

Southwest Coaches League Fall Meeting Agenda
 September 21, 2022 7:00 PM
 Wisconsin River Side Resort

1. Roll Call – **All Communities Present with the exception of Bloomington, Prairie Du Chien, and Royall**

2. Report of Officers: **Reports given and approved as presented.**
 - a. Secretary: Dustin Myers
 - b. Treasurer: Whitney Runde

Beginning balance \$2988.55, Team fees added \$16200, expenses: medals/trophies \$1930.65, umps for tournaments \$5340, t-shirts \$1608.48 Total in checking \$9748.61.
 - c. Baseball VP: Brent Sheckler
 - d. Softball VP: Randy Hoffman
 - e. Webmaster: Dustin Myers
 - f. Commissioner: Quinn Schultz

3. Review of the 2022 Season

Baseball

3/4 Grade Baseball Champions



2022 5-6 Grade Baseball Champions



7/8 Grade Baseball Champions



Softball

2022 3-4 Grade Softball Champions



2022 5-6 Grade Softball Champions



2022 7-8 Grade Softball Champions



-For final standings and tournament brackets, please refer to the “Archive” section of the SWCL website

4. Election of Officers

- a. Commissioner - **Quinn Schultz nominated, approved unanimously**
- b. Webmaster – **Dustin Myers, nominated, approved unanimously**
- c. Secretary – **Lacey Hoffmann, nominated, approved unanimously**

5. SWCL League Process Going Forward (Starting in 2023) – **Communities must have number of teams and coach’s information by the Spring League Meeting on Wednesday April 5, 2023. Communities must provide a contact representatives to Randy Hoffman. This will be a single contact for each community. February 1st, an email will be sent out to the community contact to provide further information on the SWCL League requirements. The SWCL will not accept any teams after the adjournment of the Spring meeting on April 5th and if no coach contact information has been provided. The point of this is to allow the SWCL board to create schedules and coaches contact lists in a timely manner.**

All coaches will need to sign a “Coach’s Code of Conduct” form prior to coaching the 2023 season.

League rules will be provided prior start of the season and the coach must sign that they understand the rules.

Game time for leagues are 6PM and 7:30PM. If any changes need to be done, coaches will need to handle it individually with the opposing coach.

Player’s Rosters will be due on May 14th.

6. Rule Change Proposals

a. Softball

- i. **Removing “Batter must make an attempt to get out of the way of a pitch” for 5th through 8th Grade. - Passed**
- ii. **Home is closed for 5/6 Grade softball - Passed**
- iii. **7/8 grade (Tournament Only) WIAA Rules for pitching. - Passed**
- iv. **7/8 Grade – revert back to first 2 innings closed to 4 runs for regular season – Did not pass**
- v. **3/4 Grade softball first 3 innings limited to 4 runs per inning – Passed**
- vi. **5/6 Grade softball first 3 innings limited to 4 runs per inning – Did not pass**

vii. **15 Run rule after 3 innings, 10 runs after 5 Innings for all age levels.
– Passed**

viii. **Point of emphasis on communities adding a pitcher circle and batter's box.**

b. **Baseball**

i. **NO WALKS. If a pitcher throws 4 balls to a batter, it is not a walk. A coach from the batting team will come in to pitch to each batter with 4 balls. Called strikes count as well as swings. A batter CAN strike out. Batters hit by pitches from opposing pitcher do count. Batters are not rewarded a base when hit by a pitch thrown by a coach. Coach will pitch from the rubber. Max of 4 pitches from the coach unless foul ball. After the fourth pitch from coach, the batter will be out. If a player fouls off on the 4th Coach's pitch it will be treated like a foul ball on a second strike. The batter will be allowed another pitch. If the batter does not swing on the 4th pitch, the batter is out.
– Passed**

ii. **3/4 Grade Baseball, if the catcher throws a ball to a base, the runner an advance. However, home is closed so the runner cannot advance to home. Passed**

iii. **7/8 Grade Baseball – Portable Mounds can be used if both coaches agree to use them. Homemade mounds will not be allowed. – Passed**

iv. **5/6 Grade Baseball – Portable Mounds can be used if both coaches agree to use them. Homemade mounds will not be allowed. – Tie Vote did not pass**

v. **5/6 Grade Baseball – Home is closed – Passed**

vi. **5/6 Grade Baseball – Number of players allowed for the SWCL tournament on defense: 10 players (a team may start with 8 players but forfeits with less than 8 players). i. No out will be assessed for the 9th and 10th position of the batting order if a team only has 8 players. If you have at least 10 players in the dugout, you must play all 10. – Passed**

- vii. **7/8 Grade no re-entry for pitchers – Did not Pass**
- viii. **No re-entry for Pitcher’s 3rd through 6th Grade – Did not Pass**
- ix. **7/8 Grade 60 foot pitching, 90 foot bases – Did not pass**
- x. **3/4 Grade and 5/6 Grade Baseball go back to first 3 innings closed, 4 runs per inning. – Passed**

c. **Both Baseball and Softball**

i. **SWCL tournament dates:**

3/4 Grade baseball, 5/6 Grade Softball - July 10th – July 15th

7/8 Grade Baseball: July 6th or July 7th – July 15th

3/4 Grade Softball, 5/6 Grade Baseball, 7/8 Grade softball July 17th – July 22nd

Passed

ii. **All regular season games must be made up by the following:**

3/4, 5/6 Grade baseball, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8 Grade softball – The Wednesday Prior to the start of the SWCL Tournament.

7/8 Grade Baseball the Friday before the start of the SWCL Tournament

No vote

Dates for 2023:

3/4 Grade baseball, 5/6 Grade Softball - July 5th

7/8 Grade Baseball: June 30th

3/4 Grade Softball, 5/6 Grade Baseball, 7/8 Grade softball - July 12th

iii. **Communities can not host more than one SWCL tournament unless no other communities’ volunteer. - Passed**

7. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM

8. Proposed Spring Meeting: Wednesday April 5, 2023: 7 PM Location TBD