PRESIDENTS MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2026

- Open Meeting 2:34 p.m.

- Leagues in Attendance: Baker, Freeport, Niceville, Panama City, South Walton, Shalimar, Tri-County

- District Officials Present: Windell Carnley, Ellen McLean, Ron Covey, Bill Vikara, Mike Bellino, Mike Wong, Tonya Evanchyk, Bob Wells

- Reading of Last Minutes. (All Minutes are posted on Website: www.FLD1.org) – motion to approve – Freeport LL 2nd – Shalimar LL. Minutes approved

- League Reports – All Leagues are in the middle of registration with numbers starting out well.

- ASAP – NO ASAP - NO TOURNAMENT – **Format of this is changing effective Jan. 5, 2026. Updates at meeting (FAQs).**
    - Still complete background checks and state abuse required training.

- Constitutions – President must sign back page and changed date on front**.** The entire constitution needs to be uploaded as soon as possible after your meeting. **Only 4 leagues have confirmed.**
    - Please go back into data center and accept/confirm after submitting.

- By-Laws – Good For 1 year - Cannot play with your by-laws without the DA approval unless a waiver of a rule is requested. That request must go to the Charter Committee.
    - Submit to Windell to be approved before play can start. NO approved by-laws means your league is playing by the rule book.
    - By-Laws = Internal Team vs Internal team
    - Interleague by-laws = One league plays at another leagues park.
        - If not followed this year we will eliminate this and play strictly by the book.
    - Ensure your coaches and umpires know your by-laws and the interleague by-laws
    - Copies of the by-laws should be in the concession stand
    - Time limits for interleague play CANNOT be changed
        - Only exception is park days, but DA needs to know in advance.
- Combined Forms
    - Signed and approved by DA before season starts

- Online Waiver Requests are open - https://sites.google.com/view/southeastwaivers/home
    - Waitlist kids could play at a league with openings.

- Course Work and Data Center Resources for League Presidents – please check data center for additional resources.

- Background Checks and Abuse Awareness Training.

    - MUST be completed YEARLY BY EVERYONE
    - Set it up through your sports connect acct. to complete
        - JDP sends and email to person to complete the background check

- UIC Report – Bill Vikara

    - Interleague Rules Discussion Committee Selection for 2026.
        - No changes brought to the table
        - Freeport motioned to approve the interleague rules as they stand
        - Baker second
        - Interleague Rules Approved.

    - D1 Umpire Clinic on Jan 17, 2026, in Niceville

    - Umpire Appreciation Dinner?

- Important Dates

League	Managers Meeting	Opening Day
Baker	Jan 17 @ 9:00	March 7
DeFuniak		
Destin		
Freeport	Jan 31st TBA	Tball 1/31 Main 3/7
Niceville	Jan 31st TBA	Feb 28
Panama City	Jan 15 @ 6:30 pm	March 7
South Walton	Jan 26 @ 6:00 pm	March 2
Shalimar	Jan 13 @ 6:15 pm	Feb 28
Tri-County	Feb 1 @ 2:30 pm	March 9 (no opening day)

- Playing non little league teams requires special insurance and does not count towards regular season eligibility

- Schedulers Meeting – Feb 1. @ 2:00 pm for interleague play

- District Brackets Format – divided pool

    - Pool a & b – double elimination for each pool. Leagues will provide umpires if they host the tournament
    - Single elimination for championship series – held at a neutral site.

- Meeting Adjourned -- February 22, 2026 – Location Niceville