

## LYBSA Board Meeting – 11/20/2024

### 1. Spring Schedule

- a. A Tentative Spring Schedule Calendar was given to everyone present so we could nail down some dates.
  - i. Picture Day will be the same day as Opening Ceremonies on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
    1. We will do our best to make sure we arrange picture schedule to where they are not at the same time as other events/competitions so players can do both.
  - ii. There will be Open Field dates for both softball (age groups 8u-12u) and baseball (age groups 8u-12u) to get in more reps before the season begins.
    1. Most of these dates will be in January.
    2. Sign ups for Open fields will open on December 9<sup>th</sup> and close January 7<sup>th</sup>. There is NO COST to sign up, but there are limited spaces.
  - iii. Coach asked if there will be games the Saturday before Spring Break begins.
    1. There **WILL** be games the Saturday before, but there will **NOT** be games the Saturday of Spring Break.
      - a. Games on Saturday 3/15
      - b. **NO** Games on Saturday 3/22.
    2. There will also be NO games the week of Spring Break (3/17 – 3/21).
  - iv. Question was raised if there should be games on Monday, 4/21 (day after Easter).
    1. Consensus was to follow the LISD schedule for this and have NO games on that date.
    2. Games that would have been played on this date will be moved to Wednesday, 4/23 that week instead.
  - v. What did we want to do for a second tournament-style of play for teams to get more games in during the season and when. **(10u-14u Baseball ONLY)**
    1. This is to replace the midseason tournament. Since 10u-14u baseball are the only age groups that would participate in the midseason tournament, this only applies to them.
    2. Fall Exhibition Weekend was good idea but want to tweak it to make it better.
      - a. There will be Preseason Exhibition Games that will go over the course of about 2 weeks (2/24 – 3/8) and resemble tournament-style of play.
  - vi. League's goal is to have the Spring Season end before Mother's Day on 5/11.
    1. Post-Season Tournaments final day would need to be by Saturday, 5/10, meaning it will likely need to start the weekend before, at the latest.
      - a. This gives about 7 weeks for 10u-14u age groups to get 10 regular season games in.
      - b. 10u-14u Coaches need to expect that there will be multiple weeks where their team has more than 1 game.

- b. Preseason Exhibition Games were talked about in more detail of what it would look like, etc. **(10u-14u Baseball ONLY)**
  - i. Again, this is to replace the midseason tournament, which only applies to 10u-14u baseball age groups.
  - ii. Would go over the course of almost 2 weeks starting on February 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. 4 game guarantee for each team.
    - 1. Options brought up for setup were 2 pool games and then double elimination, 3 pool games and then single elimination, etc., but ultimately it would depend on how many teams we have.
      - a. TBD on setup details until registration is close to ending.
  - iv. There will be no Medals/Rings given out for this.
    - 1. The purpose is to focus on getting players more reps at different positions and improving their skills before the regular season begins.
  - v. There was a concern brought up about the wear and tear on pitcher's arms before the regular season begins.
    - 1. We could lower the pitch count numbers for these games.
    - 2. This is also why we are encouraging coaches to switch out pitchers frequently and give other players the opportunity to learn and grow.

## 2. Opening Ceremonies

- a. Adding Picture Day
  - i. Will do our best to work around the other activities/competitions that are going on this day.
- b. Overall liked the schedule of last Spring's Opening Ceremonies. Want to keep the same structure for the ceremony part.
  - i. Food Vendors were great! Would also like to have more non-food vendors there.
    - 1. We encourage our parents from our league, who own small businesses, to reach out to us to be a vendor.
  - ii. Love the Slow-Pitch Coaches game!
  - iii. Sell some new Leander swag at Opening Ceremonies!

## 3. Softball Face Mask Rules

- a. Softball Coach had the question about the specific face mask rules and felt they should be different depending on the age division.
  - i. The rule for face masks will now be the following:
    - 1. 6u-8u required for all fielders. 10u-12u required for all infielders. 14u required for pitchers and strongly encouraged for infielders.
  - ii. **This will be implemented in our Softball Handbook in the Spring 2025 Season.**