



LITTLE LEAGUE DELEGATES MEETING

1 August 2011

Department of Sports and Recreation

246 Vincent Street Leederville

CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE:

Little League:	David Hayes (District Administrator), Matt (Competitions Administrator), Alex Ironside (Umpires Co-ordinator), Caroline Adamson (Registrar)
Central	Michael Lange & Keith Lange (Sth Perth)
East	Russell Barnes (Morley), Matt Fisher (Perth)
North	Erika Mielens (North Coast), Craig Patison & Carol MacKenzie (WAN)
Peel	Lindsay Anderson (Peel)
South	Michael Hays (Cockburn), Mike Kennelly (Melville), Athena Fraser (Melville Districts)
Southern Hills	Lance Mackichan & Dawyne Hamilton (Forest Lakes), Dave Denver (Gosnells), Nicole Samuel (Kenwick)
Swan Hills	Dean Whisson & Bill Goddard (Eastern Hills), Marina Brennan (Swans Jnrs), Annaliese Arndt (Kalamunda)
Apologies:	Lincoln Rowe (North Murray), Tanya Takayama (Carine), Brendan Vance & Toby Peak (Cloverdale), Julie Scaramella (Willetton)

Meeting opened: 7:06pm

David Hayes thanked the clubs attending and introduced the Little League Committee. Matt Lamb – Competitions, Alex Ironside – umpires, Caroline Adamson – Registrar. Little League is now a completely separate Division from the Junior/Senior (Metro) Division.

2.0 Little League MyClub Database/Results – Caroline Adamson

- The new Little League MyClub database will be separated from the Junior/Senior Database. At the moment the new LL Database is not operational and Caroline will notify TCO's as soon as it is. Players who play LL and juniors must be registered in both databases. When the new LL Database is operational, a new drop down for membership in the Junior/Senior Database will be created. It will be called "LL Registered". This way a player will not be charged twice by the ABF.
- A new Score report for little league is now uploaded to the LLWA website. Please use this score report and not the junior report from last season. The new email address to send the LL score reports is LLscorereports@gmail.com and it is on the form. Please note that all little league forms are up on the LL website.
- Dispensation forms to play down in little league are also on the LL website. Please send paperwork to Caroline to collate and it will be forward to Matt Lamb to be completed.

3.0 Level 0 Umpires – Alex Ironside

- The idea for a green shirt program is to develop new umpires. Level 0 can be held for three years.

- Ideally like to run a Level 0 seminar for all clubs at the start of the season. There will be a clinic on October 1st at Maida Vale Reserve. It will run for about 5-6 hours to include theory and practical work. Clinic may start at 9.30-10am. As the 1st October is also the Grand Final for the Football, this may be changed but is dependent on field availability. Cost for Clinics is \$20.00 per person. This will be billed directly to the Clubs involved. Alex would like to have all clinics completed by Christmas so clubs will have umpires accredited for Championship/All-star games.
- Would like one person per team to attend clinic so they would have a rough idea on how to umpire.
- Teams have to provide one green shirt umpire for State Championships/All Stars.
- Alex is working on a Level 1 Accreditation directed specifically for little league. The program will need to be approved by the Umpires Association. Currently the level will be held unofficially.
- There is no minimum age for umpiring.
- The Charter presidents are to contact Alex to book the Clinic.

4.0 All-Star League information – Matt Lamb

- This competition will run similar to last year. Clubs to nominate teams. Nomination fee of \$100.00 per team is applicable. Competitions will depend on nominations from clubs. There is no requirement on charters to enter this competition.
- Competition will be run on Wednesday nights at Dale Districts and Saturday for Mirrabooka. Dale Districts has two diamonds and will run early and late games and Mirrabooka has more diamonds to work with.
- Please contact Matt (email) regarding preference on dates when the competition should start. The later the competition starts the less games may be scheduled. This competition must be finished by Christmas. The feedback from clubs was they play 6-7 qualifying games. Please discuss this subject with your club. LLWA will try and suit as many clubs as possible.

5.0 Club Websites – David Hayes

- The LLWA website (www.walittleleague.baseball.com.au) for the past three weeks has links to all LL clubs on its front page. After a quick check on the websites, it was found that some are up to date, some has not been updated for a few years, some not in use. It is encouraged that clubs use their websites to give themselves a more professional look when potential members are looking for information.
- Contact Caroline if you wish to acquire access to your clubs website. Training can be given by Ron Doorn or Caroline.

6.0 Little League Operations Manual – David Hayes

- The LL Operations Manual has been uploaded to the LLWA website. [Link](#). Please read to keep informed about changes made:
 - State Championships – Have implemented “B” Grade. There are enough teams to run a Development Shied. This will be a separate competition from State Championships.
 - Formalized Machine Pitch. This is club based and has a Championship Competition which clubs can enter. Clubs Apply to enter the Championship.
 - Squad size for State Championships is 14 and is implemented by the ABF. Machine Pitch or Development can have up to 14 players.
- Minor league (Machine Pitch) to be played during the week. This is to stop conflict with tee ball. Please let Dave Hayes know if your league is set up on a Saturday. Try not to run games to conflict with tee ball.
- The Little League Operations Manual document has been approved by the board.

7.0 Little League By-Laws – David Hayes

- The Little League By-Laws Document has been adopted by the board.

Discussion:

- Standardizing the speed of pitches for Machine pitch was not been resolved. It was recommended that the speed be discussed by clubs involved.
- Issue: Speed affects the distance for the ball to reach the plate. Decision was to stay with pitching machine at 42 feet from the plate and ball speed at 30mph.
- Base Umpire to operate the pitching machine. This leaves the Plate umpire free to make calls that are down the foul line.
- Major LL Pitcher's allowed – Minor, Substantial and Major assignments have been brought in line with the ABF rules.
- This document will be uploaded onto the LLWA website in the next few days. [Link](#)

8.0 Other Business

- David Hayes - Reminder that Monday 5 September is the Charter Nomination night meeting. Nomination for All-Stars is also on that form. Please ensure that your Team Nomination Forms has been sent in to Caroline.
- Caroline Adamson – have made scoring clinics available and directed specifically to Little League scorers. She will come out to clubs or charters to teach scorers. Just call or email llwareg@gmail.com to make a booking.
- Coaching accreditation – The ABF has posted a document regarding the changes to coaches and accreditation. It says that by 2013 coaches must hold their level 3 accreditation. Clubs think that this is not feasible for grassroots clubs. The Board will be made aware of this document and will update us when decisions are made (Actioned).
- Any coach participating in a national championship (such as the LL Nationals) will be required to adhere to the national policy at that time.

Being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:00pm

Next meeting: Monday 5 September 2011, 7:00pm @ Department of Sports and Recreation, 246 Vincent Street, Leederville, in the Conference Room.