

**N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A.  
BASEBALL COMMITTEE**

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To: State Baseball Committee Members: P. Amendola, P. DiRuocco, A. Roy, R. Southworth, T. Raymond, B. Fenton, B. Bowe, J. Conley, L. Yaeger, D. Lang, D. Onusko, S. LaShomb, J. Tasman, L. Ferraro, Mike Buchak

From: Ed Dopp-Coordinator  
Date: January 22, 2013  
Subject: January Meeting Minutes

All 11 Sections participated in the conference call, along with Lou Ferraro & Mike Buchak, R. Gabriel-NYSBUA and Bob Stulmaker.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

Ed & Bob reminded everyone of conference call & meeting procedures.  
Pre-agenda announcements and actions included: Welcome to Bill Bowe, Section 5.  
Announcement that Baseball clinic is now a webinar format and anyone interested in videoing a segment can contact Todd Nelson for details. Committee Directory was updated and Ed asked for everyone's efforts to increase revenue through advertising.

Regionals, semi-finals and sectional champions' packets and standard operating procedures were reviewed. No major changes for 2013. Certificates, plaques and baseballs will be mailed to coordinators by May 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Regional schedule was finalized, and approved as it appeared in packet (11-0).

Coordinators are reminded to contact the Quality Inn & Suites in May to confirm or cancel tentative reservations for their room.

Coordinators MUST photo copy all necessary information from Ed's and Lou's packets and distribute to all sectional winners.

Each section must submit the names and contact information for the two umpires from their section who will work the tournament by May 17, 2013.

2013 & 2014 Tournament dates were reviewed: (see agenda)

Rule Changes and umpire concerns were reviewed. Ed distributed the umpires' association interpretation meeting dates via e-mail.

Lou Ferraro reviewed the 2013 championship packets (distributed earlier to coordinators), and standard operating procedures. The new facility at SUNY Binghamton is back in for 2013. The State semi-final rotation will have the South East vs Central in the 10 AM games and the Far West vs Capital in the 1 PM games.

Ticket prices were reviewed, \$8.00 per game, a \$14.00 all day pass is an option we offer for baseball. Please be sure participating coaches and athletic administrators are aware of these prices in advance of the tournament. Online ticket options were also covered. Athletic administrators and coaches should also be aware in advance of the clearing out of the facilities prior to the championship games, and the second admission charge for the championship games.

The following items were also discussed and explained:

“Where Are They Now”

Submission of State Tournament Photographs

Concussion Rule

School Gate List

Heat Index Procedures

Discussion took place regarding the definition of a scrimmage in the sport of baseball. Information is on pg. 111 of the handbook.

Action item: Motion from sections 8 & 11 regarding regional schedule-discussion took place and motion was defeated 9-2 (sections 8 & 11 voting in favor of motion).

2014 January Conference call meeting date was established and will take place on Wednesday, January, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 10 AM.

Section Reports: All Sections submitted reports:

Sectionals' Concerns:

1. Getting coaches to take an active role in Coaches associations (Section 1)
2. History of tournament program information needs to be updated and accurate.(Section 1). Bob & Ed will ask Todd to contact Phil DiRuocco.
3. Section 2/7/10 regional rotation and the bye being rotated was discussed, no further action. (Section 2)
4. Difficulty in getting coaches to rate officials was discussed (Sections 4 & 6).
5. Run Rule at the varsity level was questioned. There is no run rule at the Freshmen, JV or Varsity levels (Section 5)
6. Shortage of officials (Section10)

Ed asked to have the following information sent to him, he will compile information and distribute prior to June meeting:

Interest in picnic becoming a more formal banquet

Does your section require sectional games to go 7 innings?

Next meeting will be Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM at the Quality Inn & Suites in Binghamton. The 2014 Committee (conference call) meeting will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 @ 10:00 AM.

Meeting was adjourned. Updated directory Attached. Other materials previously sent.