



LSC SOFTBALL COACHES MEETING

Monday, June 17, 2013, Courtyard Marriott, Allen, Texas

Those participating were:

Angelo State: Travis Scott; Cameron: Rodney DeLong; Eastern New Mexico: Kristen Schmidt, Rachel Johnson; Midwestern State: Brady Tigert; Tarleton State: Julie Mata, Mark Cumpian; Texas A&M-Commerce: Judy Sackfield; Texas A&M-Kingsville: Ricki Rothbauer; Texas Woman's: Chales Connors (liaison); West Texas A&M: Kevin Blaskowski (chair); LSC Office: Stan Wagon, Melanie Robotham, Casey Lane.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**: The following officers were approved, effective immediately and through the 2014-15 academic year:
 - Chair: Kevin Blaskowski, West Texas A&M **Passed unanimously.**
 - Vice-Chair: Brady Tigert, Midwestern State. **Passed unanimously.**
2. **2014 LSC SHOWCASE**: Consensus was to distribute RFP for the LSC Showcase (March 13-16) with bids due August 1, 2013 in order to determine site by September 2013. The showcase will be played over four days with each team playing six games (1-2-2-1 format for each team). Site requirements include two fields with lights and warm-up areas.
3. **2014 LSC POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT SITE**: It was moved (ASU) and seconded (MSU) to distribute RFP for the LSC Postseason Tournament (May 2-3) with bids due August 1, 2013 in order to determine site by September 2013. Requirements include an on-campus site with lights; banquet on Thursday; games 1-4 Friday at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; and championship game Saturday at 2 p.m. If the host institution is the No. 1 or No. 2 seed, they may alter order of games to ensure playing at either 4 or 6:30 PM if desired. **Passed unanimously.**
4. **LSC SOFTBALL OPERATING CODE REVISIONS**: Consensus agreement and/or individual voting led to the following recommendations:
 - a. **PLAYING FORMAT (#3)**: Each team will play a single round-robin schedule with four (4) games against each Conference opponent. This will be accomplished by playing schedule partners in doubleheaders at split sites, and all other opponents in a 3-game series plus one game at the LSC Showcase. Each series shall consist of a doubleheader one day and single game the other day. All Conference softball games shall be played on a field designated as the "home site" of the host institution and shall not be changed unless approved by the Commissioner. A series may not be split between sites of the participating teams (home/away), except for the scheduled doubleheader split series among schedule partners.
 - i. **LSC SHOWCASE**: Each team will play six games against all opponents except its schedule partner, with one game Thursday, two games Friday, two games Saturday and one game Sunday.
 - b. **WEATHER/TRAVEL POLICY (#4 Add)**: LSC Showcase games will not be made up.
 - c. **INTERNATIONAL TIEBREAKER RULE (#9)**: The international tiebreaker rule will be used in regular season conference competition, beginning in the top of the 10th inning.
 - d. **DETERMINATION OF HOME TEAM (#16)**: It was moved (ASU) and seconded (WT) that the higher seed will be the home team at the postseason tournament for all games. The visiting team will choose uniform colors for all games. **Passed unanimously.**
 - e. **PARTICIPANTS (#19)**: Travel squad size shall be limited by NCAA squad size rules. Teams shall submit squad list using NCAA form at postseason tournament banquet.
 - f. **INTERNATIONAL TIEBREAKER RULE (Add)**: It was moved (ASU) and seconded (WT) to clarify that the international tiebreaker rule shall not be used in the postseason tournament. **Passed unanimously.**

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5. **ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM:** It was moved (WT) to add that the all-tournament team will be announced following the championship game and both teams shall stay on the field for presentation. **Failed for lack of second.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. **UMPIRES:** LSC softball officiating supervisor Dora Martinez provided a recap of the season and an overview of the officiating program. She shared the success of LSC umpires advancing to postseason including 15 at Division II regionals, nine at super regionals and three at nationals. Martinez requested help with evaluations, Arbiter, and to submit schedules as soon as possible. She continues to work with LSC schools in their areas to develop umpires.
7. **2015 LSC SCHEDULE:** Discussion on schedule options and number of conference games. Consensus was to table until conference call in September 2013.
8. **NCAA DIVISION II SOFTBALL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Discussion on softball national and regional committee. League has an open spot on the regional advisory committee that will be appointed August 1.
9. **BAT TESTING PROPOSAL:** Kevin Blaskowski (WTAMU) proposed that LSC purchase a NCAA bat testing machine (www.batcompression.com) for conference use to test bats once during season (at LSC Showcase) and at postseason tournament. The equipment costs \$800. Discussion ensued regarding who would test the bats and timing of the testing.
10. **DISCUSSION:** Kevin Blaskowski (WTAMU) led a discussion on clarifying authorized personnel in dugout/team area in accordance with NCAA rulebook definition, as well as defining team areas.
11. **FUTURE MEETING DATE:** Consensus agreement was to set date for the next meeting on all-conference call at end of regular season in order to align with recruiting tournament in the DFW area.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Robotham