

South Range Baseball Association

November Monthly Meeting Agenda

November 3, 2025

President's Report / New Business:

- UPDATES from last meeting
 - Dirtbags Fall Classic softball benefit totals were finalized.
 - Total taken in was \$3,624.00
 - Total paid to Sam after the cost of shirts was \$2677.55
 - Offseason time at MNM Baseball has been secured for 10U Baseball and to be handled by Jeff
 - Pricing for winter indoor time at MNM for the league is going to still be \$250 per month for 3 2 hr sessions (increased from 1 ½ hrs) Do we want this for just March again or into January and February? Do we have a commitment from Softball or any other age groups for indoor work? Mainly Fridays and Saturdays available
 - Times for Drafted Spring Teams:
 - March: 2 hours Friday 6-8, 4 hours on Saturday, hopefully together, if not a chunk earlier and then later in the day
 - Softball: planning on working in someone's barn in the off season. Would like to get together to practice in March in an indoor facility
 - Shawn Pleska is committed to assigning umpires again for next season
- Offseason development registration can be up and running by the end of the month

- o Open Registration soon
- o Thanksgiving Break: For Sluggers (starting first Sunday in January, every other Sunday through the end of March)
- o Registration: 40\$ per kid, open to everyone 8U and up
- o Broken up into age groups
- o 1 session every other week for pitching
- o Space upstairs available for softball pitching: will decide closer to the season if we need to use it
- o 12 kids per session would be breaking even
- Season Registration Fees:
 - o In the past: \$110-TBall, \$140-8U, \$150-10U, \$160-12U, \$190-Pony, (55\$ discount per kid after 2), includes fundraising fee
 - o Prices have been the same the last 10 years. Suggesting 10\$ increase this year to keep up with covering umpires and equipment
 - o Offer a second jersey for a 5 extra dollars over cost
 - o Early registration-lock in last year's price until December 31, 2025
 - o Open registration December 1
- Fundraiser Ideas:
 - o Bring new fundraising ideas to next meeting
 - o Pepperoni Rolls: Spring, and then again in the Fall
 - o Meat Cooler Raffle
 - o Clothing Fundraiser: check with Marc first, and then possibly ask Soup City to put together pricing on fundraising

- Evaluations date needs to be set
 - Sluggers: Booked an extra Sunday, 12 weeks of practice, 1 week for evaluations
 - Evaluations the week of February 8th
 - Drafts the following week, finished by the 15th
- Fall Cleanup and items to prep for winter:
 - Saturday, November 8: Group Clean up
 - Put away remaining equipment, bases, and mounds and lock everything up
 - Take down backstop tarps and sponsor banners (Field 1 is done)
 - Clean out concession stand
 - Log returned equipment and store for the winter
 - Pull out Trash Cans
 - Price new items for next season: baseballs and softballs, chalk (good to start), field dry, equipment bags, new metal detectors for each field
 - PA System and Scoreboard both work
- Boot Electric has offered to run electrical lines from the concession stand to the new shed so we can have a light and outlets inside. Scott Conway from the township parks department is checking to see if we will be allowed to have that done.
- Last year we put together a coaches' clinic at Dingers. Attendance was minimal. This year, I am proposing we strongly encourage potential coaches and managers to attend off season workouts with experienced coaches to mentor them. We can also add to the posted Coaches Guidelines on the Coaches page

on our website and make reading and signing them mandatory?? I would also like to add a field maintenance page emphasizing proper field care and manager responsibilities. Review everything at Draft Selections, and have Draft C

- o Mandatory coaches meeting before the draft. Meeting at the field, and go over field expectations, possible put information in a coaching handbook or on social media. Post expectations in the dugouts . Possible mandatory parent meeting. More emphasis on communicating expectations to parents and kids to hold everyone accountable.
- Website: add field maintenance expectations
- Portapotty: Can we add an additional one by the trash can, door opening toward the concession stand?
- Softball Conference meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 7:00.
 - o Suggestions to be brought up – potential to keep modified coach pitch for 10U softball
 - o Any others?
- PROPOSED CHANGES TO DRAFT RULES
 - o TEAM DRAFTS
 - Adding the ability to pick one assistant coach prior to drafts. The coach's child(ren) would need to have their potential draft round identified and placed in that round
 - Identifying potential draft rounds or tiered 1, 2, 3 in order to better maintain a proper draft order
 - Rank with minimal number, generalized number
 - Gives commissioner more information for a equal teams

- Emails and details to the commissioners sent earlier and more detailed
- The commissioner and manager should talk about kids before the draft

o All STAR DRAFTS

- Jeff has put together a rough draft of potential changes in order to better address some of the repetitive issues we have each year and to better communicate to parents so they know what to expect.
 - Players **need to be** available for the tournament dates and practices. Have a form that can be given to the parents to fill out and hand back to the coach or specified person whether they will be on vacation or unable to be available for practices and tournaments.
 - Make dates known at sign up to parents of all star selection process and dates on league website.
 - Pick team earlier than in the past. We need to practice together to be ready for tournaments.
 - This year: announce on June 1st this year: All stars can start practicing if they don't have games
- **All Star Week:**
 - **Player input:**

- o Allow players to vote for their peers, which can be a fun and engaging part of the process and gives players a voice in the selection. Make a form with players on the team. If there is a player nominated by their fellow players, they will need to be in the discussion to make all stars. Kids vote, count for a small amount and can use as a tiebreaker
 - o Only for 10U and 12U
 - o Kids nominate 5? Players from their own team
- Anonymous ballot boxes in the dugouts
 - o Ballots: each age group a different color (10u, 12u, Pony–baseball and softball)
- **Coaches Selections:**
 - o **Evaluate performance throughout the season:**
Coaches should keep track of players' performance during the regular season, both on their own team and on other teams. This includes observing skills, hustle, and attitude.
 - o **Focus on more than just skill:** When evaluating players, consider their attitude and hustle in addition to their physical skills. A good attitude is crucial for a successful All-Star team.
 - o **Nominate and evaluate players:**
 - o Every coach and assistant coach fills out anonymous ballots virtually: put all of the kids on a google form roster and have coaches choose across teams

- o Possibly Schedule more South Range vs. South Range games later in the season so that coaches can observe and evaluate kids on other teams before nominations
- o **Possibly have a selection committee:**
 - Selecting a committee of coaches and officials can make the final decision based on the evaluations from tryouts and the season and nominations. This adds an extra layer of fairness and helps prevent bias. EX: Head coaches, Commissioner of age group, Assistant coaches

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