

ITL Kickoff Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2020

- **Attendees:** Centennial, Northampton/Holland, Warrington (Ardsley and Plumstead emailed their intent to participate) (Have not heard yet from HVAA, Langhorne, and Lenape Valley)

- **Proposed rule changes for 2020:**
 - o Two umpires must be supplied for all games.
 - o Not discussed but will be proposed in March: Add a note that umpire fees will be split between the home and away teams for playoff games.
 - o Delete the reference to "USABat" marking for legal bats. All bats must be marked "BBCOR".

- **Proposed Format Changes for 2019:**
 - o None

- **Schedule:**
 - o Regular season will consist of 12 games and be scheduled to end prior to Memorial Day.
 - o Start dates –**Tuesday April 14 for 13-15s & Wednesday April 15 for 16-19s.** A third game will be scheduled during the first or second week of the season so that the regular season will still have 12 games.
 - o Easter is on April 12 before the start of the season.
 - o Mother's Day - games will be scheduled for Mother's Day (May 10). 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 May 26 for 13-15s and Wednesday May 27 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:** Scheduled for the week of March 22.

Please bring:

- # of 13-15 teams; # of 16-19 teams
 - Checks for league fees of \$100 per team made out to “ITL Baseball”
 - 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 format 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?:** none planned at this time
 - **League fees:** \$100 per team