

# MCAA

## Softball Meeting Notes

1/24/2008

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Attendees – Mike Carson, Chris Thompson, Bob Hayden, Mary Jo Phelps, Lane Mabbet, Mike Nelson, Chris Mazzeo, Chris Hoffman

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### Winter Clinics:

First sessions with Dick Albert have been held. Mike will send an E-mail to coaches asking them to attend one of the morning sessions to review the training that is taking place and to review the drills that the girls are going through. Mike will also talk to Dick about doing a coaches clinic for the instructional and minor league coaches.

Mike also brought up the possibility of doing a survey to evaluate the clinics.

### Rules:

The group reviewed the Souhegan Valley local rules for 2008 as well as the local Milford rules and bylaws document and identified the following changes:

#### SV Rules:

10U rookies – Change paragraph 2D to an 11” ball instead of 12” ball.

Playtime – On the Majors and Juniors sheets, change to read “Each player will play at least half the game and should be encouraged to play at least 1 inning in the infield.

#### MCAA softball rules and bylaws:

- Page 7, V (Eligibility) A (Rosters) Paragraph 4, second line. “Softball Coordinator” should read “Softball Director”
- Page 7, V (Eligibility) B (Playoffs) Paragraph 1, second line. Remove “as stated in the Babe Ruth Softball Rules and Regulations”
- Page 9, VII (General League Rules) Paragraph A. Remove “Mouth guards and athletic support may also be worn but are not required. Add the following:
  - Faceguards – Mandatory for pitchers at Majors and Juniors.
  - Mouthguards – Mandatory for 3<sup>rd</sup> base in Majors and Juniors.
  - Mouthguards – Mandatory for pitchers in minors and suggested for all level infielders except for Instructional.

### Registrations:

Online signups are already in process. In-Person signups in conjunction with baseball scheduled for Saturday 2/9 and 2/16 from 8am to 2pm. The final signup is scheduled for Thursday 3/6 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. All signups will be held at the gymnasium lobby at the middle school. The following options were discussed for publicity:

- 1) Mike to send a mass E-mail via SportsManager
- 2) Mike has already drafted school flyers, but needs to confirm some baseball information with Dino.
- 3) Once baseball information is determined, Chris will get signup dates to the local papers.
- 4) Chris will check on what is possible for publicity in Mont Vernon.

The group briefly discussed the new \$50 opt out fee and the need for a volunteer coordinator for the league and a volunteer coordinator parent for each team.

### Uniforms:

Mike has spoken with the people that run Softball in Brookline to get information on their uniforms. They have sleeveless uniforms in Brookline and have acquired them in the past from Extra Innings in Nashua. The list of potential vendors was discussed and it was agreed that we would get quotes from all the vendors on Mike's list.

In memory of Jaiden Tlapa, who wore shirt #1 last year on the instructional Green Sox, #1 will be retired for 2008 in both the Softball and Baseball organization. We will also investigate the addition of the Jaiden ribbon to the left shoulder of all baseball and softball uniforms.

Mike agreed to investigate the possibility of adding coaches jerseys.

With the substitute of shorts for the longer pants we've used in the past, it was decided that at the Major league level, a sliding pad will be mandatory and sliding shorts advised, but optional. Both a sliding pad and sliding shorts will be mandatory for the Juniors level.

### **Souhegan Valley 10u District 3 tournament**

Mike confirmed that we have applied to Babe Ruth league at the state level to host the 10U district 3 softball tournament in 2008. This will happen the weekend of June 28 & 29. The group briefly talked about some ideas for the tournament and stressed the need for as many volunteers to host a successful tournament. Bob Hayden suggested that we schedule no games for the 16U Juniors girls during this weekend and ask them to volunteer their time to assist with the tournament.

### **Coaches:**

Mike reviewed his current coaches list. No additional notes taken.

### **Skill Sheets:**

Mike brought up the idea of having practice plan documents in addition to our skills sheets primarily for the instructional and minor league levels. All agreed it was a great idea and there was no further discussions or to-do's assigned.

### **Coaching Certification:**

Babe Ruth League coaching certification is not mandatory for recreational coaches for 2008. It will be required for all tournament coaches. Recreational coaches will be required in 2009. MCAA will reimburse coaches the \$20 fee for the course. Details and further information on the course can be found at <http://www.baberuthcoaching.org/>

### **Fields:**

Keyes Field reservations have been submitted to Nicole at the town. Mike will talk to Shannon Mason about reserving Jacques.

### **Dugouts**

We need to look for volunteers to do the concrete forms. This will save us significant dollars on the overall construction price of the Keyes North dugouts.

### **Equipment**

Bat inventory and other equipment needs reviewed. We need to purchase some bats as all of the old worn bats have been tossed. We will look to purchase new smaller helmets for instructional and minor league.

Next Meeting: TBD