



## Open Meeting:

<b>To:</b> DGS Open Meeting	<b>Date:</b> 1/8/07
<b>Cc:</b> DGS Board of Directors & DGS Website	<b>Location:</b> Sequels Restaurant
	<b>Time:</b> 6:30pm

**Meeting Purpose:** January 07 Open Meeting  
**Attendees:**

### Agenda:

- Introduction of DGS Board of Directors and positions – No “open” positions
- Uniform update - Jeff
- Outline of DGS Operations – philosophy & policy
- DGS Website [www.danversgirlsoftball.com](http://www.danversgirlsoftball.com) – “updated” – Primary tool for info communication
- 5 leagues – no changes
  - Fine tune rules to tighten league – stay tuned
  - League rules will be discussed in January & February – email any suggestions to the DGS website or at Open Mtgs
- “New” Snack Bar staffing policy – Cheryl Marshall
- Registration & fees:
  - 07 Fee - \$80 for all but Tball is \$50....Family Max = \$160. (3 kids for price of 2 remains)
  - Presidents letter with registration form will be mailed January 1 - \$10 discount if received by Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Live registration days – Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 10-Noon, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm & Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm : High School cafeteria
- Scoreboard update
- DGS establishing sub-committees with chair person – looking for members & coaches to join and provide help. If interested please send an email in through the DGS Website
  - Tournament Committee Chair, Jon Palermo
  - Travel League Committee Chair, Jon Palermo
  - Draft Committee Chair, Sevan Demirdogen
  - Banquet Committee Chair, Jeff Clickstein
- DGS pro-actively adding and deleting teams to each league in an effort to drive down rosters and allow more instruction / play time
  - Will not mean more games per week. Field’s currently under used
    - TBall 2006 8 teams 2007 6 teams
    - Junior 2006 10 teams 2007 10 teams
    - Minor 2006 10 teams 2007 12 teams
    - Int 2006 10 teams 2007 12 teams
    - Senior 2006 11 teams 2007 13 teams
- DGS changing team names from Major League Baseball affiliations to “National Pro Fastpitch” women’s & New England Colleges
  - Team were pulled and matched from a hat December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Open Meeting
    - Old New
    - Dodgers Washington DC Glory (NPF)
    - Tigers Chicago Bandits (NPF)
    - Yankees Boston College Eagles
    - Marlins Univ of Maine Black Bears
    - Angels Connecticut Brakettes (NPF)
    - Diamondbacks / Expansion team1 UConn Huskies
    - Reds Philadelphia Force (NPF)
    - A’s New England Riptide (NPF)
    - Cardinals Texas Thunder (NPF)
    - Pirates UNH Wildcats
    - Red Sox Akron Racers (NPF)

- Tball pre-school age has been changed in an effort to keep play moving and create similar learning experience based on ability  
Pre-schoolers must be 5 yrs old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> for the 07 season
- Agenda item requiring input from meeting attendees
  - Request made to Re-Draft three leagues with standing

Reasons “for” redrafting

- Adding two expansion teams per league
- Discrepancy in grade..some teams have more of the older grade
- Allow kids to learn from different coaches
- Try to create team parity
- Gives kids a chance to be on a “winning team

Reasons “against” redrafting

- Could lose several players per league for comfort zone, playing with friends, playing for certain coach
- Coaches can coach more effectively if they have more than one season with players
- Teams are cyclical no matter what method..teams on top today were on the bottom in past and vise versa
- Redrafting will not solve problems...coaches will draft based on players they know or parents they know
- Children’s characters are not based on winning or losing, as adults you remember your childhood names and Teammates not your wins and losses

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Open Meeting      Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm @ Sequels  
 BOD Meeting        Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm @ Sequels

• **Time Line**

**ETA**

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| ○ Registrations via mail | Received post marked by Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> for \$10 discount  |
| ○ “Live” Registrations   | Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10am – Noon; Feb 15 <sup>th</sup> 6-8pm & Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> 6-8pm High School Cafeteria |
| ○ Rules changes          | Jan & Feb meetings   |
| ○ Drafts                 | March ( Minor, Intermediate & Senior )   |
| ○ Schedule               | March  |
| ○ Playoff tree           | March  |
| ○ Uniforms               | March  |
| ○ Sponsors               | Now through March  |
| ○ Coaches Clinic         | Tentative – March  |
| ○ Umpire Training        | TBA - March  |
| ○ Equipment survey       | March  |
| ○ Fund raising           | Discount cards &Tournament   |
| ○ Snack Bar              | Team assignment  |
| ○ Parade                 | TBA - May  |
| ○ Pictures               | TBA - June   |
| ○ Banquet & Awards       | TBA - June   |
| ○ All Star Games         | TBA - June   |
| ○ Travel Teams           | Post season ( DGS Sponsored )  |
| ○ Tournament             | July 28, 29 & 30   |

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

**OPEN MEETING**  
**BOD**

**February 13th      6:30pm @ Sequels**  
**January 18th        5:00pm @ Sequels**