

Senior Softball Board Meeting 1/14/24

Commissioner Tom Polston called the Board to Emergency Session on Sunday January 14, 2024 at 8 AM in the social room of the Admiralty Condominium.

Present: Ed Caster, Craig Cunningham, Mitch Eil, Gary Grefer, Tim McKenna, Bill Moors, Tom Polston, Bill Thompson, Randy Wesolowski.

Absent: John Toti

Forfeiture of game on January 12, 2024

Commissioner Polston led a long discussion, centering on the occurrence of an infraction of a Pitcher Safety equipment rule in the Brewery-Stonewalls game on Friday January 12. The incident was immediately preceded by an extended, worrisome medical delay. The infraction resulted in a forfeiture of the game. As a result of the Board discussion of the entire incident three options emerged.

1. As per the Local rules, allow the forfeiture to stand.
2. The Board to overrule the forfeiture and allow play to continue from the top of the 7th inning where the infraction occurred.
3. The Board to override the forfeiture and replay the game in its entirety.

Motion: Craig Cunningham, Seconded, Bill Thompson.

Override the forfeiture of the Brewery- Stonewalls game on January 12, 2024 and replay the entire game.

Motion Passed 7-2

For: Caster, Cunningham, Eil, Grefer, McKenna, Polston, Thompson.

Against: Moors, Wesolowski. (Both of whom supported Option 2 above instead)

Concerning the penalty for pitcher not using mandated protective equipment and modification of previous local rule.

The Board met this morning to reconsider the consequences for a pitcher delivering a pitch without a Face Mask and Chest Protector. By a unanimous vote the Board is immediately revising the rule for non-compliance by a pitcher as follows:

Motion: Gary Grefer, Seconded Tim McKenna.

"If a pitch is thrown by a Pitcher without a Face Mask and Chest Protector the player will be ejected from the game and his times at bat following the ejection for that game will be scored as an out. Following our established ejection rules, the player will be suspended for the next scheduled game."

Passed: Unanimously

We, as a Board feel that there is no issue with the implementation of the Pitcher Safety Rule concerning Masks and Chest Protectors. We have however reviewed the issue of non-compliance and feel that these revised consequences are more appropriate for our League.

A pitcher wearing his Mask and Chest Protector to the mound should become a routine, just like wearing your glove in the field or taking your bat to home plate. All teammates, opposing players, umpires, fans, and booth volunteers have the ability and duty to remind a pitcher prior to an inning who may step out on the mound without their safety gear. The non-compliance part of the Pitcher Safety Rules will be applied only after a pitch has been made within an official at bat.

Game Changer notes.

The system is performing well with the exception live streaming which will be temporarily discontinued until technical difficulties are solved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 am

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Moors
Ed Caster.