



Open Meeting:

To: DGS Open Meeting	Date: 1/9/12
Cc: DGS Board of Directors & DGS Website	Location: Onion Town Grill
	Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Purpose: January 2012 Open Meeting – 1st Open Meeting of 2012 Season (Dec cancelled due to location emergency)

Agenda:

- Welcome & 2012 Board of Directors introductions
- Outline of DGS Operations – philosophy & policy
 - The purpose of Danvers Girls' Softball League is to educate, encourage and enhance the fundamental softball skills of children exhibiting good character from pre-kindergarten to their junior year of high school , through friendly competition, with a continuing emphasis on good sportsmanship and fun.**
 - League focus is recreation and “spirited” competition.
 - Players exhibiting exceptional skills are also welcome to play Travel JO softball
- 2012 goals
 - Final details to snack bar...concrete slab & landscaping
 - Continue with contracted field lining company
 - Continue stronger selection process for head coaches (no two league head coaches)
 - Re-vamp Tball & Junior leagues. Update Minor League. Tweak Int & Senior Leagues
 - Coaches feedback to league directors in January & February is a must
 - Pitching rules worked last year. No domination, undefeated teams didn't win post season
 - Maximize player count per team in each league for best coaching instruction
 - *Address Minor league umpiring concern and implement changes for 2011 (last year initiative)*
 - Benches installed at Great Oak Lower
 - Dug out fencing at Riverside & Rotary
 - Increase scoreboard usage by DHS & DGS (\$25 per game for high school games)
 - Coaching expectations higher for 2012
 - Conduct more practices, focus instruction to weaker, lead by example, positive attitude
- 2012 registration fees:
 - \$65 Tball & \$100 Junior through Senior Leagues; \$10 discount if received Feb 5th
 - Includes games, equipment, uniforms, (2) discount cards per family & DGS window decal
 - Registration update – Libby
- April 9th Mandatory Open Meeting/Coaches Meeting 7-9pm; all teams coaches must attend (location TBD)

- **Head Coaching** applications accepted now. Coaching is a one year term; need to re-apply
 - Coaches voted in Feb 19th **ONLY** after submitting all forms (Cori, Application, Agreement)
 1. Application, Agreement & CORI (see website www.danversgirlssoftball.com)
 2. **All forms go to Registrar!**
- Team Sponsors
 - \$250 per team gets you your choice of team, company name across uniform & team plaque
 - “Sponsor Game”...sponsors will be alerted and presented too at their own sponsor game
- **Time Line**
 - January & February**
 - Registrations Now; \$10 Discount by Feb 5th
 - League Rules Jan & Feb
 - Season logistics Jan & Feb
 - March**
 - Tryouts March 24th *Tentative* LOCATION TBD
 - Schedule March
 - Equipment March (complete inspection & replenish)
 - April**
 - Mandatory Coaches Meeting April 9th *Tentative* 7pm-9pm location TBD
 - Draft April 1st *Tentative* Senior 6pm, Int 7:15, Minor 8:30pm @ Devcon
 - Opening Day April 23rd
 - Parade April 28th
 - May**
 - Pictures May
 - Travel Team Tryouts May 5th & 13th *Tentative* @ LOCATION TBD
Coaches selected (1) A & (1 or more) B teams U-10 through U18
 - June**
 - Playoffs Week of June 11th
 - All Star Games June 16th
 - Tball/Junior league outing June 16th
 - Banquet June 21st
 - July**
 - Travel Teams Travel Team schedule
- Minor League discussion points – Rules changed in 2011 to speed up game & create parity– Feedback?
 - Coaches pitch at “walk” count, but batters current strike count remains
 - Each pitcher may pitch maximum 3 innings per a game. Extra innings pitched don’t count towards innings total. You are allowed one re-entry of a pitcher
 - Raise age level of umpires (7th grade and older last year)
- Minor League rules discussed, not changed in 2011– Feedback?
 - Identify a “time-out” during an inning.
 - Calling a time out for fundamental issues or umpire call that is not “rule” correct (not judgment calls t-no safe/out; ball/strike)
 - Change to 9 batters or 3 outs.
 - Lower Max. runs from 6 to 4.
- OPEN DISCUSSION

NEXT OPEN MEETING:

Open Meeting Feb 13th 6:30pm @ Onion Town