

# Notes from CRAIG

## BOARD MEETING AUGUST 5

Dear board members,

There were many items that we had to decide at yesterday's board meeting. Below are the decisions that we made and two proposals that we need to do an email vote. As mentioned before we would like to put this in our records and get this out to our managers as soon as we can so there will be a complete understanding of the rules for the seeding and playoffs. We can also put these into our rules so we do not have to do this next year.

Please read through this carefully. This last section is a review of our discussion that requires an email vote. After reading this section I ask you to respond to me in a written email saying that you approve proposal A or proposal B.

Thank you in advance for all your time last night putting this together.

### Items the board decided on

1. The two and three team or more tiebreaker was approved by the board.
2. A 3:20 start time for the first game was approved by the board.
3. A proposal was brought up by one member to allow subs in the playoffs. After discussion that proposal was voted down 4 to 0.
4. If postponements push back the final game to Thursday, August 29 then the two final teams can agree to play a double header that day to avoid playing Friday if the team in the loser bracket wins and forces the if necessary game. This decision **MUST** be made sometime prior to the start of the first game and be agreed upon by both managers. If no agreement is made then the if necessary game would be played Friday,

### Proposal to vote on

Below are the two proposals we as a board need to vote on. The driving reason for this is two fold. First and foremost is that all playoff game be played to their conclusion. No playoff game should ever end by the umpire stating "time is up, game over" and teams walking off the field in the middle of an inning to end a game. Second, the board wants to prevent any possibility that stalling could occur to prevent the game from have a natural ending. Stalling tactics have no place in our league.

Please read these proposals carefully and respond by email that you vote for proposal A or proposal B.

#### Proposal A,

All playoff games will still be one hour long. At the end of one hour of play the umpire will state " We will finish this inning and the next inning will be the open inning". The first pitch of the top of an and inning determines the time an inning begins. By starting the first game 10 minutes early there will be extra time to finish the open inning. Also there are five extra minutes of dead time between the two games to finish the open inning. The score that stands at the end of the open inning will be the final score. There is a possibility that in a high scoring game the 60 min could run out in the fifth inning. In this case the open inning would be the sixth inning. With no stalling tactics, 10 min earlier start, and cooperation from the teams playing next there still could be enough time for an 8th or 9th inning to be played if needed. If the game is still tied and the game has to continue and time on the field has run out then the game will be continued the next day.

The benefit of this proposal is that we are a league that has field time restrictions. The first two rounds are double headers and on some dates there are other leagues that play after us. If there is a high scoring game and the open inning is the sixth inning the game will still be able to finish with each team getting equal at bats. Stalling tactics will have no factor as each full inning will be completed.

The down side of this proposal is that there are players who feel that all games should be played to a full seven innings and in the case of the opening inning being the sixth inning that may not occur unless there was time left for a second extra open inning.

#### Proposal B,

All playoff games should be played to seven innings. Both teams play with the expectation that the game will be played to its seven inning conclusion. The seventh inning would be the open inning. If there is still time on the field clock and the game is tied then an 8th or more innings could be played. In the event of a high scoring game the game clock could run out at 5 innings at which time the umpire would say " We will finish this inning and the next inning is the open inning". If there is still field time then the teams would play their seventh inning, another open inning. There is a possibility that there could be two open innings including the seventh inning. With no stalling tactics, 10 min earlier start time for the first game and cooperation from the teams that play after us there is a good possibility that we finish the seven innings.

The benefit of this plan is that every playoff game would be played to a full seven innings unless extra innings are needed. By starting the first game 10 minutes earlier the it increases the probability of the full seven innings being played.

The down side of this plan is that in a high scoring game there would be a possibility that field time could run out and the game could have only finished six innings and it would have to be finished the next day even if the score was not tied and each

team batted six times. Also a team could win a game in their second open inning. Also this proposal would increase the possibility of stalling tactics being used.

Note: The Championship Game and If Necessary Game will be a full seven inning game. This is a format that most all tournaments use. This should work for us because these will be single games.