

ITL Kickoff Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2018

- **Attendees:** Holland, Northampton, Langhorne, Lenape Valley, Plumstead, Southampton (HVAA, Somerton, and Warrington emailed their intent to participate before the meeting)
- **Proposed rule changes for 2018:**
 - o Use Babe Ruth bat rule changes for 2018, namely, USABat Marking or BBCOR .50 for 13-15 age group and BBCOR .50 for 16-19 age group
 - o Wooden bats only for 16-19 age group
 - o Extend maximum age for older group by 1 year to 20 years old
- **Potential Format Changes for 2018:** None
- **Schedule:**
 - o Start dates –Saturday April 7 for 13-15s & Sunday April 8 for 16-19s. Easter on April 1 will not affect the schedule in 2018.
 - o Mother’s Day - games will be scheduled for Mother’s Day (May 13). Coaches can reschedule as necessary.
 - o Relay for Life - games that would fall on Saturday May 19 will be scheduled for the preceding Thursday (May 17) 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 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 games and practices.**
- **Team Commitment meeting:** Sunday March 18. **Please bring:**
 - o # of 13-15 teams; # of 16-19 teams
 - o Checks for league fees of \$100 per team made out to “ITL Baseball”
 - o Position on proposed rules changes (see above)
 - o Copy of local baseball organization 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 8 via telecon?
- **League fees:** \$100 per team