

Gentlemen,

Thank you attending this morning's breakfast meeting. Here are the minutes from this morning's meeting.

In attendance: J. Harrington, R. Litchfield, T. Spataro, A. Gerberg, T. Bennett, D. Peck, J. Pilli, M. Clancy, J. Criss, W. Aaron.

1. Batting to the Screen Rules change...
 - a. If a ball is batted into the screen the first time, it shall be considered a dead ball.
 - b. If a batter, during the same time at bat, hits the screen a second time it shall be considered a strike.
 - c. If a batter, during the same time at bat, hits the screen a third time it shall be considered an out.

2. Everyone was informed that the BoD also got a copy of the Batting Screen Rules yesterday and additional comments could be forth coming. Brian McCarthy also provided excerpts from USA/ASA on the use of pitching screens. I'll review to see if there is any need to change what we produced so as not to be in conflict with USA/ASA.
 - a. *Here are some of the proposed changes from BoD members.*
 - i. Screen should be placed 4 ft from pitchers' rubber to allow for an unobstructed "stride" off the rubber.
 - ii. As long as approximately half of the pitcher's body is protected behind the screen the use is legal.

3. The teams will experiment with the placement of the screen during practice and the season to help define a policy for screen placement when a pitching mound is in play.

4. Propose that we partition the board for having two screens per field. This would allow both teams warming up to use the same screen for both practice and game play.
5. Each team will remain at a roster count of 15 players. We will make use of a player pool for roster shortages.
6. Roster shortages should be managed with the idea of Brotherhood and playing the games, a tradition we have employed for some time. If a team has a roster shortage that could lead to a team having to forfeit, other teams can & should loan out players to help.

Regards,

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"You don't stop playing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop playing."