

MEETING OF PALM BEACH BASEBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION (PBBUA)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022

PALM SPRINGS RECREATION CENTER

President Randy Benhart called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

- Games will begin the week of February 13, 2023, with pre-season classics/games that do not count on a team's regular season record. The regular season will begin the week of February 20.
- All games will be assigned through Arbiter. Umpires are asked to keep their calendars updated, including time restrictions on certain days, mileage/travel limits, special circumstances like schools you cannot work. IF UNSURE HOW TO ENTER ANY OF THIS INFORMATION, PLEASE REACH OUT TO PRESIDENT BENHART FOR HELP.

Games will be assigned in two week blocks...with a new two week block published roughly a week into the current "block", so that umpires will have their schedules for roughly "the next three weeks". Umpires should confirm (hopefully) or turn back (rarely) games ASAP. You will receive "advance notice" of when the next 2 week block will be assigned (as a reminder to update your calendar) and when the "latest" schedule should be published. Also... after a block of games are scheduled, if your availability during that time period changes....aka...you were available on certain days, and now you are not/or vice versa...please update calendar as the assigner may look to you to add a game on a certain date due to late or emergency turn back/situations.

- DUES... Local PBBUA \$50 with application on the website...payment instructions found on website, including payment on website, physically mailing dues and application form to address listed on website, or physically bringing dues and application to next meeting in January. FHSAA Dues \$45....go to FHSAA.org for details.
- GAME FEES...no change from last year \$87 for varsity and \$68 for JV....travel compensation is included in game fees. All payments will be through Arbiter; you should NOT have to fill out any pay sheets for any games (public or private)...that said, if a school asks you to "sign a pay sheet", please do so...and then contact President Benhart. Umpires should be paid approximately "every two weeks"....President Benhart/Arbiter will communicate any delays or special circumstances that arise different from that schedule.

Soo...no paysheets to sign...BUT...plate umpire MUST complete a game report in Arbiter...FOR UMPIRES TO BE PAID!!!...preferably by the end of the day/night...but certainly within 24 hours. Game report should include... (1) Confirmation of umpires who worked the game (2) the final score (3) any "unusual" or significant happenings.

This (3) is important for training purposes and general information going forward...aka...wacky play(s), coaches/players/fans difficult to deal with...facility issues/heads-up, etc...

\*SECURITY BADGES...for those needed to renew (check your current badge) and/or new umpires, please contact Yetta Greene at the school district office....561-963-3872 (preferred)...or cell at 561-762-3798 (If no contact after several days).

\*RULES TEST....from FHSAA...you need to score 76 % on open book test...month long time period to complete...to work varsity. IF you don't pass the test and/or do not take it, you still may work JV games.

- TRAINING/SCRIMMAGE GAMES

Jim O'Neill is training coordinator. The MAIN training component will be intra-squad/scrimmage games that schools will have the week or two prior to the start of the season. Those "games" will be posted on Arbiter and NEWER UMPIRES (even despite experience elsewhere) ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SIGN UP FOR AS MANY AS POSSIBLE....aka...assigners cannot properly assign you, unless "you are seen". There is no compensation for these games. O'Neill may also schedule some specialized individual training sessions at the Palm Springs Recreation before the season starts...and instructional videos/PowerPoints via zoom are also possibilities.

\*NEXT MEETING..... TBA...sometime in January, 2023....will be posted through Arbiter.

Association website....pbbua.com.....President Benhart contact information: 561-635-1951

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Rader

Secretary