

2019 STARTUP Meeting notes

Performance Bonds - New team Registration today

Umpire in Chief - looking for umpires and will have clinic April 27th for all interested
-re-iterate to your teams about Abuse of Officials

Statistician Update – some questions about the position. Only 2 bids

Website information

- new websites for RCMSPL and GTCSPS have been created
 - sharing a main page GuelphSLoPitch.ca with links to GTCSPS & RCMSPL as well as the usual content. SPO, City diamond status etc.
- bonus is that this will also work as a communication tool direct to all registered participants.
- teams will now submit their scores live. These will be monitored for discrepancy
- use comments section when needed (base, diamond or light maintenance etc)
- there will be contact info for Stats, UIC, League and Team reps
- site is phone friendly also and VERY easy to navigate

Proposed Budget

Budget was reviewed and League fees have been established

Playing rules changes -as discussed, we have adopted more of the SPO general rules to keep simplicity with Umpires and various leagues/divisions

- if it is in our book, then it is specific to our league. Otherwise SPO rules apply
- runs per inning (B through E) -6 runs per. Innings 7 through 9 are open.

Batting helmets & Pitching masks –the recommendation from SPO is to encourage pitchers to wear protective head and face mask.

Batting helmets for batter/baserunners will be monitored however, players are encouraged to wear any protective gear they feel necessary within the guidelines of allowable equipment.

Executive comments

- Builder's Fees? We will be investing some money at U of G. (higher fence in right. Warning tracks, bases moved deeper and batters box)
- Also getting some upgrades at Marden.
- Expansion & Alignment
- Scheduling guideline – no longer ranked by previous season. Random draw for team #
- Banquet discussion – **if interested in a Banquet then contact Shellie to let her know**
- League fees payable
 - ALL League fees are due in full. All supplies and schedules will be handed out. Any issues with funding, speak with Brandi via email brandinicole2431@yahoo.com
 - Pay in advance via EMT by April 24th to gtcsp1@yahoo.com – password to be 'slopitch'
 - A - \$2250 includes Builder and credit for some teams (2018 Opening tourney) (20 games)
 - B - \$2000 includes Builder (18 games)
 - C - \$2000 includes Builder (18 games)
 - D - \$1800 includes Builder (16 games)
 - E - \$1800 includes Builder (16 games)

Motions/Constitution & Rules of play changes

– we will continue to blend towards the SPO rulebook

-Schedule changes – the City requires 15 days notice for cancellation of diamonds. If this notice is not given, we pay. There are many requests and/or last minute cancellations.

Any changes that do not meet the 15 day requirement will be subject to additional costs as necessary.

Any changes made within 72 hours of scheduled game will incur a \$25 fee for administration charges.

VOTE -Opening tourney - change to Opening Weekend or leave as tourney?

Vote was to remain as full week tourney

2019 dates

- Season will start May 7th
- Tourney dates Monday **May 27th to June 2nd (Teams must inform Bruce by May 1st if not available to attend to avoid fines)**
- Closing Tourney dates September 23rd to 29th
- Bat testing at April 29th meeting-all bats tested before the season starts. **Any bats tested after April meetings will be at a cost of \$2 per bat**
- No bats will be tested between April 30th and May 10th

Future meetings –APRIL 29th -location LEGION