

OLL Hardball Board Meeting  
May 1, 2025  
Plaskowitz Snack Stand

Attendees:

Joe Smeraglino  
Kevin McCarthy  
Jeremy Virgil

Alex Biro  
Dino Guerra

Jay Jaffer  
Jeff Silverman

Anthony Ayala  
Jenn Schempp

Start of Meeting: 7:43 pm

*Meeting led by VP of Baseball, Joe Smeraglino*

Purpose of hardball board meetings:

- Discuss hardball division
- Bring forth suggestions and any concerns
- Ask questions to clarify format, rules, coaching responsibilities, etc.
- Pertinent discussions are brought to the Executive Board

Introduce any Executive Board Members in attendance

2025 Season

- Registration
  - T-Ball
    - Biggest level impacted and not our preference of size of teams. 8 teams of 10 or 11 players. Would rather have 10 teams with 8 or 9 players.
    - Keep an eye on registration next year and encourage more to sign up early.
- Opening Day Cancellation/Picture Day on 5/3
  - Apparel Sales
  - Raffle Baskets
  - Dunkin Donuts?
  - For pictures, please try and show up during your time slot, but, if unable to make it, please come anytime 7:30am-1:30pm
  - Picture day rain or shine
    - In Plaskowitz, if rain
    - Coaches included
    - Graduating Players for banner
- Site Director/Snack Stand Sign Up

- Please sign up and fill out sheet
- Snack stand: make sure you have parents assigned
  - Plaskowitz: T-Ball should take first shifts since their games finish first
  - Roche: Majors should take first shifts, then lower levels take next shifts
- Schedule
  - More rain is coming and games may be postponed
    - Majors/Minors must be flexible on days as we need to complete season by 2nd week of June and playoffs takes 10 days
    - Lower levels, we prefer not to schedule game past the last day of school, 6/6, but may have no choice
- Equipment
  - If anyone needs anything today or throughout the season, please let Jeff know
    - Balls, Med Kits, Ice Packs. Assumption is everyone is good on uniforms.
      - Snack stands should have ice packs
  - For T-ball, we can plan a day for the sliding mat and continue to add items in the patio box
- GameChanger
  - Scorekeepers have been doing a good job
    - If you notice too many people in the booth, request they leave
  - We encourage to stream any game
    - Fence clips are on Roche and Goldberg
  - I check pitch counts every game and good job so far!
  - Fix camera on OT-1 – needs a protective box around it or moved to another spot where it won't get hit with a ball.
- OLL House Rules
  - We follow Little League International rules. LL gives suggestions on how to create teams for regular season and postseason and allow rules to be put in place for lower levels. We updated the house rules with more definitive wording and clearer processes for such things as creating rosters, call ups, tiebreakers, playoff formats and suggested format of games for lower levels, specifically Minors and Rookies.
  - Last updated in 2019, reviewed by Joe, Adam and BJ with Jeremy's final approval
  - Managers and 2 coaches for each team can show up to vote previously for district teams
  - Biggest change is how we will vote on postseason teams. In previous years, players must receive 100% of the vote to be voted in. If a player received 0 votes they are taken off the ballot. Voting continues each round until the satisfied amount of roster spots are filled. This year, players will need 75% of the vote to make it to the team and if they receive 25% or less, they will be off the ballot for the next round. In the next round, the players with the most votes needed to fill the roster make it. Then, there are tiebreakers in place.

*Motion to approve OLL house rules by Joe Smeraglino*

*Seconded by Anthony Ayala*

*All in Favor*

- Rules will be posted on the OLL website

Meeting end time: 8:40 pm