

MINUTES  
ATHLETIC COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF  
October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
2:00 PM Department Library

1. Call to Order 2:00 P.M.  
Department Chairman Emmons opened the meeting of the Department Athletic Committee at 2:00 P.M.
2. The colors were saluted
3. Baseball Code of Conduct  
All present recited the Baseball Code of Conduct.
5. Roll Call: Christie White, Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

**Members present:**

Chris Emmons, Department Athletic Chairman- PRESENT  
Marv Shamhart, Asst Athletic Chairman- PRESENT  
Phil Lightfoot, Junior Baseball Director- PRESENT  
Bryce Agner, Region 1 Baseball Director- PRESENT  
Mel Cantrell, Region 2 Baseball Director- PRESENT  
Bret Mavis, Region 3 Baseball Director- PRESENT  
Regis Kern, Region 4 Baseball Co-Director- PRESENT  
Jeff Vrabel Jr, Region 4 Baseball Co-Director- EXCUSED

**Guests Present:**

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

6. Chairman Emmons appointed the following to the Athletic Committee-

Marv Shamhart- Asst Athletic Chairman, Phil Lightfoot- Junior Baseball Director, Bryce Agner- Region 1 Baseball Director, Mel Cantrell- Region 2 Baseball Director, Bret Mavis- Region 3 Baseball Director, Regis Kern- Region 4 Baseball Director, Jeff Vrabel Jr- Region 4 Baseball Assistant Director

Marv Shamhart, Asst Athletic Chairman, moved, seconded by Phil Lightfoot, Junior Director to accept the appointments of the Athletic Committee

**MOTION PASSED**

7. Reading of previous minutes- Regis Kern, Region 4 Director moved, seconded by Bryce Agner, Region 1 Director to accept the minutes from the previous Baseball Committee Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED**

8. Approval of Committee Rules-

Regis Kern, Region 4 Director moved, seconded by Bret Mavis, Region 3 Director to accept the Committee Rules.

**MOTION PASSED**

9. Ohio Baseball 2026 Rulebook Review- Page 4 change Phil's E-Mail to yahoo.com, Page 10- remove Mike Higgins and have District 12 Vacant, add Code of Sportsmanship on the back, Page 10- remove Jerry Wilson and have District 4 vacant, Page 8- change Regis to chair, and Vrabel Jr to Asst Chair. Page 10- change wording to District Baseball Chairmen.

a. Suspended Game Policy (pitchers and appearances)- there is nothing in writing in case of a team arriving late due to an accident or something.

**New Rule-** Region and State Tournament play, late arrivals will be at the discretion of the Region and/or State Director. Add under Tournament Rules- Page 20.

**New Rule-** Pitching eligibility and appearance rules do not apply to postponed or suspended games. Change Page 20- add it as 10B.

b. Policy for later arrivals

c. Add pitch count rules into Ohio Rulebook- FULL Rule- Page 21- Add 14- and add the entire pitching rule.

d. Coin flip for ALL tournaments until Championship Game- highlight Page 21- 6A and 6C1 and 6C2.

e. Review DH and others- will hold off on changing Ohio Rules to see what Rules National adopts.

f. What could we do better?- Consistency- making sure all games and tournaments have consistent rules. Regional and State Tournaments will be played by National Baseball Rules. Once National comes out with their rule changes, the Committee will schedule a Teams call to review and edit those portions of the Ohio Rulebook. Then the committee will create a list of rules that are changed and have the coaches sign them to acknowledge they know what the tournament rules are.

g. Look at recruitment requirements- Findley mentioned. Committee does not think they need to change their recruitment rules.

Bryce Agner, Region 1 Director motioned, seconded by Mel Cantrell, Region 2 Director to edit the rulebook based on the above discussion, add the new rules, and table National rule changes until they are decided.

**MOTION PASSED**

10. Review JR Rules

a. NFHS- If we are trying to get Junior players to join junior teams, they should still play under the American Legion Rulebook, not High School rules.

Mel Cantrell, Region 2 Director, motioned, seconded by Regis Kern, Region 4 Director that Legion Regional and State Tournaments will play by the National Senior Rulebook, for all Junior and Senior Teams.

**MOTION PASSED**

Remove Junior Rulebook from the website.

## 11. Super Regional Tournament Locations/Dates-

Junior Regional Tournaments need to be done by Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup> will be the "what if" day.

Region 1- July 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2026- Location TBD

Region 2- July 8<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup>. Bellfontaine High School.

Region 3- July 8<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup>. Chillicothe VA Memorial Stadium.

Region 4- July 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Pioneer Park at Marietta College.

Senior Regional Tournament needs to be done by Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup> will be the "what if" day.

Region 1- July 15<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>. Location TBD

Region 2- July 15<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>. Bellfontaine High School.

Region 3- July 15<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>. Chillicothe VA Memorial Stadium.

Region 4- July 15<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>- Pioneer Park at Marietta College.

## 12. Junior and Senior Tournament Dates

a. Junior- July 16<sup>th</sup>- July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Beaver's Field

b. Senior- July 24<sup>th</sup>- July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Beaver's Field

## 13. Team Fees

a. Junior- \$500.00

b. Senior- \$600.00

Mel Cantrell, region 2 Director, motioned, seconded by Regis Kern, Region 4 Director, to create a certificate of appreciation for Melissa Emmons from the Committee for her help at the Tournaments with the 50/50 Raffle.

**MOTION PASSED**

## 14. Regional Tournament Dates

## 15. Background Check & Abuse Awareness Training

## 16. National Updates- upcoming.

## 17. 2025 State Tournament Review

18. New Business- Next State Meeting- Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00AM for the Committee. 1:00PM for coaches with a Teams virtual option.

### Important Dates to Review

- Thursday January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, Registration Opens
- Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup> Commission Meeting 10am / Coaches Meeting 1pm
- March 31<sup>st</sup> Deadline to establish players legal residence
- June 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline for Team Registrations
- June 5<sup>th</sup> Deadline to submit Transfer forms
- June 25<sup>th</sup> Deadline for Rosters/insurance and Team Packets
- Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm ALB Directors Teams Call to cover Regional Tournaments
- July 16-19, 2026, Ohio Junior State Tournament

- Jr Regional tournaments Must be completed by Saturday July 11, 2026
- July 24-27, 2026, Ohio Senior State Tournament
  - Sr Regional Tournaments Must be completed by Saturday July 18, 2026
- TBD Mason-Dixon Junior National Regional Maryland
- August 5-9, 2026, National Senior Regionals Location TBD
- August 11-18, 2026, ALB World Series
- September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, Official Close of the 2026 Season

19. Unfinished Business

20. Salute the colors

21. Adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 3:37PM.