



2021 COACHES MEETING NOTES

PURPOSE of MEETING

- ❖ INTENT IS TO MINIMIZE QUESTIONS OR ISSUES DURING REGULAR SEASON & TOURNAMENT PLAY

League Web Site - www.tricoleague.com

- ❖ The Most Important Link for coaches to access league information is “2021 LEAGUE INFO”. In that section there are additional links that include (but not all listed here)
 - Officers Contact
 - Tournament Schedule
 - Operating Rules
 - List of Town Representatives

 - Field Rules - It is CRITICAL THAT ALL COACHES READ THE FIELD RULES that cover league and regular season play In that section things that need to be focused on are highlighted in **YELLOW**. New rules adopted this year are in **LIGHT BLUE**.
 - As a coach it is your responsibility to read and UNDERSTANDING the RULES TO minimize issues during season.
 - If there are questions you have two week to contact me for clarification!

All links on web site will be updated by 5/11/21
Note: teams and coaches contacts are still 2019

RIGHT SIDE OF HOME PAGE are:

- ❖ SCHEDULE (pending) -Field Directions - List of Teams - Standings for each division as season progresses - See a specific team schedule = Coach Contact information
- ❖ NOTIFICATIONS will be posted ON HOME PAGE
- ❖ SHARE WITH PARENTS / PLAYERS!!

QUICK NOTES

- ❖ AT THE CURRENT TIME NO TOWN OR CITY IS REQUESTING WAIVERS TO BE SIGNED
- ❖ IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR CITY OR TOWN PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LET THE VISITING COACHES KNOW SO THEY CAN COMPLY WITH THOSE SOP's

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ❖ ROSTERS CAN BE UPDATED UNTIL 7/1/21
- ❖ SHADED GLASSES ARE ACCEPTABLE
- ❖ PORTABLE PITCHING MOUNDS ARE ALLOWED (BE READY - WAKEFIELD / WEST POINT - OTHERS?)
- ❖ SAFETY BASES ARE NOT REQUIRED
- ❖ POPUP BASES ARE NOT REQUIRED
- ❖ UNANNOUNCED **SUBSTITUTION** HANDOUT - linked on home web page
- ❖ **IMPROPER BATTER** HANDOUT - linked on home web page
- ❖ SLIDING HEAD FIRST IS ACCEPTABLE (EACH TEAM TO DECIDE FOR THEIR PLAYERS)

RULE CHANGES for **2021** - See link on home web page

TWO TIER LEAGUE TOURNAMENT FOR DIDGET and BRONCOS ONLY (Approved 2021)

GOLD (upper group)

- ❖ Host Towns for PONY AND DIDGET/BRONCO GOLD LEAGUE DIVISIONS

Didgets: Bancroft/Lyons

Broncos; Tekamah/Herman

Pony: Schuyler

- ❖ AWARDS FOR 1/2/3RD BECAUSE OF CONSOLATION (3RD PLACE GAME)

EXPLAIN BLUE TOURNAMENT PROCESS

- ❖ AWARDS FOR 1ST AND 2ND
 - ❖ HIGH SEED HOST GAMES FOR ENTIRE TOURNAMENT
- NO CHANGE TO TOURNAMENT FORMAT FOR PONY DIVISION

REPORTING SCORES

- ❖ Need to get better at doing - doing timely!!
- ❖ LIKE TO HAVE BY 2:00PM AT THE LATEST DAY AFTER THE GAME IS PLAYED
- ❖ IF SCORE IS NOT REPORTED IT WILL BE REPORTED TO YOUR TOWN REPRESENTATIVE TO GET THE INFORMATION
- ❖ NEED COMMUNICATION ON RAIN OUT GAMES - JUST AS IMPORTANT!
- ❖ WILL HOLD UPDATING STANDING UNTIL ALL SCORES ARE RECEIVED

METHODS ON HOW TO REPORT SCORES

1. TEXT 712-251-3293
2. EMAIL - VBMOMCHARGERS@YAHOO.COM OR RON1724.RTI@GMAIL.COM
3. CALL ME PERSONALLY - CELL 712-251-3293 (LEAVE MESSAGE - UP LATE)
 - a. NOTE: I WILL NOT ANSWER PHONE WHILE COACHING LEGION GAMES! WEDNESDAYS/FRIDAYS AND SOME SUNDAYS)
4. USE THE “ REPORT SCORE “ ON LEFT HAND SIDE OF HOE WEB PAGE UNDER BANNER WITH OTHER LINKS
5. I DO NOT HAVE A FAX

INFORMATION NEEDED BY AND SUBMITTED BY THE HOME TOWN FOR BOTH TEAMS - ITEMS REQUIRED

- ❖ PITCHERS INITIALS AND THEIR UNIFORM NUMBER (BOTH TEAMS)
- ❖ # OF INNINGS PITCHED BY ALL PITCHERS IN THE GAME FROM BOTH TEAMS
- ❖ 1 PITCH IS CONSIDERED AN INNING
- ❖ SCORE OF THE GAME
 - BOTH VISITOR AND HOME SCORE BOOKS ARE TO BE SIGNED BY A RESPONSIBLE OR DELEGATED INDIVIDUALS!

- EACH NEED TO SIGN BOTH BOOKS
- IF THERE IS A CONFLICT AND TH BOOKS ARE NOT SIGNED BY BOTH PARTIES THEN THE HOME BOOK WILL BE OFFICIAL BOOK

LEAGUE SCHEDULES

- ❖ MY EXCEL SPREADSHEETS WILL BE LINKED TO THE HOME PAGE HOPEFULLY BY THE EVENING OF 5/4 (these will then started to put onto the actual website schedule)
- ❖ THIS WILL HAPPEN AFTER THEY ARE DOULBLE CHECKED, FIELD LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED AND VERIFICATION OF REQUEST AND SPECIAL FIELD SITUATION
- ❖ RESCHEDULING (RAIN ONLY) AND SCHOOL EVENTS - WHILE SCHOOL IS IN SESSION (NO OTHER EXCEPTIONS)
- ❖ DEADLINE DATES TO MAKE UP GAMES ARE LISTED ON THE EXCEL SCHEDULES - DON'T WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE TO GET GAMES MADE UP
- ❖ THE SCHEDULES ARE LINKE TO LEAGUE HOME PAGE.
- ❖ SCHEDULING AS MANY OF YOU KNOW AND WAS EXPLAINED AT THE MEETING WAS DIFFICULT DUE TO A NUMBER TOWNS NOT FIELDING TEAMS THIS YEAR.
- ❖ THERE IS SOME INCREASE TRAVEL TIME but MADE EVERY ATTEMPT TO MINIMIZE
- ❖ IF THE FEW SITUATIONS WHERE TRAVEL TIME IS OF CONCERN - I WOULD RECOMMEND LOOKING FOR AN AGREED UPON NEUTRAL SITE. (Keep me posted if that is a decided method to get game in)

PONY COACH INFORMATION

- ❖ ALL STAR GAME IS SCHEDULE FOR 7/14/21 - Information for that event is in section of website mentioned earlier in this document
- ❖ SELECTION PROCESS IS UP TO EACH TOWN OR COACH
- ❖ YOU WILL SELECT TWO PLAYERS
- ❖ LEAGUE CHAMPION AND RUNNER COACHING STAFFS ARE ASKED TO MANAGE THE TEAMS
- ❖ I WILL REQUEST SELECTIONS AROUND MIDDLE OF JUNE
- ❖ THERE ARE 15 TEAMS THIS YEAR - SO A TEAM EACH WEEK WILL HAVE A BYE (10 GAMES)
- ❖ 4 TEAMS (PENDER-TEKAMAH-WEST POINT AND WISNER WILL HAVE 11 GAMES)
- ❖ OAKLAND GAMES ARE PLAYED AT CRAIG FIELD
- ❖ BANCROFT/LYONS GAMES ARE PLAYED IN LYONS
- ❖ ARLINGTON GAMES START @ 6PM (NO LIGHTS)

DIDGET / BRONCO COACH INFORMATION

THERE ARE 23 DIDGET TEAMS AND 20 BRONCO TEAMS THIS YEAR
THIS DIFFERENTIAL IN TEAMS CREATES A VARIETY OF SPEED BUMPS WHEN
PUTTING THIS TOGETHER

NOTES ABOUT DIDGET/BRONCO SCHEDULE

- ❖ THE THREE EXTRA DIDGET TEAMS WERE NOT CLOSE ENOUGH TO MARRY THEM TO TRAVEL TOGETHER AND SHARE HOME GAMES
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ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ❖ IN THE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF SEASON THE THREE EXTRA DIDGET TEAMS WILL DO A ROUND ROBIN
- ❖ STARTING WITH GAME 4 - EACH WEEK THERE WILL BE
- ❖ TEAMS THAT WILL BE SPLIT UP IN ORDER TO GET THE THREE EXTRA TEAMS GAMES
- ❖ THERE WILL ALSO BE A DIDGET TEAM WITH A BYE WHEN THE BRONCO TEAM PLAYS
- ❖ ON THE EXCEL SPREADSHEET THOSE TEAMS THAT FIT INTO THAT CATEGORY ARE LISTED ABOVE A SOLID BLACK LINE

GAMES BELOW LINE THE DIDGET / BRONCOS ARE TOGETHER

EXCEPTIONS:

- TWO WEST POINT BRONCO TEAMS WILL PLAY EACH OTHER ON ONE DATE
- ARLINGTON WHITE AND ARLINGTON MAROON DIDGET AND BRONCO TEAMS WILL NEED TO PLAY EACH OTHER

THE ELEVEN TEAMS WITH BYS GET THEIR EXTRA GAME BACK ON LAST DATE OF SEASON.

WISNER WILL HAVE TWELVE GAMES DUE TO THE ONE EXTRA TEAM NEEDING ANOTHER TEAM TO PLAY THEM

- ❖ **HOWELLS / DODGE FIELD LOCATION (IS STILL PENDING) - LOOK FOR UPDATE LATER ON EXCEL LINK AND SITE SCHEDULE**
- ❖ LOGAN VIEW GAMES ARE AT EITHER SCRIBNER OR UEHLING (SEE EXCEL) UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
- ❖ IF HOOPER FIELD BECOMES READY YOU WILL BE CONTACTED ABOUT CHANGE OF LOCATION

- ❖ SCHUYLER HOME GAMES - DIDGET AND BRONCO BOTH PLAY AT 6:00 (START TIME IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH APPROVAL OF LEAGUE PRESIDENT)

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

- ❖ FILLING OUT THE SCOREBOOKS AS NOTED IN FIELD RULES
- ❖ REVIEWING THE UMPIRES INFORMATION WITH UMPIRES PRIOR TO THE GAME (available on home page under "2021 UMPIRE INFO")
- ❖ Umpires Dressed (NO CUT OFF SHIRTS - TRY TO KEEP A GOOD IMAGE FOR YOURSELFS / LEAGUE AND PLAYERS)
- ❖ ATTEMPT TO PAINT - CHALK LINES TO OUTFIELD FENCE TO HELP UMPIRES WITH THOSE POTENTIAL CALLS

**IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE DIDGET
BRONCO EXCEL SCHEDULE PLEASE CONTACT ME.
I HAVE TRIED TO MAKE THEM AS EASY TO FOLLOW
AS POSSIBLE**

Thanks
Ron Williams, President