

NEWCASTLE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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MEETING TITLE:		2023 Junior Coaches Meeting																																																													
MEETING LOCATION:	Softball Clubrooms, Stevenson Ave, Mayfield.	MEETING DATE:	Tuesday, 14 March 2023																																																												
		MEETING START:	18:30																																																												
		MEETING END:	21:00																																																												
CHAIRPERSON:	Duane Harrison	RECORDED BY:	Maxine Poole																																																												
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APOLOGIES:	Bill Marshall, Wayne Hall.																																																														

1 CHAIRMANS ADDRESS

Duane welcomed those coaches present and noted that all junior clubs had at least one representative in attendance. He asked those present to take the information from tonight's meeting back to the other coaches in their club. The aim of the meeting is for coaches to be fully educated in the expectations of the NBA.

2 COACHING

As has been stated many times, all coaches must be accredited, this is a BNSW rule that we must follow. Ian has given up many hours of his time to aid in the accreditation process with another practical course being held on March 25th.

Please have the fields marked out and prepared ready for the games.

Could coaches please be dressed appropriately in club gear, no jeans, steel capped boots or thongs.

3 JUNIOR RULES

Pitch count limit guide sheets have been placed on the website to aid in keeping a record of pitching. All coaches should be aware of pitching limits for each age group.

The junior rules are all now incorporated into the by-laws which have been sent to clubs and are available on the website. Our plan is to have posters with QR codes pinned up in dugouts. This will give quick access to by-laws, code of conduct etc. by scanning the code.

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Senior League players that play up in senior grades must not pitch in both leagues, so senior coaches need to be aware of their junior players and what they have done in their morning games.

If player pitches a major assignment he/she must leave the game and not play for the rest of the weekend.

The first few weeks of the competition for juniors will be gala days whilst players are missing at the State Championships. No junior games at Easter or the middle week of the school holidays.

We will wait and have a look at the standard of our Little League players and make changes to the rules as the season goes on.

Our aim is to get kids to love baseball and just getting them a game on weekends so please share players if your opposition is short.

4 REPRESENTATIVE NEWS

Baseball Australia wanted to change the Defensive Out requirements for Little League. BNSW after consultation with Associations have decided that NSW will NOT enforce DO requirements at the State Championships and that we will run our events in accordance with Little League International rules. However, teams that advance to the Nationals will need to follow the new rules.

For those not aware Newcastle has merged with the Central Coast for the 2023 State Championships. The team will be called Hunter Coast and new uniform tops have been ordered. We will still compete as Newcastle at the Country Championships. We may need to play an extra comp at the end of our season Sept-Oct to fulfil our 12 game charter.

Coaches Meeting closed at 7.30pm. All non-NBA Board member left meeting room.

Points from NBA Board Meeting commencing at 7.35pm

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates:

- Country Trials for U14's, 16's and 18's will be held 20th & 21st May at Wauchope.
- Under 18's and Women's CC to be held at Tamworth June 24th & 25th.
- Senior league and 18s will combine.
- Senior CC 4th,5th & 6th August at BISP.
- Junior CC to be held 30th Sept-1st October at Coffs Harbour.
Including, Zooka, Little League and Junior League.

Emily Barclay appointed Women's coach

Steve Harris men's B team and Duane Harrison men's A team.

5.2 SPONSORS FOR 2023

- Red Stitches - \$1500
- Triton Signs and Graphics will become our Progressive cup sponsors.
Total \$1000: \$500 Major League, \$400 AA League and \$100 Minor League.
- Hunter Precast - to be advised amount.

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5.3 SEASON LAUNCH

Free rental of room has been approved, food ordered our numbers are looking promising close to 150. Balloons ordered.

Approx \$2500 to cover food. Two \$50 vouchers were donated by Diggers and 4 bottles of wine from First Creek Winery as raffle prizes. Money raised will go towards hiring a running coach for all players.

5.4 UMPIRING

Brian Sullivan is President of the Umpires Committee. There is a shortage of umpires this year so some games will not be covered. Greg Terry will do allocations.

1 NBUA Umpire allocated	Grade 1,3,5 - NBUA Umpire	Grade 1,3,5 - Home Team
	Grade 2,4,6 - Home Team	Grade 2,4,6 - NBUA Umpire
No NBUA Umpires allocated	Grade 1,3,5 - Home Team	Grade 1,3,5 - Away Team
	Grade 2,4,6 - Away Team	Grade 2,4,6 - Home Team

In Juniors if no official umpire is supplied or if two umpires cannot be sourced umpiring can be done from behind the pitcher.

5.5 GRADINGS

All gradings are due in by Friday 24th March. Nominated players must be registered prior to the start of the season. All unregistered players will be removed from the list after Week 1 of the competition, unless prior dispensation has been granted by the NBA Board.

5.6 PRESIDENTS MEETING

A Presidents meeting will be held on Monday 27th of March commencing at 6.30pm. NBA Board meeting will follow.

5.7 TRIVIA NIGHT

An NBA Trivia night will be held on July 21st. Save the date.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm

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