



The Monthly Meeting of the

NORTH CARROLL HOT SHOTS FASTPITCH

*was called to order by President Michael Hernandez on
Monday January 22, 2018 at 7:00PM @ the Manchester Valley High School*

In Attendance was President Mike Hernandez, Program Coordinator Jen Lettau, Training Coordinator Vince Corsaro and Secretary Jim Reilly. Coaches and Board Members in attendance were Drea Pfoutz, Wes Gibson, Bill Henderson, Joel Rosner, Greg Franzoni, Mike Burkhouse, Tom Bosley, Dave Pietryak, Wayne Bussard, Carlos hall, and Chris Heard

Update - 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 3/3/18 10:00 - 12:00

Player Workshop 3/18/18 12:00 - 2:00

Parent Workshop 4/14/18 10:00 - 12:00

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

Travel Teams:

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

Mandatory Parent Meetings:

The Parent Meetings were very successful, everyone attended at least one session. We only missed one parent and one player.

Background Checks:

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.

Note: If you currently have a badge they may just send you a sticker to put on your current badge with your new expiration date

Indoor Practice Times & Facilities:

- *The Board currently has an open dialog with the North Carroll Rec. Council in reference to gym times and availability. If you have any questions please contact a board member.*
- *Use Only indoor balls when practicing inside. Do not place any tape on the floors in any gym.*

Equipment:

- *Leave Equipment at NCHS until clinics are completed*
- *Board looking into new equipment coaches saw at the New Jersey clinic*
- *If you think of any equipment that would help the organization contact Mike Hernandez.*

Tournaments (*We are hosting):

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

CML Early Bird: 10/12/14U ~~March 24 & 25, 2018~~ April 7 & 8, 2018

**Hot Shots Early Bird: 10/12U, May 5 & 6, 2018
14/16/18U June 2 & 3, 2018*

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.*

Meeting Dates:

- *Central Maryland League (CML) Annual meeting – 2/7/2018 at Manchester Valley High School 7:00*
- *Mason Dixon Annual meeting – 2/8/2018 at Manchester Valley High School 7:00*

Uniforms:

Uniform fittings have been completed and excepted delivery is in 6 weeks. Players will receive 2 jerseys (Red & Gray), 1 pair of pants (blue), and 2 pairs of socks. Players will need to supply 1 pair of black pants.

Any questions please contact Drea Pfoutz at dreapfoutz@gmail.com

Team Store:

The Spirit Wear store is open until February 11, 2018

<https://hotshotsspring2018.itemorder.com/sale>

Clinics:

- *Last Skills Clinics will be held Sunday, January 28, 2017
8/10U 12:00 – 2:00 & 12/14U 2:30 – 4:30. 16U is welcome to attend or 16/18U players can help coach and earn service hours. **This past weekend was well attended a great success – Thanks for all the coaches and older players who helped out***
- *Hitting Clinic – Starting February 10, 2018 at the Westminster Family Center for 5 weeks. 15 players per group. Cost \$100.00*
 - *12:30 – 1:30 8/10/12U*
 - *1:30 – 2:30 14/16/18U*

Website:

- *If you would like to have any information placed on your page on the Hot Shots page contact Web manager Jen Lettau at badnyla@hotmail.com*

Open Discussion –

1. *Several of the coaches attended the “Be the Best” Coaching Clinic in New Jersey last week. All coaches enjoyed the clinic and even stated they wish they would have went years ago.*

2. *New USSSA 2018 Rules...*

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 lineup. 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.

Next Meeting – February 19, 2018(This is a holiday, so we will advise on date and location changes)

Yours in Service,

Jim Reilly

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Secretary