



TAGS 2011 Coaches' Meeting

Introduction

- ▶ Board Members
 - ▶ [TAGS Website](#)
 - ▶ Registration Numbers
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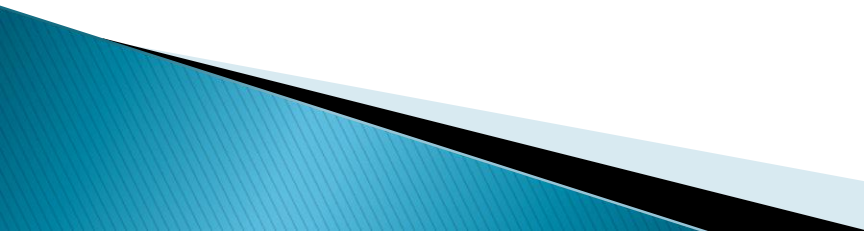
New Age Group Configuration

- ▶ A → Ages 13 – 15
 - 7 Teams
 - Games at NMC and Traverse Heights Field 4
- ▶ B → Ages 11 & 12
 - 7 Teams
 - Games at at Oak Park
- ▶ C → Ages 9 & 10
 - 8Teams
 - Games on Fields 2 & 3 at Traverse Heights.
- ▶ D → Ages 6 – 8
 - 10 teams
 - Games are played on Fields 1 and 5 at Traverse Heights

Rules Specific to Leagues

- ▶ A League
 - ▶ B League
 - ▶ C League
 - ▶ D League
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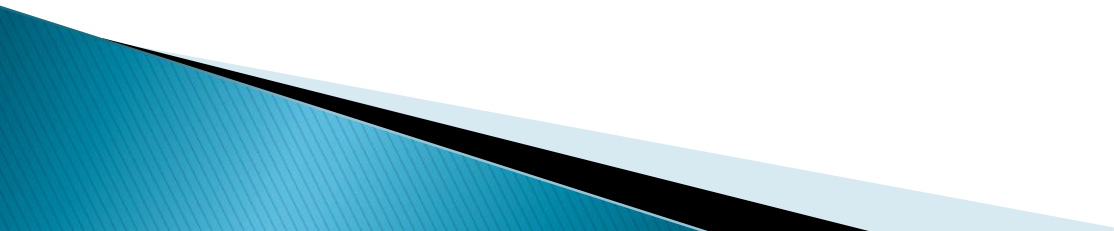
“Draft” Procedures

- ▶ D League teams are assigned largely by buddy request
 - ▶ Core teams are kept together (in some cases, they were combined)
 - ▶ An attempt is made to spread experienced pitchers as evenly as possible among all teams except in C League
 - ▶ We attempt to provide each A league team with a player with catching experience
 - ▶ Daughters of sponsors & coaches are placed with their parent
 - ▶ All remaining players are placed randomly while attempting to keep the age distribution similar for each team
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Field Updates

- ▶ Traverse Heights
 - Field 4 will be set up for A league play
- ▶ NMC
 - NMC now has only 1 field (with plenty of parking!)

Rainouts

- ▶ Once again we'll have a rainout hotline:
(231) 922-6090
 - ▶ Decisions will be made by 5:00 p.m.
 - ▶ The first rainout during a given week will be made up that same Friday at 6:30 p.m.
 - ▶ The second rainout during a given week will be made up that same Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
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Coaches Packets

- ▶ You should have the following information in your packets:
 - Team rosters
 - Game schedules
 - Opening day is Sunday, June 5!
 - Each team plays at least once during Cherry Festival (Tuesday or Wednesday)
 - A single elimination tournament will be held the week of July 11 culminating in championship games on Saturday, July 16. The tournament schedule will be available on our website by Thursday, July 7. I'll also e-mail it to coaches at that time
 - Practice Schedules
 - Summary of Key Rules by League
 - Picture order packets
 - Beach Bums fundraiser order form
 - The ASA rule book
 - A background check form and disclosure form – these are to be returned today

Coaches Responsibilities

- ▶ Call your players beginning Tuesday, May 3 and begin to organize practices (beginning the week of May 9)
- ▶ Contact your sponsor immediately to arrange for uniforms
- ▶ Keep track of and maintain your team's equipment
- ▶ Have representatives at Field Clean-up day on Saturday, June 4
 - 9:00 a.m. at Traverse Heights
 - 10:00 a.m. at Oak Park and NMC
- ▶ Control player, coach and parent behavior
- ▶ Organize the sale of Beach Bums tickets for our fundraiser on Sunday, June 19

Odds and Ends

▶ Reporting Scores

- Scores should be reported using the link on the TAGS website
- Please highlight a player or two from each game

▶ Umpires

- We have new umpires in C league; they are former TAGS players and/or current high school players
- ASA umpires are assigned to all games in A and B Leagues
- Contact Rick Licking, who assigns our umpires, if there is a problem: (231) 409-6559

Odds and Ends

▶ Player Agents

- Board representatives act as player agents to help settle any issues that arise
- This year's agents are:
 - D League – Brian Dykstra 922-0232
 - C League – Tony Jenkins 944-8487
 - B League – Jon Asiala 632-0840
 - A League – David Soto 620-5540

▶ Picnic

- The end of the year picnic will be held on Saturday, July 16, at Traverse Heights.

TAGS Mission

- ▶ TAGS was established in 1989 to give all young women in the Traverse City area an opportunity to participate in softball. Over 500 girls each year spend part of their summer playing softball in the TAGS organization.
 - ▶ Remember, it's about the girls learning, competing and having fun
 - ▶ That's all folks! Have a great year!
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