



CBSL

Colchester Baseball & Softball League

April 8, 2014 – 8:00

PM - General Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

Minutes of Last Meeting: Will be posted on our website: www.cbsl.org

Treasurer's Report:

Membership Information:

- **Field Status:** Fields are scheduled to be open on April 9th. Field closures are announced by 3pm during weekdays, and as early as possible for weekends. Status of fields is communicated via the website and through division coordinators. CBSL will again employ the field status system; where each field will be listed as Open, Rain 1, Rain 2, Rain 3, Infield closed/Outfield open, and Closed. Do NOT play or practice on a field that is not open.
 - Any indication of lightening in the area requires coaches / officials to clear the field; sending all youth participants to a vehicle if possible. Do not remain in the dugouts.
- **Weather-Related Field Prep:** Never roll water into the grass; doing this creates 'lips' on the infield and outfield. Spread the water evenly throughout the infield. Use drying agent sparingly. General rule: if more than ½ bags – 1 bag is needed, the field is too wet to play. Always rake the infield, or scratch the infield surface before applying drying agent. Never play on fields with standing water, mud or grass that feels 'spongy' to walk on. After games, fill in all ruts in the batters boxes, holes on the pitcher's mound and any dug out areas in the infield before leaving the field. Remember to put all rakes and rollers back in the shed that you took them from.
- **Division Updates:**
 - Some divisions will engage in interleague play to some degree for the regular season.
 - All division teams except T-ball and Sr. Baseball have been formulated and are actively practicing.
 - T-ball: Teams are created; managers will be communicating out this week to teams; coach training to be scheduled for next week.
 - Sr. BB – Teams will be comprised of 13-16 year olds (with age related playing rules) and participate in District 11 Sr. Baseball division for 2014.

Reminders:

- **Approved Volunteer Status:** All managers, coaches and parent volunteers are required to be approved through the Little League mandated First Advantage background screening system. LL is monitoring and auditing all leagues with substantial penalties for leagues that are not fully compliant.
- **CBSL Field/Dugout/Batting Cage Regulations for 2014 Season:**
 - Managers and coaches are required to groom the fields before and after games. The field needs to be groomed after the final game of the night by staffs/volunteers from **both** teams.
 - No sunflower (or similar) seeds permitted in dugouts or on fields!
 - Removal of all cups, bottles, and other debris from dugout before leaving the field.
 - Last game of each day; quick sweep of the dugout floors to help maintain dugouts.
 - No on-deck batters permitted, unless behind fencing (where applicable)
 - Where available, only 1 on-deck batter allowed.

2014 Important Dates

- 5/9 – CBSL Trivia Night – St. Joseph's Polish Club – 7:00 pm
- 5/10 – CBSL Picture day – schedule will be available in coming weeks.

- 5/31 - CBSL Day at the New Britain Rock Cats vs. the Binghamton Mets (NY Mets AA affiliate) – 6:35pm start. Tickets available now; please see Chris Ferrante for details.

Adjourn Main Meeting – break into division meetings as needed

Next Meeting -- Tuesday, May 13th, 2014 @ 8:00pm - Polish Club
League Website - www.cbsl.org