



# NSS Board Meeting

August 1, 2024

## Attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	Tom Holder	X
	Marty Boozikee	Bob Garcia	
X	Roger Clapper	Mike Marlow	X
	Bob Dalziel	Dave Sanderson	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall		

## Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 PM.

## Meeting Purpose

This was an ad hoc meeting held after the 2024 Fall Draft, specifically called to discuss possible rule changes to test in the coming fall season. After the fall season is over, the Board will again review these proposed changes and determine if they will become permanent or not. This may include using a player survey to gather data in making the decisions.

Some of the managers that attended the draft remained and participated in the discussion but were not taken into account for attendance.

## New Business

### Outfielder Making Out at First Base

Dave made the motion to add a rule to state that no outfielder will throw a batter out at first base. Tom seconded the motion. All that were present were in favor and the motion passed.

### 5 Infielders

Tom made a motion that at the time the ball is hit, there must be 4 players on the outfield grass. Mike seconded the motion. All that were present were in favor and the motion passed.

### Intentional walks

Rick made a motion that walks, intentional or otherwise, can be issued without restriction to all players a maximum of once per player per game. In all subsequent at-bats, having been walked earlier, any walk results in a 2-base award. Runners advance only as forced.

Mike seconded the motion. Rick, Tom, Mike and Dave were in favor, Roger was opposed and the motion passed.

#### Replacement Runner Limits

Tom made a motion that no player shall enter as a pinch runner more than once per inning. There is no restriction on the number of times a pinch runner may run per game.

Dave seconded the motion.

Tom, Mike, Dave and Rick in favor. Roger was opposed.

#### Home Run Limits

Tom made a motion to change the current rule so that initially, a maximum of two over the fence home runs per game per team will be allowed. Once the two over the fence home runs threshold is reached by both teams, the threshold will be incremented by 1. This can occur anytime during the course of the game except for the bottom of the the last inning played. If only one team hits the current over the fence home run threshold, additional home runs for that team will be recorded as a walk with no advancement of other runners except as forced.

Dave seconded the motion.

Tom, Mike, Dave and Rick in favor. Roger was opposed.

### **Adjournment**

Dave made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Tom and all present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

All players are encouraged to attend the Board meetings. If you want to attend and have a specific topic, please email the League Secretary at [kkduvall24@gmail.com](mailto:kkduvall24@gmail.com) to be included on the agenda.

## **Addendum A:**

### *Replacement Player Rule Change Recommendation*

#### **Objective:**

*Eliminate game start delays due to replacements.*

#### **Problem:**

*Current rules frequently allow game start delays, creating a ripple effect through most later games. Both players and umpires alike are affected negatively by longer than necessary presence at the park.*

#### **Discussion:**

*While replacement players are a necessary part of our like-for-like system, overall time management is inefficient. A large part of the solution could come from better manager diligence in choosing replacement players who will not be conflicted by late-running games. But voluntary compliance by all has not occurred and is not likely. Codifying the rule is necessary, as suggested below.*

#### **Recommendations:**

*Enact the following NSS game rules, effective for the Fall season. Reassess following the season.*

- 1. All players serving as replacement players for another team will leave that game in time to start his regularly assigned game the next time period.*
- 2. No player will leave his assigned team early, while playing his regularly scheduled game, to join another team as a replacement player.*
- 3. Game start time will not be delayed due to a missing replacement player. Rather, at scheduled start time, or 5 minutes after the prior game which ended late, whichever is later, the umpire will declare play ball, start the game clock, and apply the penalties outlined in paragraph "The Game4a". That is, call ball or strike every 20 seconds against the tardy team, until such time that each team is positioned to play.*

*Note that the above recommendations do not prohibit the selection of a player who may have to leave early, provided the manager has a plan to backfill that player when/if he must leave.*

#### **Additional Considerations:**

*Other options which will meet the objective, but may be too harsh include:*

- 1. Banning use of any replacement from games scheduled on another field, directly before or after your time slot.*
- 2. Declaring a forfeit to teams undermanned (8 or less) at game time due replacements.*