

GSBL Advisory Committee Agenda

Welcome/Intro MYAS Staff

- Lance Klinkhammer & Bobby Strickland
- Purpose of GSBL Advisory Committee – Assist in guiding policies & procedures relative to GSBL

2021 in Review

- Back to normal! – Summer baseball without restriction in 2021 was great to see
- 435 teams originating from 65 associations participated
- 42 GSBL Champions crowned
- Play Ball Championship – STMA 14AAA & Centennial 15AAA represented GSBL @ Target Field on Sept. 2nd

Items to Address for 2022

- Umpire challenges (10 mins - 5 mins to explain, 5 mins of discussion)
 - MYAS hired new Director of Officiating – Tony Schrepfer & Asst. Director of Officiating – Carolyn Derksen
 - Through Tony & Carolyn, MYAS plans on assisting Associations with resources/initiatives for recruitment of umpires in addition to umpire training assistance
 - We NEED associations to actively work locally to recruit umpires. While GSBL would love to provide the service of staffing umpires through our third-party Assignors, based on the current environment and shortage of umps, we believe it is very important for all associations to start working on recruiting and training umpires to work directly with their local association. Through our Directors of Officiating, we will assist in that process
 - Suggestion: Require a role/position for each team to staff an individual with umpire training/experience. MYAS could provide training options in the offseason for associations to send individuals that take on the role. This would be done free of charge as a service through GSBL
 - Questions/Comments?
- Team Classification – 2020 year created difficulties in classification (2 mins to explain, 3 mins of discussion)
 - Full 2021 Baseball season should help resolve competitive disparities
 - 9U – GSBL & GSTC will offer AAA & AA class levels for 2022
 - Questions/Comments?
- Playoffs (5 mins to explain, 5 mins of discussion)
 - Competing philosophies on playoffs, feedback has been variable
 - GSBL likely to limit playoff Tiers to a maximum of 8 teams, create additional Tiers.
 - Too many playoff matchups in brackets with over 8 teams - conflicts with State Tournaments on weekends in July has caused issues scheduling playoff games
 - Brevity in playoff brackets provides the ability to move the end of the regular season date to a later date as playoffs would not need to start until the week of July 11th, which avoids any complications surrounding the 4th of July holiday weekend.
 - GSBL likely moving away from dedicated Championship dates/locations, Home team would host Championship matchup – This already happened a few times in 2020.

- Reasons for eliminating dedicated Champ dates/locations
 - Sets a deadline which may be too early or too late for teams based on playoff bracket advancement
 - Potential weather issues
 - 2021 saw a number of Champ games played on alternate dates for numerous reasons
 - Reduces the burden on teams to schedule multiple playoff games in a week, i.e. Not all teams are willing/able to play multiple playoff games in a week
- Overall goal is to keep playoffs as a part of GSBL but reduce the difficulty of scheduling and shorten the timeline of when playoff games will take place.
- Questions/Comments?
- Time Limits for League Games – Proposed by a few coaches (2 mins to explain)
 - Could be different from tournament time limits – goal would be to create reasonable time limit, i.e. does not have to be 1 hour 45 minutes, could be 2 hours 15, etc.
 - Questions/Comments?
- Bat Standards (1 min) – Briefly touch on the fact that our standards will not be changing for 2022
 - Questions/Comments?
- Open discussion (5-10 mins)