

Eastern Pennsylvania Girls Softball League

League Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2025

Attendance: Sign-in sheet available and roll call taken, orgs missing: Bethlehem Steel, Forks Thunder & Tshp, Lehigh Tshp, Nazareth Blast, PA Outlaws, Plainfield Tshp, Pocono Predators, Pocono Pride, Salisbury.

*As per the Bylaws, all organizations are expected to have a representative of some sort at every general league meeting and will be assessed a fine when this doesn't happen.

Motion made to accept May minutes by Hokey, second by Catty; accepted.

All-Star Game

- June 28th, Tshirts and trophies handed out at the meeting.
- Game times: 9am is 10UD1 & D2, 12pm is 12UD2.
- Girls wear all their own pants, socks, belts, etc. from their uniforms, we provide shirt.

Umpires- none in attendance

- The 1½ hour time limit is not working well in general
 - Many coaches have talked with the umpires at their games and the majority said they didn't mind the 2 hour time limit and wouldn't mind going back to it.
 - Umps are often the ones not keeping the games moving- taking their time between innings, not keeping to correct number of warm-up pitches, etc.
 - Low number of innings played affects some of the present rules, such as minimum number of innings a girl must play. May need to make some changes.
 - Possible options to bring to umpires- 2 hour drop dead, 1 hr 45 min finish the inning.
- ONLY in 10UD2 can the umpire stand behind the pitcher if he wants to. No other level.
- We will try to require an umpire meeting, with all umpires in attendance, before the beginning of each season to go over our bylaws, changes, and possible problems.
- With the way new catcher's masks are designed, the hanging flap should not be necessary.

New Business:

- Due to the extreme rain conditions this season, getting games in continues to be difficult. If a playoff game is postponed, it should be played the next night. If it cannot, it should be played the very next. Games should not be put off for several days; this causes problems with later scheduling and championship deadlines. Even though playoff guidelines are for Mon-Thurs., games can be played on weekends.
- If coaches cannot agree on an issue, tell them to take it to their commissioner. If the commissioner does not know how to resolve the issue, or feel comfortable doing it, they should take it to the Board (email is best). Please use the Board when necessary; this is what they're there for.
- To re-iterate an item discussed previously, girls can play cross or up as specified in the bylaws where necessary during the regular season to fill in; but they must pick one team to play for during the entire playoffs. This continues to apply if the team they choose loses before the championships; they may not pick up playing with another team that is still in.
- Issue came up that an ump wanted to end a playoff game in a tie when the 90min. time limit was reached. This should not happen. If time limit is reached, the inning should be finished, and then if in a tie, regardless of inning number, the game continues under international tie-breaker rules.
- All players MUST HAVE face guards on their batting helmets when in the batter's box.
- Brian Filchner is retiring from the Board and from Northern Lehigh at the end of this season. Brian, we thank you so much for your years of working, coaching, and leading, and for your part in creating this new league. A new Board member will need to be voted in to fill his seat.
- We are still in need of a league Treasurer.
- Remember the new age rules are being instituted in the Fall season.

Motion to close the meeting made by Red, seconded by Hokey, meeting adjourned.

No July meeting; next meeting is the Fall Ball Meeting, Wednesday, August 6th, 7:30pm
No reps required, just the coach of every team playing