

## ITL Kickoff Meeting Minutes February 21, 2021

- **Attendees:** Ardsley, Centennial, Glenside, Lenape Valley, Plumstead, Warrington. Have not heard yet from HVAA, Northampton/Holland. Langhorne does not expect to participate.
  
- **Proposed rule changes for 2021:**
  - o Two umpires must be supplied for all games.
  - o Add a note that umpire fees will be split between the home and away teams for playoff games.
  - o Not-discussed holdover from 2020: Delete the reference to “USABat” marking for legal bats. All bats must be marked “BBCOR”.
  
- **Proposed operations changes for 2021:**
  - o Consider using a single umpire service for the entire league. The executive board will discuss this offline and get back to the reps
  
- **Schedule:**
  - o Regular season will consist of 12 games and be scheduled to end prior to Memorial Day.
  - o Start dates –**Saturday April 17 for 13-15s & Sunday April 18 for 16-19s.**
  - o Easter on April 4 will not affect this season.
  - o Mother’s Day - games will be scheduled for Mother’s Day (May 9). Coaches can reschedule as necessary.
  - o Relay for Life - games that would fall on Saturday May 16 will be scheduled for the preceding Thursday (May 14) for teams in the Central Bucks School District due to Relay for Life. Coaches can reschedule as necessary.
  - o Playoffs start Tuesday Jun 1 for 13-15s and Wednesday June 2 for 16-19s.
  - o No All-Star game is planned.
  
- **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 team 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 (or similar league) games and practices.**
  
- **Team Commitment meeting:** Sunday March 28 7:00 PM via Zoom

**Due on March 28:**

- # of 13-15 teams; # of 16-19 teams
- Checks for league fees of \$100 per team made out to “ITL Baseball” and sent to:
  - Dave Detwiler
  - 1174 Davisville Rd
  - Warminster, PA 18974
- Copy of local baseball organization insurance with ITL named as “Additionally insured” (these can be emailed as attachments)
- Position on proposed rules changes (see above)
- Position on proposed operations changes (see above)
- 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?:** will be discussed at March 28 meeting
- **League fees:** \$100 per team