.
 - c. Another option: resetting the situation every batter for 5-6 batters so they get more repetitions in the same situation.
 - d. 1 hour felt too short - was originally planned that way in order to fit everyone into one day, but maybe on Sunday we can make it longer?
 - e. Softball coaches brought up a sandlot style game: players draw a number out of a hat to determine what team they are on, then they get to run it and play themselves! Sounded like a lot of fun, more backyard style.
 - i. this would work better for some of the smaller numbered divisions.
 - f. Trying to schedule before games even start so the coaches can really gain a grasp on what they need to work on.
 - g. The exhibition games:
 - i. the HR derby seemed to be the one with the biggest challenges. DBat instructors were struggling to pitch, especially to the littler players. Maybe we do side toss next time? Seemed like a lot of the kids struggled in all age divisions.
 - ii. Need smaller numbers so it can go by at a quicker pace or more time with the larger numbers.
 - iii. Baserunning and Throwing went very well
2. Open Field Days
 - a. Brandon Wolfe has taken it on to put together an open field day for the players. Where they can come, get in extra work, and focus on fundamentals that maybe coaches don't have time for in their own practices.
 - b. He is planning for several weeks throughout the remainder of fall (all on Sundays) and will be starting with the 12u baseball division. As we learn from this one and can make necessary adjustments, we will be adding in more age divisions and into softball.
 - c. The first one will be Sept 15th at 5:30pm. Max of 30 players with a focus on infield/outfield - Sign ups go live tomorrow, and are free of charge for the players.
 - d. Eventually wants to tie in things like:
 - i. baserunning skills (the worst part in our league a lot of the time!)
 - ii. catching
 - iii. other various infield/outfield focuses
 - e. He will ask for the coaches help in running the specific drills he plans in the age group he is working with, sending to them the day or two prior to make sure they feel ready and will stick to what he plans

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3. End of Season Tournament
 - a. an option for spring, or something else to try: a single elimination tournament until the championship, then making it a best of 3 series.
 - b. most liked keeping the double elimination, but spreading it out over 2 weeks in the spring (if time allows).
4. Player Saving for Future Seasons
 - a. it was proposed to going back with 12u to only 9 saves instead of 11 like it was changed to this fall
 - b. consensus was a no and to leave it how it is for now. Otherwise, there'd be too many changes happening.
5. Other notes:
 - a. the photographer was fabulous at opening day and ran a very tight schedule that was very well ran. lots of great feedback!
 - b. the vendor choices we had were phenomenal, and people loved them. We have 2 vendors that have asked to be regulars throughout the season, with a 3rd potentially adding to that list.