

ITL Kickoff Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2017

- **Attendees:** Doylestown, Langhorne, Southampton, Warminster (HVAA, Penridge, Plumstead, and Warrington emailed their intent to participate before the meeting)
- **Proposed rule changes for 2017:**
 - o Wooden bats only for 16-19 age group
- **Potential Format Changes for 2017:** None
- **Schedule:**
 - o Start dates –Saturday April 8 for 13-15s & Sunday April 9 for 16-19s. Games that would fall on Easter Day (April 16) will be scheduled for the following Monday (April 17). Coaches can reschedule as necessary.
 - o Mother’s Day - games will be scheduled for Mother’s Day (May 14). Coaches can reschedule as necessary.
 - o Relay for Life - games that would fall on Saturday May 20 will be scheduled for the preceding Thursday (May 18) for teams in the Central Bucks School District due to Relay for Life. Coaches can reschedule as necessary.
 - o Regular season will be scheduled to end prior to Memorial Day. 12 games will be scheduled and the week before Memorial Day will be open to allow for makeups.
- **Request to ITL representatives:** This topic was not discussed but is being included as an important reminder from previous years. We have had a number of scheduling problems at playoff time when a township has ITL players who also play Connie Mack (or similar leagues). We have had Connie Mack (CM) coaches tell players that they must attend CM regular season games or even CM practices or be cut from the team. **Please ask your local board to issue guidance to their coaches that ITL playoff games should have priority over regular season CM games and practices.**
- **Team Commitment meeting:** Sunday March 19. **Please bring:**
 - o # of 13-15 teams; # of 16-19 teams
 - o Checks for league fees per team
 - o Position on proposed rules changes (wooden bats)
 - o Copy of Township insurance with ITL named as “Additionally insured” (these can be emailed as attachments)
 - o Scheduling guidelines: Field availability, field priorities, day of the week, and time slot preferences – we have only 3 weeks between this meeting and the start of the season.
- **Coaches Coordination Meeting?:** tentatively Sunday April 9
- **League fees:** \$100 per team