

Subject meeting was held on Thursday, 18 April 2019 at Continental from 1 to 3 PM.

S&F President Al Smith opened the meeting with each attendee introducing themselves and their respective title. All seven Summer Season managers were in attendance.

According to league rules the S&F President is to appoint a Chairperson for each summer season. Without any objections President Smith volunteered to serve as the Summer Season Chair for 2019.

Playing rule modifications approved by the S&F Executive Board on 4 April were reviewed and discussed. Among the rule modifications were a reinstatement of the Flip-Flop rule, liberalization of player substitutions, no more than 6 D1 players in the lineup at one time and for teams accepting a player from their opponent to act as their 11th defensive player and batting only 10 batters such team will incur an automatic out after the at bat of the 10th batter in their lineup. Also approved for summer season was 7 Inning games. Note that Division A will play 7 Inning games while the 3 Division B teams agreed to play 8 Inning games for the entire season due the reduction in the total number of games due to byes. Furthermore the Executive Board granted a modification to the catch rule limiting the maximum number of runs to be score per inning for each team to 5 (6 if scored on a home run) regardless of the score. It was noted during our discussions that the strict implementation of this rule modification could prevent teams from scoring enough runs in innings 5, 6 and 7 to avoid the 15 run mercy rule. It was therefore agreed that the 5 run limit (6 with home run) would be in effect through the first 4 innings and a trailing team would be allowed to scored just enough runs in innings 5, 6 and 7 to avoid the mercy rule (15 run deficient or more). The mercy rule will still be in effect should a team fall behind by 15 or more runs after 5 innings. The last inning would continue to be an unlimited Inning. Managers were encouraged to review these rule modifications with their respective park umpires.

Player exceptions were discussed. The following players were granted exceptions;

Karl Mehn, Bill Richman and Denny Jabs from PL were granted permission to play Division B

Gary Ruthig and Dennis Burke of DW were granted permission to play Division B