

Lakeland Minor ball league Agenda  
Feb 23, 2023

1. **Call meeting to order**
2. **Approve agenda: additions**

**Old Business**

1. Rookie & Mite (9U/U9) division package been hearing good things
2. Reminder of rule changes
3. 2022 season
  - a. Pitch count
  - b. 11U - pitch count at finals

**Treasurer's report**

**President's report**

1. **Registration**
  - a. Make sure you know how many teams you are registering by the April meeting
2. **Umpires for upcoming season**
  - a. Clinics will be posted online. You can apply to host clinics.
  - b. Ensure all umpires are carded.
3. **Insurance:**
  - a. All players playing in the Lakeland League must be insured through BBA if playing baseball and SBA if playing softball
    - i. All associations must be in good standings with BBA and SBA (registered association)
  - b. Rallycap/firstball can be registered with SBA to save money but all other age groups must be registered through the correct association
4. **Communication chain:**
  - a. Please ensure all your coaches and managers know the rules for the division they are coaching. League specific rules are posted on our website, and the rest follow BBA or SBA.
  - b. Communication is improving, please remember the more we educate our association about rule changes, etiquette on and off the field, the better all games will be. We are all out there for the same reason to play good competitive games with good sportsmanship etc. So we ask that all associations deal with any negative issues that arise between coaches, players, umpires, parents within your own association. If it cannot be resolved then the PRESIDENT of the association can contact the league president and together they will try to find a solution. The league president will not deal directly with parents and coaches, this is the responsibility of the association president. Please use the 24hr rule prior to contacting the league.
5. **Multiple teams in a division:**
  - a. Lakeland league is a house league, to help promote competitive games it is the responsibility of the home association to ensure teams are split equally skill wise

when there is more than 1 team in the same division. Our goal as a league is to promote the sport and try to keep it fun and competitive for all members of our league.

6. **Coaches:** If a coach is causing issues it is the responsibility of the home association to deal with it, not the league, be responsible when selecting coaches. Our athletes need positive role models so do your due diligence when selecting coaches. Strongly suggest to have a Coaches/Managers meeting prior to season to ensure everyone knows the rules ect.

#### 7. **Schedule/Travel**

- a. Complaints re travel - the league is large. Suggestion to do a crossover tournament at the end of May plus the final at the end of June. Thoughts?
- b. Splitting league into divisions?

#### 8. **Review consequences for late/inaccurate team registrations.**

Didn't receive any complaints of no shows last season so let's keep the communication going. Teams are to communicate with one another prior to games to confirm that the game will be played, especially when weather is a factor.

#### **NO SHOW (team is not able to field a team at the scheduled time)**

***Games start at 6:30 pm, with a grace period of 15 minutes. If a team no shows with no contact with the other coach/manager within a reasonable timeframe with respect to travel, the consequence will be:***

***1st offence - team is fined \$200, payable to Lakeland League Minor Ball and due prior to their next scheduled game. That association will receive a strike.***

***Lakeland League will cover the umpire cost from the fine.***

***2nd offence - team is removed from league for the remainder of the season. The association will receive another strike and will be under review by the League.***

#### **LATE ENTRY/WITHDRAWAL OF TEAMS**

Due to the difficulties it causes the schedulers when teams are entered or withdrawn after the schedule has been drawn up, the league will impose consequences for failure to accurately register teams on time.

We had 2 teams pull out of the league after the schedules were made and they paid the fine. Would like to clarify the fine as \$500, does that include the \$150 they paid to register the team.

***The league can levy a \$500 fine for late withdrawal of a team and \$250 for late entry of a team.***

#### 9. **Competitive teams**

- a. allow your players to try out at the highest level at which they are capable. Please don't hold back your players just to form a team. Let's all work together to get the most players out there playing AA and get them in their appropriate tiers whether it's tier 1 or tier 4.

#### 10. **Practice/play ratio**

- a. 9U: practice once a week/play once a week (may & June)
  - i. Coach pitched
- b. 11U: practice once a week/play once a week (May & June)
- c. 13U/15U/18U:
  - i. Practice once a week/play once a week (May)
  - ii. Play twice a week (June)

**11. Rosters:**

- a. League rosters due date April 30, 2023
- b. Each association will be given a login for the LMBL for ramp and will be required to have the team rosters posted on there prior to the first game being played. If you have an over aged player on a team please state O/A beside their name on the roster.
- c. Please email a copy of rosters to lakelandball@gmail.com
  - i. Send all rosters for your association in one email, so it's easier to track and maintain

**New Business**

1. 9U play games tuesday's practice thursday  
 10U play games mondays practice wednesdays  
 This is to help free up diamonds on game nights
  - a. 9U/10U games will be scheduled to neighboring towns within 60 minutes from home town whenever possible it's not perfect so there might be a slight difference give or take.
2. **Lakeland Website**
  - a. Website up and running. Domain name is LMBL.
  - b. Associations are now responsible to enter names of coaches/players for every team. (a job for the manager of each team)
  - c. Margret Bayduza will be the website administrator this season please forward your diamond allocations, coaches/manager contact information for each team at lakelandball@gmail.com. Once updated, visiting team will have the correct contact for each team in your association.
3. **Reporting Game Scores:**
  - a. With new website managers of the home team are required to enter information onto the website within 24 hrs of the game being finished.
4. **Hosting tournaments for extra games for teams??**
5. **Starting up a lakeland competitive stream for Softball and Baseball.**
6. **New associations joining league**
7. **League fees:**
  - a. Year end gifts to be determined (bags, medals, trophies)

- b. 9U/U9 \$50/team
- c. 11U/U11 and up \$150/team
- d. Game start date - May 1??

8. **222's Fastpitch 2 Day Instructional Camp** in Bonnyville, AB, May 6th and 7th.

[222's camp bonnyville](#)

U13 fastball competitive try outs in Bonnyville

Sunday Feb 26 th – 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Saturday March 25 th – 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Sunday March 26 th – 12:00 to 1:30 pm

9. **Final Tournament**

- a. Tournament format will be the same since 2019 with divisions being split top and bottom
- b. It will be the responsibility of the host team to do the schedule based on agreed league format and league results. Host associations can modify the tournament format if required should weather or other unforeseen issues prevent the original format from happening. Please do your best to stick to the original format whenever possible. All complaints regarding the tournament are to be directed to the tournament host association. We will discuss the tournament complaints at the fall meeting and discuss ways to improve going forward.
- c. Pitch count will be used as per BBA rules for final tournament so introduce it to your parents early during league play so they get familiar with it
- d. Host team is to supply 2 new game balls/game during tournament play
- e. Lakeland league will cover umpire cost of \$40.00 per game
  - i. If you have a concession running I would suggest to let your umpires eat for free
- f. Each host **MUST** have a tournament organizer and contact distributed to visiting teams
- g. Final tournament will take place the weekend of June 25-28, 2022
- h. 18U boys playoffs will start TBD
- i. U18 girls playoffs will start TBD

**Softball Teams registrations**

Association	U9	U11	U13	U15	U17	U19
Plamondon						
Lac la Biche						
Marwayne						
Kikino						
St. Paul						
Elk Point						

Vermillion						
Bonnyville						
Cold Lake						
Pierceland						
St. Lina						
Goodfish						
Lloydminster						
EMS						
Ktiscoty						
Glendon						

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## Yearend Tournament Hosts

### **Baseball**

Category	Dates	Host Association
9U		
11U		
13U		
15U		

**18U:** Host team will be responsible to cover umpire fees

### **Softball**

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U9		
U11		
U13		
U15		

**U17 and U19:**...quarter finals...semi-finals.....finals.....Host team will be responsible to cover umpire fees

### **Call to action:**

1. All associations to have rosters up, team contacts, association contacts up on the website by april 26, 2023
2. Send a copy of all rosters for your association in one email to lakelandball@gmail.com
  - a. All rosters to be in by april 30 2023
3. Keep improving communication between your association and your coaches/managers

**Next meeting:** Tues, April 19, 6:30 pm Elk Point