

Wilmot Softball Association – Special Meeting Coaches Town Hall for Covid-19 Update

MINUTES

JUNE 9, 2020

7:00PM

ZOOM CALL

MEETING CALLED BY	WSA
TYPE OF MEETING	Special Meeting – Coaches Town Hall
FACILITATOR	Kevin Hall
NOTE TAKER	PJ Poirier
TIMEKEEPER	PJ Poirier
ATTENDEES	Executive Attendees – Kevin Hall, Tim Bartram, Jason Peacock, Mark Murray, Chris Faulhafer, Mike Carey, Ryan Roth Coaches – 11 Total Participants - 18

Call to Order

TIME: 7:00

WELCOME

[KEVIN]

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction and indicated we have other members of the WSA Executive on the call today - For the sake of this discussion we have tried to limit those on the call to head coaches and where appropriate groups of coaches that would likely be coaching together (realizing that things were not quite finalized at the time Covid began to impact us) - Kevin thanked all of those attending and have volunteered to help out this season and reiterated that with an organization like this we cannot function without the support of the community – and gave an additional thank you
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TIME: 7:08

RETURN TO PLAY

[KEVIN]

DISCUSSION	<p>Return to Play Protocols/Insurance/Township Requirements/Volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shared the proposed guidelines for WSA to implement to be allowed to play. (currently spearheaded by the OASA and PWSA and keep in mind this is the current proposal, things have not been finalized and the situation remains fluid) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Masks for pitcher, catcher, batter, base runner, Umpires Risk – Heat, Breathing concerns o Health screening for event attendees (including signing of a waiver/declaration every 14 days and at each tournament) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Questions and Waivers ▪ Spectators waivers ▪ Health Screening before and at the diamond o Adjustments to scheduling to allow for transition between events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No Overlap to limit numbers ▪ Clearance before and After ▪ Physical Distancing ▪ Spectator limits or restrictions o No use of dugouts (or at least restricted use) - including social distancing behind the dugout o 6' Boxes outside the Dugouts. o Parents not allowed/outfield spectators o Sanitization stations (at dugouts) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hands/Batting gloves ▪ Bases between each 1/2 inning ▪ Balls (including own team's use) ▪ Defensive Team Balls o Own equipment
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bats ▪ Catchers gear - sanitization between uses with defined Catchers for the game/practices ▪ Pitching masks ○ No sunflower seeds, no spitting ○ No team huddles, restricted coaches' huddles with pitchers ○ Physical Distancing must be maintained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Again, the situation remains fluid - we would have further discussion with this group in future once we know more and/or if things progress to a point where we believe we can manage what needs to be put in place - Opening the Batting Cages, Exhibition, Practices on a Pay as you go when things get opened - Particularly as you get to the younger age's things become more and more difficult to control - In addition to getting on the field we still need to sort out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Township approval ○ Washroom Cleanings ○ Park Maintenance ○ Insurance Approval ○ OASA/PWSA Requirements ○ Volunteers and the extra required support ○ Older groups may have more support than the younger groups to be able to enforce any protocols
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TIME: 6:52

Q&A

[KEVIN]

DISCUSSION	<p>Q & A</p> <p>Kevin Opened the floor to answer Questions from Slido</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mike F. – Sanitization Process; PPE, Financial Requirements for the equipment. Kevin & PJ fielded the response that we are not 100% certain what requirements or products are needed to be purchased and by who at this time. 2. Mike F. – Umpires if we do play? Ryan fielded the question, where we do not have exact information for the intentions of the Umpires at this time but will reach out to them once we have additional information on returning to play. 3. Mike F. – Financials regarding uniforms? Tim answered question regarding uniforms and stated that we were able to cancel before they cost us additional fees for this season. Noted that we did have some cost incurred from Girls uniforms and hats but some of that will be used for next season. Mike Carey noted the additional financials to the rep teams be reimbursed to the sponsors and/or at the discretion of the sponsor returned to the WSA general fund. This to be determined once we know if the Rep teams will be able to play an practices or exhibition games that will have costs. 4. Mike F. – return to Play Protocol where it comes from? Kevin answered that we are not 100% certain what we need at this time. Mike noted that we do not want to sign the PWSA policy. Township has final approval to our Return to play protocol. OASA to be used for Guidelines in creating our Return to play protocol to be presented to the Township 5. Mike F. – Mask concerns? Heat issues, etc. Kevin agreed with Mike's concerns and added the visual concerns as well. 6. Jason brought up the point of safety measures and protocols for injuries of return to play. PPE requirements for the trainer/coaches fielding the injured player. 7. Mark M. brought up why Catchers equipment get sanitized between innings? Kevin fielded the response that it is uncertain at this time and we need to review it. Mike Carey brought up that this is just an outline of what is expected and that nothing has been finalized for WSA to return to play at this time. 8. Mike F. – Brought up Sanitization products have different requirements. Mike Carey asked Mike F for his assistance in this matter moving forward. <p>Additional Speaking notes about opening the diamonds from Ryan. The soonest estimated times to open diamonds will be July sometime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarified that WSA cannot book diamonds. Mike Carey noted that insurance is still not active. 		
	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Future Meeting Once We start to move forward with return to play	Kevin	TBD