

President's Meeting
March 9, 2025
Host – Shalimar LL

Leagues Present: Tri-County, Baker, Freeport, Destin, Shalimar, Niceville, Paxton, Challenger, Panama City.

Leagues Absent: South Walton, DeFuniak

Staff members present – Windell Carnley, Mike Wong, Tonya Evanchyk, Jess Vikara, Bill Vikara, Ellen McLean, Mike Bellino

- Meeting Called to Order by Windell at 2:35 pm.
- Reading of the Last Minutes. Minutes are posted on the new website:
www.fld1.org
 - a. Niceville made a motion to approve last meetings minutes, Baker Second – February minutes approved
- Old Business:
 - a. By-Laws: as a reminder you cannot play without them being approved. If there are no by-laws, the you will play by the Little League Rule Book.
 - i. Received and Approved: Niceville, Baker, South Walton, Shalimar, Panama City, Paxton, Destin, & Defuiak Springs
 - b. District Assessments – Due April 1.
- New Business
 - A. League Reports –
 - i. Baker- Opening Day was successful.
 - b. Destin – Opening day delayed an hour due to weather, but had a successful ceremony and played a few games.

- c. Freeport – Opening day was successful despite weather
 - d. Shalimar – Had a great turnout for opening day and was able to get every team a game played.
 - e. Tri-County – Breaking ground on new park in 2 months (fingers crossed). Currently have 2 fields to play on.
 - f. Paxton – hitting the ground running. Do have some field availability issues working out with city.
 - g. Niceville – great opening day. Vendors and food trucks set up.
- B. Opening Day Recap – Things District Staff saw that need to be addressed
- a. Catchers with NO throat guards. All catchers must have a dangling throat guard
 - b. Players catching for infield practice **MUST HAVE ON A CATCHER HELMET.**
 - c. Bats being swung without helmets on. If a player has a bat in hand, they should have a helmet on.
 - d. Coaches on Cell phones while on the field
 - e. Too many adults/coaches on field and in dugout.
- C. Online Waiver Request:
- a. Ensure you are completing now. Pull enrollment data from sport connect to find any out of boundaries.
 - b. If your league is accepting a player who is out of your boundaries, it's that leagues responsibility to request players host league for approval. Player cannot participate in **ANY CAPACITY** until waiver is fully approved by South East Region.
 - i. Safety concerns to play down a division – same process of completing the online waiver request
- D. State Tournament (8-10 Baseball) – Date will be July 11-13th.
- a. Freeport interested in hosting
 - i. Windell needs to know field dimensions and what portable mounds league has to ensure they are LL approved. Needs prior to 4/12

E. Tournament Schedule:

a. District (We host BASEBALL SECTIONALS)

DIVISION	POSSIBLE TOURNAMENT SITE
PMBB	FREEPORT
PMSB	FREEPORT
8-9 BB	FREEPORT OR SOUTH WALTON
8-10 BB	FREEPORT
9-11 BB	NICEVILLE
10-12 BB	PANAMA CITY
50/70 BB	TRI COUNTY
JUNIOR BB	BAKER, PANAMA CITY, PAXTON
8-10 SB	SHALIMAR
9-11 SB	SHALIMAR
10-12 SB	PAXTON
JR/SR SB	TBD

b. Special Games (Start 5/23) – Team information release date May 1st – Rosters due May 4th. **PLEASE ANNOUNCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA AS “SPECIAL GAMES ALLSTARS”**

c. Teen league Sectionals 6/20 with state the end of June.

- i. Start Junior division seasons as soon as possible to meet eligibility requirements.
- ii. Seniors do not have eligibility requirements.

d. Tournament Packets need to be started.

F. Helpful tips:

- a. Pool Players – board must vote, player agent maintains list and makes calls to obtain players.
- b. Interleague & Combined Teams – Forms are completed online and will only come to Windell for approval once all leagues involved have completed their required information.

G. Training/Meeting Dates –

- a. SE Region in person tournament training – March 8th

- i. Intrest capture feature on Sport Connect and will be responsible to activate your league.

- 1. League finder will tie to your website and it will create a mailing list.

- b. State DA meeting – April 12

H. Questions/Comments:

- a. Tourney Affidavit

- i. Enhancement to allow you the ability to use registration in data center

- ii. Can also enter manually

- iii. If playing under younger sibling eligibility will not have to provide school waiver or proof of address.

- b. New Feature will be where each player will have an ID number assigned to them upon registration through sport connect for tracking players league history.

Motion made by Shalimar LL to adjourn, second by Paxton LL –

Meeting adjourned at 3:58

Next meeting will be hosted by Niceville LL on April 6th.