

Nassau County Softball Officials Association

(NCSBOA)

General Membership Meeting

Interpretation Meeting

Boces Office - Garden City, NY

Tuesday April 14, 2026

Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM, by Chairperson Larry Steimer

Chairperson (Larry Steimer)

● The meeting began with a moment of silence honoring former umpires and servicemen and women overseas, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

● Uniform and scheduling Reminders - Larry emphasized the importance of wearing the proper uniform during games, including matching pants and full gear. He urged members to communicate before games about who will take the plate to avoid confusion.

Members were reminded to print and keep their schedules from Zebra Web as games may disappear from the site, and to keep their availability updated, especially as middle school games become available.

● The association currently has 80 members, with hopes to increase numbers next year. Members were encouraged to recruit interested individuals by sharing contact information and class details.

● Members were asked to report any issues during games directly to Larry after the game to streamline communication with BOCES and Grace.

● Treasurer Pete Bilianis reported that about half the membership has paid dues for this year.. Penalties for late payment start at \$10 after May 7th, increasing to \$50 and then to \$125. Members were encouraged to pay on time to avoid penalties and ensure insurance coverage.

● The association currently holds around \$17,000, with upcoming expenses expected for

dinners and other events.

- Service awards were given to members for their years of service: Russell Marino (35 years), Dave Nelson (25 Years), and Jerry Paolilo (10 Years).

Interpretation (Rick Norris)

- Rick announced that test scores improved significantly this year. A new Frequently Asked Questions page was added to the website to help members find information easily.

- Games not reaching five complete innings are suspended and must be resumed from the point of suspension. Games past five innings with a lead revert to the last completed inning if called early.

- Slapping or tapping a runner after a home run is allowed; pushing or assisting runners is not out.

- Foul tips must hit the glove or hand first and are then secured in the gloved or the hand; foul balls can be caught after a perceptible arc and are outs.

- Balls deflected off the pitcher protect the fielders from interference by the runner; deflections off other fielders may result in obstruction calls.

- When a ball it's a runner on the base, she is not out unless she intentionally moves into the fielder. Whether the ball is live or dead depends on the position of the nearest fielder relative to the runner.

- Batters must remain in the box and not move to impede throws; moving and hindering throws is interference.

- Metal Spikes are allowed in JV and varsity on non-turf fields, not allowed in junior high.

- Collapsible Fence Catches: Catch and carry rules apply; no catch if the fence is completely horizontal.

- Bases awarded are based on the time of pitch release, not when the ball goes into dead territory. Same is true for throw that go into dead territory, bases are awarded from time of release.

- Infield Fly Rule depends on level of play and location; judgment is required for ordinary

effort catches.

- Visual sign stealing is not illegal but may be unsportsmanlike. Players and coaches must remain in the dugout except for warm-ups. No artificial noise makers or bat banging are allowed; consistent noise is acceptable but not sudden loud noises at pitch release.

Past Chairperson (Christina Bivona)

- Members who officiated scrimmages must submit their cards for service credit. Only eight confirmations were received so far; members were urged to submit theirs promptly.

- Members were reminded to track games and vote on the top team for sportmanship recognition at the next meeting at Carle Place High School.

Corresponding Secretary (Patty Carbo)

- Patty reminded members to ensure attendance cards are passed and signed to confirm presence.

Chairperson (Larry Steimer)

- The member at large position is open due to Jack Kisilinsky not returning. Interested members should email Larry with intention to run.

- The umpire school in Upstate is scheduled for the week after Labor Day in September. It is free and runs from Friday to Sunday. Interested members should contact Rick Norris.

- The next meeting is scheduled for May 7th at Carle Place High School. Members who have not submitted BOCES schedules due to fingerprinting issues should speak to Larry after the meeting.

- The three-man clinic for varsity umpires aiming for playoffs is on May 7th at Carle Place High School and attendance is mandatory to work the three man playoffs.

- The 50-50 raffle was conducted with Russ winning.

- Meeting adjourned 8:36pm

Respectfully submitted by

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Recording Secretary

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