

MINUTES  
ATHLETIC COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025  
10:00AM DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

1. Call to Order 10:00 A.M.  
Department Chairman Emmons opened the meeting of the Department Athletic Committee at 10:00 A.M.
2. The colors were saluted
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Baseball Code of Conduct  
All present recited the Baseball Code of Conduct.
5. Roll Call: Christie White, Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

**Members present:**

Chris Emmons, Department Athletic Chairman- PRESENT  
Marv Shamhart, Asst Athletic Chairman- PRESENT  
Phil Lightfoot, Junior Baseball Director- PRESENT  
Bryce Agner, Region 1 Baseball Director- PRESENT  
Mel Cantrell, Region 2 Baseball Director- PRESENT  
Bret Mavis, Region 3 Baseball Director- PRESENT  
Jeff Vrabel Jr, Region 4 Baseball Director- PRESENT  
Regis Kern, Region 4 Baseball Director- EXCUSED  
VACANT, District 1 Baseball Chair- VACANT  
Bill Lonsbury, District 2 Baseball Chair- EXCUSED  
Gaylen Blosser, District 3 Baseball Chair- NOT PRESENT  
Jerry Wilson, District 4 Baseball Chair- NOT PRESENT  
Mike Nye, District 5 Baseball Chair- PRESENT  
William Little, District 6 Baseball Chair- NOT PRESENT  
VACANT, District 7 Baseball Chair- VACANT  
VACANT, District 8 Baseball Chair- VACANT  
VACANT, District 9 Baseball Chair- VACANT  
BJ Long, District 10 Baseball Chair- PRESENT  
Doug Wainwright, District 11 Baseball Chair- PRESENT  
Michael Higgins, District 12 Baseball Chair- PRESENT  
VACANT, District 13 Baseball Chair- VACANT  
VACANT, District 14 Baseball Chair- VACANT

**Guests Present:**

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator  
Bob Mason, District 5 Commander

6. Reading of previous minutes- Phil Lightfoot, Junior Baseball Director moved, seconded by Bryce Agner, Region 1 Baseball Director to accept the minutes from the previous Athletic Committee Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED**

7. Ohio Baseball 2025 Rulebook Review-

The committee will review the rulebook during the day and have suggested changes before the day is over. The only major change was the rule change.

Page 10- Districts and Regions need changed.

- District 1- Region 1
- District 2- Region 2
- District 3- Region 2
- District 4- Region 3
- District 5- Region 1
- District 6- Region 2
- District 7- Region 3
- District 8- Region 3
- District 9- Region 4
- District 10- Region 4
- District 11- Region 4
- District 12- Region 2
- District 13- Region 4
- District 14- Region 4

8. Junior and Senior Tournaments

- a. Junior- July 17-20. Thursday-Sunday
- b. Senior- July 25-28 Friday-Monday

Junior State Tournament- Just like Senior Tournament. Teams will be staying in hotels. Need help Thursday and Friday. Department Coordinator will be at the Tournament because of hotels, and hopefully setting up Emblem Sales. SAL will set up a table, and Chairman Emmons suggested they do a 50/50 at the Junior Tournament as well. Jeff Vrabel Jr will throw out the first pitch. Thursday Games- 10:30AM, 1:00PM, 3:30PM, 6:00PM. Friday Games- 9:00AM, 11:30AM, 2:00PM, 4:30PM. Saturday Games- 9:00AM, 11:30AM, 2:00PM. Sunday Games- 10:00AM, and if necessary games will be 30 min after the end of the first.

9. Team Fees

- a. Junior- \$500.00
- b. Senior- \$600.00

Committee thanks Bryce for creating the new brackets.

10. Regional Tournament Dates- August 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

11. Background Check & Abuse Awareness Training. EVERYONE needs to do this!

12. National Updates. None at this time.

### 13. New Business

- a. Bracket Draw- will draw for Junior and Senior Brackets at 1:00PM coaches/managers meeting.
- b. Regional Junior Tournament in Maryland- make sure to talk to your Junior Teams and let them know the opportunity is there, and that the Junior Tournament Winner will be sent. Make sure they can go.

### 14. Unfinished Business

- a. Super Regional Locations- Junior
  - i. Region 1- Best of 3. 1 game at North Baltimore, 1 game Bettsville, 3<sup>rd</sup> game- field selection based on runs.
  - ii. Region 2- East and West- 3 team brackets. East vs West Tournament - June 30<sup>th</sup> at Sidney High School.
  - iii. Region 3- July 10<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup>. Chillicothe VA Stadium.
  - iv. Region 4- July 9<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup>. Fort Fry.
- b. Super Regional Locations- Senior
  - i. Region 1- July 16<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup>. Findlay High School.
  - ii. Region 2- July 13<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>. Bellefontaine High School.
  - iii. Region 3- July 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Chillicothe VA Stadium.
  - iv. Region 4- July 16<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>. St. Clairsville.

Baseballs will be provided to each Region Director once they are received by Department.

- c. Increasing Registration Fees- \$100. Money is coming from SAL so the fees will not be increased this year.
- d. Proclamations. Christie White, Department Coordinator is getting one from the Governor for the Junior and Senior Tournaments.
- e. Community Fun Day- Former Legion/MLB Players. Christie White, Department Coordinator, asked each Director to contact former MLB players and/or compile a list so we can send them an invite. Community Fun Day should be exactly the same from last year, if not better. Community fun Day should start at 10:00AM.
- f. Bat Raffle Tickets- each team that makes it into the 6-team bracket, will receive a bat. The 2 leftover bats will be raffled. \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Drawing will be between 5:00PM and 7:30PM on Friday of Senior State Tournament Game. [Brad@mdsbaseballbats.com](mailto:Brad@mdsbaseballbats.com) is who made them.

Department Chairman Emmons reminded everyone that Marv is the Asst. Chairman.

New 100 Year patches are now on the National Website.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pins were discussed. Custom Ohio 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Baseball pins- Die struck soft enamel pins, 500, are \$2,487.50.

Bret Mavis, Region 3 Director motioned, seconded by Mel Cantrell, Region 2 Director, for Department to purchase 500 pins and Department can purchase an additional 500 pins if the original 500 are all sold.

**MOTION PASSED**

### 15. Salute the Colors

### 16. Adjourned until Coaches/Managers Meeting at 11:34AM

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Call to Order 1:00 P.M.

Department Chairman Emmons opened the meeting of the Coaches/Managers at 1:00 P.M.

The colors were saluted

Pledge of Allegiance

Baseball Code of Conduct

Phil Lightfoot, Junior Tournament Director lead those present in reciting the Baseball Code of Conduct.

Roll Call: Christie White, Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

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## Teams Present:

Napoleon  
Findlay  
Greenville  
Utica  
Zanesville  
Cambridge  
Columbus  
Wayne County  
Post 129  
Post 64  
Post 532  
Harrison  
Beverly/Lowell  
Sidney  
Pemberville  
Lancaster

Major changes this year were the Regions. They are now split into 4. Page 10 needs changed.

### Junior Tournament Bracket

Game 1- Region 3  
Region 4

Game 2- Region 1  
Region 2

### Runner up Games-

1<sup>st</sup> play in Game- Region 1 and Region 2

2<sup>nd</sup> play in Game- Region 3 and Region 4

### Senior Tournament Bracket

Game 1- Region 4  
Region 2

Game 2- Region 1  
Region 3

### Runner up Games-

1<sup>st</sup> play in game- Region 1 and Region 3

2<sup>nd</sup> play in game- Region 2 and Region 4

Now Home or visitor on the bracket. Teams will flip for everything at the tournament.

Rules changes, dates, and fees were discussed.

Donation gate fees were discussed also. We will add people at the gate for donations when they walk in.

Salute the Colors

Adjourned until Coaches/Managers Meeting at 1:42PM