WCUA General Meeting Minutes-2/7/2022

* Meeting called to order at 7:03.
* Hillsborough County Schools AD Lanness Robinson addressed the group.
  + Thanked us for what we do.
  + Make sure to locate the administrator on duty if they don’t locate you first. Ask them where to change and where they will be during the game.
  + The state handles coach and player ejections, he handles parent ejections. Be specific in explaining an ejection. He will support us. Nip problems in the bud early in the season.
  + Hillsborough public schools has a no profanity policy and requires mouthpieces.
  + We are reverting back to pre-Covid times when it comes to administering games.
* New umpire intro: Reggie Anderson, new to WCUA, but not to umpiring.
* Clinic Weekend recap:
  + State evaluator Mike Knowles explained 3-man mechanics in a classroom-like setting and then we went on the field to demonstrate.
  + MLB umpire James Hoye went over everything an umpire would need to know about working the plate (strike zones, slot, play at the plate positioning, etc.).
  + Sunday’s attendance light, probably due to the weather. Jonathan Hagan and Chris Wirt went over 2-man mechanics.
* Rules update:
  + No quick pitching, pitcher must simulate taking a sign from the catcher.
  + No excessive celebrations (props, dugout drum section not allowed). Celebrations natural to the game that don’t disrespect the other team are permissible.
  + Proper use of equipment: no altering.
  + No sitting by coaches outside the dugout. Standing ok if very near the dugout opening.
  + Lodged ball-dead when ball stops moving.
* 2/21 is the last day to take the state high school baseball test.
* JV-$65/2 man, $100, 1 man. 2-man 9 inning JV is $100.
* Reviewed downsizing youth parks and scrimmage opportunities.
* Jonathan Hagan went over points of emphasis:
  + Mouth guard must be completely in mouth. If they have it on them, have them put it in. If not, starter burns re-entry or sits, subs sit. Don’t look for it, but correct if obvious.
  + Contact partner(s) within 48 hours of game time. Confirm arrival time, shirt color, and meeting place. If this is not done, you will be removed from game and fined.
  + For HS games, try to be there an hour before the game. Youth-30 minutes.
* Ejections (High School)-text Jonathan H. immediately after game. File game report in Arbiter and check AT6. Don’t submit report to state until Jonathan H. or Steve Z. have reviewed it.
* Ejections (Youth)-Contact Chris Wirt or Lamarr Simon immediately after game. Only put in Arbiter report who was ejected and when, no details.
* Jim Barlow went over how to begin the process if you need to get or renew your ID cards.
* Jonathan went over issues Lamarr Simon wanted to discuss:
  + Please accept assignments ASAP and have blocks updated through end of month.
  + Turning down an assignment if you are available on Arbiter will result in a $10 fine.
* Meeting adjourned at 8:08.