

Region 3C Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2021 – Online

Meeting called to order by Region 3 Commissioner Sean O’Neill at 7:30pm.
Also 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. 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 total 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 224-817-3091.

RAINOUTS: The 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 15th. The contact for Northwest Umpires is John Gerads. His phone number is 952-393-1235. The email is johngerads@gmail.com, for John.

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

REGION DATES: Region play will begin on August 8th and must be concluded by August 15th.

REMINDER: Before starting playoffs check your roster and designate “inactive” any player that did not meet the four-game requirement or was not grandfathered in from your 2020 play-off roster.

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 on

Sunday the 8th – barring a weather event. Game 11 will begin at 2pm. Game 12 will begin at 1pm. See attached region bracket for specific dates and times. No inning will start after 5pm for Game 12. 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 Region play.

FORFEITS: If a team forfeits a game in the regions, they will also forfeit any remaining games and are thus out of the tournament. This would address a lack of players or not showing up for their game. 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 created. 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.

COVID-19 FORFEIT: If a team has to forfeit a game and that game does not eliminate them from the double elimination tournament, they would still be eligible to compete in the tournament after having served their quarantine. For example, one of the top 5 seeds only has to miss the opening round game of the tournament. They would still be eligible to come back in the loser's bracket. As long as they satisfied quarantine requirements by the date of their second game.

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 12, or that day if it is rained out. 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 the scheduled start of Game 12. 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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