

Region 3C Meeting Minutes
April 30th 2019 – Czech'ers Bar & Grill

NOTE: Changes have been made to some region rules and the bracket format from 2018. Please review in detail. Specifically see game dates and times and the forfeit rules. As they were altered in an attempt to increase region attendance and give players and fans opportunities to attend more games. As stated before, region attendance is a factor in determining the number of bids awarded to individual regions for the state tournament.

Meeting called to order by Region 3 Commissioner Sean O'Neill at 7:30pm.
Present was Mike Sticha President of the DRS.

ADMISSION COSTS: \$5.00 for adults 18 and above. \$2.00 for students 13 to 17 and students 12 and under are free. Ticket takers are to be provided by the home team through the fifth inning. The number of ticket takers depends on the number of entrances for the fans. Two ticket takers per entrance are required. Two different numbered tickets are to be used - one for adults and one for students. Home team must provide a Public Address Announcer.

HOST SITE: Regional Form #2 should be filled out and signed by the home team. Gate receipts are to be verified with the Region representative at each game. Each game needs to have a Region representative at the games. The receipts and forms will be turned in to Sean O'Neill at the conclusion of the play-offs.

REGION EXPENSES: The umpires are to be paid from the region gate receipts. If the gate receipts do not cover the umpire fees, the home team must make up the difference. The home team is responsible for baseballs and field expenses.

UMPIRES: Two umpires are needed for the region games. \$200 for two umpires. The region commissioner will secure and schedule umpires. Winning teams need to contact Sean O'Neill with the results. Sean's cell number is 612-581-8481.

RAINOUTS: Home team must notify the umpires, visiting team and commissioner at least two hours prior to the game, if there is a rainout. Provide more lead time if known. This should be done by a phone call. Because of some of the unknowns in this format all teams should be available to play any day of the week to ensure its completion by August 11th. The contact for Northwest Umpires is Secretary, Jeff Schmit. His phone number is 612-418-5997.

REGION FORMAT: The format will be attached to these minutes.

REGION DATES: Region play will begin on July 28th and must be concluded by August 11th.

REMINDER: Before starting playoffs check your roster and designate "inactive" any player that did not meet the four-game requirement.

GAME START TIMES: All evening games will start at 7:30pm unless both teams and the commissioner mutually agree to an 8:00pm start. The home team must notify the commissioner so that the umpires can be notified. Day games will start at 1pm or 4pm. See attached region bracket for specific dates. If a game 15 is necessary, it will be played August 11th at 1pm. No inning will start after 5pm if a game 15 is played. In the event of a tie the highest seeded team in each game will be given the high seed for the state tournament. If the games for seeding are rained out the seeds will be determined by the ranking given at the start of the Region. If Montgomery is one of the top four seeds, they will be allowed to have a start time of 5pm on July 28th because of their community celebration. If they are not a top four seed, they would play per the bracket on July 28th.

FORFEITS: If a team forfeits a game in the regions, they will also forfeit any remaining games and are thus out of the tournament. All region shares earned by that team are thus forfeited as well and will be spread out among the other teams. Players from the forfeiting team are still eligible to be drafted. The bracket will continue to play out as drafted. Umpire costs will also be charged to the forfeiting team, if the forfeit is a game time decision or umpires cannot be notified in time. All other DRS League forfeit rules will apply to the forfeiting team.

DRAFTING: The four teams advancing to the state will be allowed to draft three pitchers from the region teams and non-region teams that did not advance to the state tournament. The draft will be held immediately after Game 14 or Game 15, if necessary. A list of available players for the draft will be given to the four teams going to state. Teams can only draft from this list. Managers from seeds three and four must be present for this draft or designate their team representative to the commissioner 24 hours before to the scheduled start of Game 14. This representative must be approved by the commissioner. All teams are encouraged to draft three pitchers for state tournament play. Drafting is done for the good of the DRS and promotion of baseball in general.

PREGAME: Visitor batting practice begins 55 minutes before scheduled start of game.
Infield for home team begins 25 minutes before scheduled start.
Infield for visiting team begins 15 minutes before scheduled start.
Ground Rules are to take place 5 minutes before scheduled start.
Lineup cards should be exchanged between teams.
Written copies of ground rules are to be posted in dugouts and given to region representatives during ground rules.

EJECTION POLICY: DRS ejection policy to be followed in region play-offs.

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