

ITL Kickoff Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2016

- **Attendees:**, Langhorne, Plumstead, Southampton, Warminster (Pennridge emailed their intent to participate before the meeting); no word from Ardsley, Doylestown, HVAA, Lenape, Upper Dublin, or Warrington
- **Proposed rule changes for 2016:** None
- **Potential Format Changes for 2016:** None
- **Schedule:**
 - o Easter is March 27 and will not affect schedules this year
 - o Start dates – We discussed whether to start on 4/9 or 4/16. Starting earlier gives us 7 weeks for the regular season instead of the customary 6 weeks. Seven weeks gives us more time to reschedule rainouts and the possibility of having a 14-game regular season. **The attendees agreed that starting on Saturday April 9 for 13-15s & Sunday April 10 for 16-19s is preferable.**
 - o Mother's Day - games will be scheduled for Mother's Day (May 8). Coaches can reschedule as necessary.
 - o Relay for Life - games that would fall on Saturday May 21 will be scheduled for the preceding Thursday (May 19) 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
- **Request to ITL representatives:** This topic was not discussed but is being included as an important reminder from 2015. 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 20. **Please bring:**
 - o # of 13-15 teams; # of 16-18 teams
 - o Checks for league fees per team
 - o Position on proposed rules changes (N/A)
 - 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 & Schedule Finalization Meeting:** Sunday April 3
- **League fees:** \$100 per team