

# Minutes UCSSL Meeting April 9, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm. All teams had a representative in attendance with the exception of Phenomenal Boyz.

- **Umpire checks** were disbursed. Each check is in the amount of \$720 to cover 12 games at \$60/game. Some teams will have 11 regular season home games and some will have 10. Bumper games in the 60s will affect the number of home games as well. We will monitor and disburse additional umpire funds and/or ask teams to pass along unused funds when we get to the playoffs. Managers were encouraged to write their names in the *payable to* line which was intentionally left blank.
- **Scorebooks** were also handed out to each team
- **Outstanding Checks** for the \$1600 **league fee** and **3 forfeit checks/team** continued to come in. These checks must all be in to Treasurer Pete Osborn before a team will be allowed to participate in any league games. NO EXCEPTIONS! Please do not wait until the last minute to get these checks in.
- **Paper Registrations** were received. The pace of registrations is strong. Last season we had approx. 440 total registrations and an average roster size (23 teams) of 19.7/team. In 2025 we have total players registered thus far at 392 with several new players to the league. At the moment, 50s avg roster size is 19.2. 60s avg. roster size is 19.7. These averages are likely to grow until our roster addition deadline of May 15 is reached.
- **Umpire Review.** Team managers OR the player he designates will receive an umpire review email following each game. That email will have 5 simple yes/no questions about the umpire for the game and what your rating is (1-5) for that umpire. PLEASE take the (no more than) 2 minutes it requires to respond. Respond whether you had a positive or negative experience with that umpire. These ratings will go a long way in identifying who our better umpires are, the ones we would like to see at critical end of season and playoff games, and the ones we would prefer not to see.  
We are likely to see some new (and younger) umpires this season. Please be patient with them. Our umpires officiate in other leagues and may not be familiar with our special rules. Commissioner Marty Marks will communicate with these newer umpires before your games to let them know of some of our more important rules. Make certain you emphasize these rules at your pre-game conference.
- **Score/highlights reporting.** Please make certain someone on your team is tasked with the responsibility to text/email/call/smoke signal the score of your game by Friday of the week

the game was played. If the score is not communicated, **it will go down as a LOSS in the standings whether you won the game or not. We will not chase you for your scores.**

Please also designate someone on your team to hold on to your scorebook and then email BRIEF highlights of the game *whether you won or lost*. Let us know who the hitting/defensive/pitching stars were. Highlights will be posted on our website, on our Facebook page and sent to the local newspapers for publication. Highlights should be sent to:

50s report: Frank Mastrocola: frankmastro@hotmail.com (908) 305-1210

60s report Rich Gaul: gaulsandman@aol.com (908) 347-6583

Please copy Commissioner Marty Marks on scores and highlights  
martinmarks62@msn.com (908) 447-141

- **Forfeits:** While we have a new policy where we will cash one of your \$60 forfeit checks even if the forfeit is called in ahead of time, we encourage you to call in the forfeit at the earliest time possible as a courtesy to the opposing team and the assigned umpire.
- **Rule Clarifications:** As previously communicated, in addition to 2025 50s A Division teams, the three remaining 2024 60s A Division teams (Swan Hotel, Deegan Roofing, and Linwood Boys) will not be playing on Tremley Field unless no other field is available.  
Also, In order to employ the Manager's Dream rule, a team must have at least one more present than the minimum to play the field. For instance, in the 50s, there are ten players in the field, so at least eleven actively in the lineup are necessary to employ Manager's Dream. In the 60s, that number is at least 12. When a "special accommodation" is used where an extra defensive player is in the field that minimum increases by one.
- **Print out rules and Field Permits.** We strongly encourage managers to print out a copy of UCSSL rules and our field permits and have them available in your bat bag in case it becomes necessary to reference them at your games.
- **Uniform Policy** reminder. All players participating in a game must wear a team uniform that has the UCSSL logo on it. While the uniforms worn by players does not have to be exactly the same, it should be of a similar color. We strongly encourage managers to keep a couple of extra uniforms in their bat bag in case a player is without. There is no exception to this rule and the opposing manager or the umpire **SHOULD NOT** be asked to waive this rule. If a non-uniformed player continues to play in the game, simply let the umpire know that the game is being played under protest and league officers will handle. In colder weather, players are allowed to wear sweatshirts and/or jackets over the team uniform, but that uniform must be worn underneath.
- Reminder texts from the Commissioner about **special accommodations** will be made to managers and umpires prior to games early on in the season. Managers should also let

umpire know prior to the game. 5-run spots will be one per inning 2-6. 7-run spots will be made one per inning 1-7.

- New players searching for a team:

50s

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60s

Robert Herber        646-209-1004    robherber@yahoo.com

Dion Ross            201-563-5499    drossalliance@gmail.com

John Thurmond       732-407-1295    DJMonster4248@icloud.com

Mark Ross            732-887-4976    rossma3@gmail.com

- **Schedule and fields.** Thank you to Rich Grossberg for working with Linden, Scotch Plains and Union County to procure the necessary field permits for our league. There are a few dates where certain fields will be unavailable to us and they are reflected on your field selection documents. There are three days on our schedule where we are still short on fields. That will be worked on quickly but for now those yet to be known fields will be referenced as such at field selection time.

Thank you also to Pete Osborn for coming up with our daily schedule for the league

- Bat testing is scheduled for Saturday 4/12 at 1-3 pm at the home of Pete Osborn 938 Summit Ave. Westfield. Weather is looking iffy and a decision to move this testing session back to Sunday will be made sometime on Friday, April 11. Only bats that are new or without a 2024 sticker can be tested at this preseason testing session. Bats with a 2024 sticker will be turned away.

Once field selection is complete an at-the-field testing schedule will be circulated. Players may attend any of these sessions to have their bat(s) tested. Once a team's at-the-field session has been done, players on that team can only use bats with a 2025 sticker on it.

- **Field selection** then took place and the meeting was adjourned.