

PRESIDENTS MEETING AGENDA

February 22, 2026

- Open Meeting 2:36 p.m.
- Leagues in Attendance: Baker, Freeport, Destin, South Walton, Niceville, Tri-County
- District Officials Present: Windell Carnley, Ellen McLean, Brad Reed, Derry Bullock (Challenger)
- Reading of Last Minutes. (All Minutes are posted on Website: www.FLD1.org) – motion to approve – Destin LL; 2nd – Baker LL. Minutes approved
- League Reports – All Leagues have reported growth in registration this year from last year.
 - Baker – Hosting an umpire clinic on 2/28 for all umpires that are interested.
 - Niceville – 2 field renovations this past season (Rarick, and Val-p Field)
 - Destin – New turf on their fields.
 - Tri-County- Progress is being made on the field reconstruction.
- SAFE Program - NO TOURNAMENT – Windell Reminded the Leagues that there was some open task for leagues to complete: **3 leagues left to complete. (2 have not started, 1 has started.)**
- 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 1 league left to complete.**
- 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. **Received: Baker, Shalimar, Destin, Freeport. Pending approval: Defuniak, South Walton, and Niceville.**
- Online Waiver Requests are open –
<https://sites.google.com/view/southeastwaivers/home>
- Reminder: Background Checks and Abuse Awareness Training.
 - MUST be completed YEARLY BY EVERYONE
 - Set it up through your sports connect acct. to complete
 - JDP sends an email to person to complete the background check
- OoB Request – Let me know if you have questions on this. If you are requesting full eligibility, then it needs to be done via email. Redshirt option is done through the data center. **Don't cause yourselves problems come Tournament Time. Your responsibility.**

- UIC Report – Bill Vikara
 - Umpire Post Season Assignments
 - a. Jessi Vikara – JRSB Regional
 - b. Mike Bellino – LLSB World Series
 - c. Chris Clark – 50/70 BB Regional
 - d. Ronnie McCoy – SLBB World Series
 - e. Bill Vikara – LLBB West Regional Crew Chief

- Challenger Report – Derry Bullock
 - 51 players registered on 4 teams.
 - Looking for umpires for games.
 - Opening Day – March 7th.

- District Assessments handed out to leagues. **Due April 1.**

- 2026 LL Congress Notes:
 - Playmetrics – New platform coming soon that will replace Sports Connect.
 - Tee ball –
 - a. Factors that cause players to leave: Insufficient coaching support,
 - b. Lack of engagement and activity, and organizational issues.
 - c. Girls that start in Tee ball softball stay in program 2 years longer.
 - d. Co-ed structure could lead to girls leaving LL.
 - e. Churn is 40 % higher for girls in Co-Ed tee ball (51% vs 36%)
 - f. Need to focus on retention at the Tee ball level.
 - Softball
 - a. Higher churn among girls than boys.
 - b. Putting a specialized approach on the girls softball.
 - c. Think outside the box in getting more girls to participate.

- Confirm Opening Days
 - 2/28 – Niceville, Shalimar
 - 3/7 – Defuniak, Challenger, Destin, Baker, Freeport,

- Special Game Sites
 - Pool A: Shalimar / South Walton /Destin / Defuniak Springs
 - a. Baseball: **Destin**
 - b. Softball: **Shalimar**
 - Pool B: Freeport / Panama City / Niceville / Tri-County / Baker
 - a. Baseball: **Baker**
 - b. Softball: **Tri-County**
 - 8/9 KP BB: TBD

- Championship Series: **Niceville**

- Questions or Comments
 - Sanctioned Tournament Sites: **(Tentative)**
 - a. Major BB – **South Walton**
 - b. 9-11 BB – **Tri-County**
 - c. Major SB – **Freeport**
 - d. 9-11 SB – **Destin**
 - e. 8-10 BB – **Shalimar**
 - f. 50/70 BB – **Tri-County**
 - g. 8-10 SB – **TBD**
 - h. JR/SR BB – **TBD**
 - i. JR/SR SB - **TBD**

- Meeting Adjourned at 4:41 pm, Motion by Freeport, 2nd Baker
 - Next Meeting -- March 15, 2026 – Baker Little League