

MIDWEST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

MAAD Players' Council Meeting Minutes

56th Annual Men's, 33rd Annual Women's and 16th Annual Coeds Softball

John L. Buckmaster Memorial Regional Softball Tournament

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Hosted by Sioux Falls Association of the Deaf

Brookings, South Dakota

Meeting Called to Order

Tournament Director Greg Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm on June 19, 2014.

Roll Call of Players' Representatives:

Men's: CSD Blue Sox - James Johnson, Grenade Kingz - Michael Yarpe, Dakota Buckmaster - James Saunders, and Midwest Homeboyz - Leland Bellard

Coed's: Blue Storm - James Saunders, Keep Calm and Score Rednecks - Marnie Wilson, Midwest Maulers - Michelle Heathington, Worldventures/Team Mojo - Scotty Franz, Ruthless - Jenn Hume, and Midwest Underdogs - Candice Arteaga

Opening Statements:

Curt Anderson, Sioux Falls Association Club for the Deaf /MAAD Chairperson, encouraged team reps to insure players drink enough water to prevent heat illness.

Curt Anderson, then, welcome the team reps to Brookings, birthplace of John Buckmaster, and briefly explained how to get to the fields.

MAAD President Barb Nacarelli welcomed the team reps and wished them all good luck and to have fun.

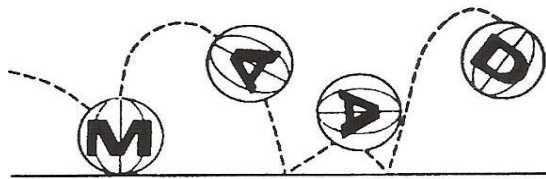
Head Official (Umpire)

UIC was unable to attend so Curt & Greg gave a brief overview of ASA rules.

- RR games will have 55 min or 7th inning; bracket games will have 75 min or 7th inn.
- ASA rules will be used.
- SD allows base stealing so the question was brought up to the men's team reps. After a brief discussion, men's team reps approved to allow base stealing only in games that uses two umpires.
- In COED games, ASA stated that outfielders must have 2 males/2 female players; same with infield. Pitcher and catcher must be of opposite sex.

Greg gave his Tournament Director's Report via PowerPoint.

1. Showed the history of number of men's, women's, and COED's teams since he became Tournament Director in 2003.
2. Informed team reps that as the result of recent Monkey Survey, the Softball Ad Hoc made some changes. Greg opened the floor for discussion and approval to implement the modified rules.
 - a. Players can play for two team. ACCEPTED



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- b. Number of free agents (remain same as NSAD with the exception of Metro St. Louis). ACCEPTED
- c. Can add more players during Players Council. ACCEPTED
- d. COED homerun limit to be at 5. REJECTED
 - i. COED team reps moved to have homerun limit at 2. Any homeruns after that becomes automatic double. CARRIED
3. Informed team reps of new changes approved by 2013 SB Players Council which will be in effect in this tournament.
 - a. No scorekeepers/stats for RR games.
 - b. Umpires
 - i. RR games – 1 umpire
 - ii. Bracket games
 1. Opening round and advancing rounds – 2 umpires
 2. Losers' bracket – 1 umpire
4. Roster reviews – all good!
5. Showed Friday's RR schedule. Games begin at 2:00 pm.
6. Showed Saturday's bracket. Games begin at 8:00 am.
 - a. Specifically showed that at 3:30 time slot, men and COED games will overlap so be warned and prepared. Reason for the overlapped games is the time factor which Curt and Greg discussed to insure that games end with ample daylight for presentation of awards and DNO.

New business:

1. CSD moved and was seconded that we do not provide statistics for softball games and no individual awards. CARRIED
2. CSD moved and was seconded that be one umpire in all softball games. CARRIED as amended.
 - a. Midwest Underdogs amended and was seconded that RR and bracket games to have 1 umpire until championship games which will have 2 umpires. CARRIED

Drawing of teams was completed on the Round Robin (RR) schedule. Greg reminded team representatives that the RR results will determine seedings for Saturday's tournament play.

1. Men's division – 4 teams
 - a. #1 CSD, #2 Midwest Homeboyz, #3 Dakota Buckmaster, #4 Grenade Kingz
2. COED's division – 6 teams
 - a. #1 Midwest Maulers, #2 Keep calm & Score Rednecks, #3 Ruthless, #4 Worldventures/Team Mojo, #5 Blue Storm, #6 Midwest Underdogs

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Meeting recorder – Christina Costello

Attached is the Players Council's Roll Call list.