



The Monthly Meeting of the

NORTH CARROLL HOT SHOTS FASTPITCH

*was called to order by President Michael Hernandez on
Monday February 19, 2018 at 7:30PM @ the Four Seasons Sports Complex*

*In Attendance was President Mike Hernandez, Vice President Frank Ward,
Program Coordinator Jen Lettau, Training Coordinator Vince Corsaro and
Secretary Jim Reilly. Coaches and Board Members in attendance were
Shawn Casper Drea Pfoutz, Wes Gibson, Carlos Hall, Greg Franzoni, Mike
Burkhouse, Dave Pietryak, Wayne Bussard, Chad Sholter, Rob Davis, Chris
Heard, and Bryan Barrett*

University of Maryland Softball Day – U of MD contacted Hot Shots about bringing our organization out to their home game on 4/15/2018 vs. Indiana. Coaches please poll your teams and let Mike know the interest ASAP. This would be a great outing for the organization! They are offering events such as – throwing out the first pitch, running bases, etc...

Update (*Location Change*) – Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) workshops have been scheduled. COACHES please let all of your ASSISTANT COACHES, PLAYERS and PARENTS know ASAP so they can PLAN AHEAD and ATTEND their specific workshop –

Coaches Workshop (Mandatory) 3/3/18 10:00 – 12:00
Player Workshop 3/18/18 10:00 – 12:00 (*Time Change*)
Parent Workshop 4/14/18 10:00 – 12:00

All Seminars will be held at Manchester Valley High School Auditorium, any questions please contact Training Coordinator Vince Corsaro @ nucouple@comcast.net

Travel Teams:

Final Payments for your 2018 Registration Fees were due no later than February 1, 2018

High School Play Day - Concessions

*Saturday March 10, 2018 at North Carroll High School & Hampstead Elementary
12 Varsity and JV teams participating, Hot Shots would like to offer concessions at both locations
HES - 14U is doing concessions
NCHS - concessions open to any team*

Background Checks: Mandatory for ALL COACHES

Reminder background checks are annual and all coaches/assistant coaches need to have Badges displayed while on the fields. There is a link on our webpage under policies/forms.

Indoor/Outdoor Practice Times & Facilities:

- *Basketball has advised that there are some gym times opening up for our use at NCMS, Ebb Valley. Check web site or contact Mike Hernandez*
- *Send outdoor practice dates/times to Mike, outdoor practices can start after 3/15/2018*

Fundraising:

- *The Crab Feast is scheduled – September 15, 2018 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM (Set-up at 12:00 PM) at the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company.*
- *The second mandatory fundraiser is the Sports Raffle – Last year we raised \$6000.00 with many UNSOLD tickets!!! This is money that goes to our organization, our players, our coaches, our field, our equipment, etc... You get the point, coaches, please speak to your parents and get these tickets sold. Tickets will be distributed in early March and due in late April.*

Mason Dixon:

- *Teams – Finksburg, Chargers Fastpitch, Hot Shots, Reisterstown, Freedom, and Winfield has requested information on the league. They usually host everything in house.*

Central Maryland League (CML):

- *Teams – Hot Shots, Lady Outlaws, Lazars, Dundalk (2 teams), Germantown, Bowie*
- *Registered to date: 9-10U Teams, 12 – 12U Teams, 14 – 14U Teams, 7- 16/18U Teams*
- *Early Bird Tournament 4/7/18 & 4/8/18*
- *End-Of-Season 7/14 & 7/15*

Rec Teams:

- *We currently have players registering for our rec teams...*
- *2-8U Teams*
- *2-12U Teams Evaluations will be Sunday 2/25 & 3/4/18 at NCHS 9:00AM – 11:00AM*
- *10U currently has 12 players*

Tournaments (*We are hosting):

**High School Play Day: March 10, 2018 (8 local high school teams participating)*

*CML Early Bird: 10/12/14U **April 7 & 8, 2018***

**Hot Shots Early Bird: 10/12U, May 5 & 6, 2018
14/16/18U **June 9 & 10, 2018 New Date***

Tournament Fees:

- *Organizations are starting to post dates for 2018 tournaments, start checking web sites to get scheduled and send Mike registration information so the fees can be paid.*

Uniforms:

- *Uniforms/coaches shirts are almost ready and will be given to coaches upon their arrival for distribution to players.*
 - *Fittings are on-going for rec. players.*
- Any questions please contact Drea Pfoutz at dreapfoutz@gmail.com*

Clinics:

- *Pitching and Hitting clinics are in process, see web site for info.*

Open Discussion –

1. *Hot Shots are putting together care packages to send to the Dominican Republic. We are asking for donations of cleats, bats, gloves, etc... For information please contact Vince Corsaro*
2. *The Board has approved the purchase of and installation of Clay bricks for pitching mounds, batter's boxes (Right hand only), and Catchers areas. Purchasing in progress. We will update when the supplies come in and will need help completing the install.*
3. *Board member Dolly Barksdale stepped down and the Board Members voted Carlos Hall as the replacement.*
4. *Field Day – TBD*
5. *Tony Boswell is scheduled to complete the new shed A field.*

Next Meeting – March 19, 2018

Yours in Service,

Jim Reilly

Jim Reilly
Secretary

Summary of rule changes for USSSA Fast Pitch 2018

NOTE: Maryland does not have an Elite Select Program

Jewelry Rule – Rule Change “Exposed jewelry, which is judged by the umpire to be dangerous, must be removed and may not be worn during the game.” No change to medical alert jewelry. Coaches wristbands (play indicators) are legal but must be worn as designed.

SUM Policy: Covered jewelry will be permitted. Small studs are permitted and do not have to be covered. Dangling hoops, necklaces, bracelets, rings, etc. are prohibited. Nothing on the wrist/arm to include watches, bracelets, rubber/string wrist bands, fit bits, hair ties.

Confines of the playing field – Clarifies that warm-up catchers outside of live ball territory must wear a catcher's helmet/mask by including those areas in the definition of the confines of the field. This includes the field, dugouts, and any warm-up area in view of the umpire(s).

Roster Batting Option (Not applicable to the Elite Select Program) -- Allows a team the option to bat its entire roster (all player's physically present) in lieu of a traditional line-up. Teams choosing to roster bat may disperse additional players (AP's) starters who aren't listed as defensive players, anywhere in their batting order so as to bat everyone present. If a player leaves the game for any reason, it creates an absent player and an automatic out situation.

Last completed at bat courtesy runner option (Not applicable to the Elite Select Program) -- Team's may now use the last completed at bat (LCAB) player if no unused substitute is available. Under this change, a team will always have a courtesy runner (CR) option, even if roster batting. The LCAB courtesy runner is determined at the time the courtesy runner is requested, skipping batters i) currently on base ii) who are the pitcher or catcher of record iii) who have already courtesy run for the other position in the same inning ... In the first inning, if there is no CR available using the above method, the LCAB CR shall be the player furthest away in the batting order. i.e., the LCAB CR for the leadoff batter is the last batter listed last in the lineup.

Short-handed rule modification – Clarifies that multiple absent players (automatic outs) are allowed.