

**Minutes of Department of New Hampshire
Baseball Committee Meeting of
March 3, 2024, at Sweeney Post 2**

Chairman Rick Harvey called the meeting to order at 10:10 and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee members in attendance were Chairman Rick Harvey, Vice Chair Jim Blake (remotely), Brian LeVeille, Steve Hernandez, John Bly, Keith Bowen, Dave Rouleau, Craig Walfield, Dan Griswold, Wayne Perra, Pete St. Pierre and Gary Wayman.

Others in attendance were: Bob Dionne - National Executive Committeeman – Jutras Post #43, Isaac Miller - Commander Derry Post #9, Dan Main – Volunteer Portsmouth Post #6, Jim Marzec – Umpire NH Association, Leo Paquin – Dept. of NH Commander, Bob St. Pierre – Vice Commander Lebanon Post #22

Minutes of the last meeting on October 29, 2023, were approved with two adjustments:

- The dates for the 2024 Senior Regional Tournament are August 7-11 at Gill Stadium.
- Our NH Dual Roster Rule was amended to comply with the new national rule approved by the Americanism Commission---players on an affiliated junior and prep team may play on the senior team without utilizing a roster spot on the senior team's Form 1. No more than 18 players may be eligible to play in any one game.
- Furthermore, in NH, prep and junior players may dual roster on an affiliate senior team, but only 3 players may be dual rostered on affiliated prep and junior teams.

Showcase Update: will be held on July 16 at Holman Stadium, Nashua, using the same format as last year. Looking for help running this.

Senior Program: 13 teams this year after Londonderry (hopefully for just 1 year) and Plymouth dropped out. Tournament will be chaired by Steve Drescher and will run from July 19-23 (plus 2 rain dates) at Holman Stadium. Frank Ulcickas has retired.

Junior Program: 15 teams this year. Tournament will be chaired by Committee Chairman Rick Harvey and will run from July 26-30 (plus 2 rain dates) at Gill Stadium. FYI, the junior regionals will be in Maine this year in accordance with a new rotation. NH will host in 2026.

Prep Program: 13 teams this year with the addition of Sweeney. Matt Gladu and Booma Post 6 will host the tournament at Leary Field in Portsmouth from July 31 to August 3. Six teams will be involved, the top 3 seeds from each district.

Tournament Help will be needed to augment committee members at the senior and junior tournaments.

Background Checks and Awareness Training must be completed every year now by all volunteers, coaches, managers, and players 18 years of age or older. The Protect Youth Sports program must be used.

Insurance and Fees have been increased marginally---are the same otherwise.

Umpire Update: Chairman Rick Harvey reviewed a few things. The 90-80-70 fees remain in place for umpires working senior, junior, and prep games respectively. During the regular season, both teams are responsible for managing lineup updates and pitch counts.

Rules and Regulations: changes approved by the Americanism Commission were reviewed along with NH rules that supersede ALB Rules.

2024 Senior Regional Tournament, August 7-11, at Gill Stadium: Brian LeVeille reviewed in great detail numerous items involved in running and sponsoring this tournament. It represents a big commitment by him and Sweeney Post 2 (more than \$30K).

Gamechanger: it is mandatory that all teams must use this for the entire season. Game Changer names for all teams must be submitted to our Chairman by May 15th.

AAU Impact: updates on situations in several towns were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Blake, Vice Chairman