

Notes from Fall Coaches Meeting November 15/2018

In attendance:

Orlie Pederson, Dave Patterson, Sonia Braun, Bill Donlevy, Sue Shave, Danny Ruesch, Gary Shelley, Brian St.Pierre, Ken Mellor, Georgette Patry, Heather Clarke.

Review 2018 rules:

5.4.3 A courtesy runner may be used to run to first (from a line that is 2 meters behind the extension of third base line), or to replace a batter that has reached a base. The courtesy runner will be called out if he/she **steps across** the line before the pitched ball reaches the front "plane" of home plate, hits the ground in front of the plate or is hit by the batter.

Okay

Re: 5.4.3.1 When using a courtesy runner from home, the courtesy runner may not advance past first base on the initial hit"

Okay

Re: 5.4.4. If a batter receives four balls in a row and no strikes, he or she has the option of remaining as a batter until a strike is received.

Need to add something about maximum pitches??

Re: 5.4.8 If a batter, using a courtesy runner from home, runs toward 1st base and **steps across** the "oops" line he/she will be called out. The "oops" line will be marked 20 feet from home along the 1st base line.

Okay

Start playoffs by August 20 or change structure? Finish early then fall series.

Or leave same as 2018?

Start keeping scores after two weeks of play. Start playoffs earlier than 2018 and suggested no double header games during the playoffs.

Umpire Clinic

Not much discussion but will try again next year

Must be two ladies in batting order and on the field. Penalty = Automatic out

Small ball for ladies. Concern of efforts to switch balls.

Let's try it! Perhaps the next batter up to get the appropriate ball from the bin or umpire hold it.

Team Formation

Suggestions: Keep the same base players from 2018 then adjust with new or remainder of players.

Offer some of the weaker players a position of assistant or helper. They would be classified as "associate" members. They would not pay a fee or play and would not be eligible for volunteer refund. But they would get a ticket to the windup banquet.

Coaches for 2019??

These players will not want to coach/manage next year: B1 Mike Tomlinson, B5 Orlie Pederson, B8 Rob Boulet (and most likely Bruce Cunningham), and B9 Rick Patry

Fortunately we have four new volunteers who are willing to become team leaders. They are: Ken Mellor, Georgette Patry, Heather Clarke and Bill Donlevy. They will be issued teams next year.

Team name can be changed. The coordinator must be informed then make the request to the registrar for the change on the website.

Orlie Pederson will be stepping down as committee member, coordinator and coach.

Any interested person willing to take this on?? Any suggestions (names) of a replacement?

May also require a new person to join as just a committee member?? Any offers?

No offers but suggest a general email to all Brawner players with a list of coordinator duties.