

District 13 Meeting  
1/28/2021  
Interleague Play

Attendees:

Brett Watson  
Susan Blank  
Heather Church  
Jeni Hurst Ray Ng  
Kate Hamm  
Greg Williams  
Mike Rowley  
Bryan Goodman  
Doug Brewster  
Eric Rodriguez

This meeting was to discuss Interleague play between all the leagues due to declining registrations due to Covid-19 and Ahwatukee LL not being able to get playing fields for the season until sometime in May or later.

- Brett reminded all league Presidents that they need to fill out the interleague form in the data center on the Little League website.
- Western Regional says the West is down 3,000 teams from 2019.
- The City of Tempe will not schedule fields for the District tournament or the Majors State tournament yet. Brett will keep track of this, but we may have to reach out to Chandler for fields.
- Ahwatukee LL is currently down about 70% in registrations with parents concerned that due to the lack of fields there will not be a season. ALL usually has 7-9 majors' teams in a regular season but only have 17 players signed up for the Majors division right now. Ray is hoping that if he can secure fields and interleague play with the other leagues that his registration will increase and have more teams.
- Doug from CNLL ask Ray if there is a preferred place he would like to play. Ray from ALL said they did have one private field they can play on in Ahwatukee, but it does not have lights, so they are limited to one game a night during the weekdays. They would prefer game at either Tempe Sports Complex or Nozomi but will take what they can get at this point.
- Tempe Rio said they had numerous fields reserved currently and instead of giving them back to the City they are willing to let Ahwatukee take what they do not need. ALL offered to reimburse TRLL for any fields that they use. TRLL will send a list of open fields to ALL.
- Doug asked Ray how many practices and games per week he was trying to have. Ray said for the farm division and up they usually have 3 events per week per team but are good with 1 practice and 1 game per week per team.
- ALL currently thinks they will have 3 Majors teams, 6 minors and 4-6 farm teams with approximately 8-10 coach pitch and t-ball teams.
- Kiwanis may be another option for fields since they have 3 fields that can be used out of the 4 they have.

- TSSL mentioned that the City of Tempe can be finnick about non-residents using their fields and wants to be careful.
- Papago Park will be ready 2/1/21 for play.
- Doug will need to reserve Nozomi for Juniors games. The District cannot reserve fields.
- ALL figures with all their teams they need 25 practices per week and 12-15 games to be scheduled per week. They can do 5 games on Sat. at Ahwatukee park and would need to fill in the rest of the games at other leagues parks.
- Doug feels that the interleague play will be an easy conversation with the City of Chandler since most likely there would be a Chandler team playing but practices might be harder since it would be ALL teams only.
- TRLL will probably have one team per division so will rely on interleague play heavily. They asked that all the leagues get together to work on the interleague schedule. Ray from ALL said we need a “captain” to lead the interleague schedule play.
- CALL will probably have 2-3 Majors teams and 2-3 Minor teams. They only have 40 players registered right now but did not open registration until 1/18. Hoping to get to 150 players for the season.
- CNLL – **Majors:** 5N, 2S **AAA:** 4N, 2S **AA:** 6N, 4S They will take players all the way up to the draft. Tryouts on 1/30 and 2/6.
- ALL tryouts scheduled for 2/20 but may move to 2/13.
- Brett let all leagues know that when they fill out the interleague form, they only need to list their home field.

### **Next Steps:**

- ALL, CNLL and CALL will talk on Monday 1/31/21 to discuss fields and games.
- ALL will set up a call with TRLL and TSSL to discuss fields after the call above.
- Brett to set up a meeting after the tryouts and drafts to work on the interleague schedules.
- Leagues need to fill out the interleague forms in the data center on the LL website.