

2010 Men's Fast Pitch Classification

The Men's C Fast Pitch Western and Eastern Nationals are currently scheduled for different dates in 2010. If you qualify, you have the right to choose which you attend but **teams and/or players may only play in one.**

[Men's Pitcher List](#)

[Team List](#)

Committee Policy for 2010 for the Team List and the Pitchers List.

(As of September 27, 2009, updated January 30, 2010)

1. Teams & Pitchers have the right to appeal their classification to the Region 14 Men's Fastpitch Classification Committee. The appeal should be based on participation for that current year. If the listing of the team is from the ASA Code, the appeal is not complete until ALL steps have been approved.
2. Teams must compete at or higher than the level indicated on the Pacific Coast Region Team List.
3. Pitchers must pitch at or above the level indicated on the Pacific Coast Region 14 Pitchers List. No more than one pitcher listed as B restricted may pitch on a "B" team in a season, except for the National Championship Finals.
4. Pitchers that live and work outside Region 14, who are rated the equivalent of ASA 'B' or higher in another association, or are unknown to the Region 14 Classification Committee will be rated Major until they submit a letter to the Region 14 Classification committee PRIOR to participating in championship play for a team in Region 14 each season. This letter must include team(s) played for, the level at which they played, and any statistics (team & individual) for the last three years.

5. The Classification Committee reserves the right to move a team and/or pitchers up during the season, no matter what berth they may have earned, as long as it is matched at the higher level.

6. Appeal process. Team & Pitcher appeals must be in writing. Those appeals will only be heard at regularly scheduled meetings of the classification committee. Appeals should be made 48 hours prior through your local classification committee or association representative.

7. (ASA Code 507F2b) A team that has a combination of four or more players on a roster, including pick-ups, from a team or teams subject to mandatory reclassification, restricted classification or are on the PCR team list must maintain the classification as assigned. Players may only play one level below their current classification.

8. (added to and clarified Jan. 30, 2010) Each local association determines how teams qualify for Nationals. In the 'C' division; teams from Greater San Joaquin, Northern California, Oakland, Sacramento, and San Francisco must play in at least (2) events of the tournament series listed on the Region 14 website and one of them must be the Hayward event on June 12-13. Rosters for those associations will be frozen at that Hayward tournament. For qualifying information for the teams from Central California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Southern California, teams should contact their commissioner.

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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

January 30, 2010-Hayward

Roll Call- John Gouveia, Rick Appiano, Anna Louie, Vanessa Woodmansee, Terry Horner, Paul Carlton, and Ben Herrera.

Team List-No Appeals

Pitcher List-

Approved the appeals of Cary Weiler and Ed Gasper to be removed from the B pitchers list.

Added John Peterson to the B pitchers list.

Tournament Series/Qualifying for Nationals-

Approved the following events for the MFP program for 2010;

March 27/28-Stockton; April 10/11-Fairfield; April 17/18-Tulare; May 1/2-Sonora; May 15/16-Fresno; June 5/6-Sonora; June 12/13-Hayward.

Added to and clarified qualifying for Nationals in #8 of the Committee Policy (listed above)

Meetings for 2010;

Tues. March 30-6pm Conference Call

Tues. April 27-6pm Conference Call

Tues. May 25-6pm Conference Call

Sat. Sept 25- TBA

September 26, 2009 Roseville

Roll Call; John Gouveia, Paul Carlton, Sam Ducato, Bob McCormick, Anna Louie, Vanessa Woodmansee.

Guest; Mario Pereira

1. Team List;

Deleted Casa Trejo, River City, and Team Pape

Added Silverhawks, Bay Area Pirates, Long Beach Black Sox, and San Diego Prime Time.

2. No Team move-ups from the Nationals

3. No Team move-ups from the C Western
4. Pitcher List adds and moves; Tony Hunhoff from B restricted to B
5. Policy changes for 2010;
Added statement on C Western/Eastern National different dates:
"The Mens C Western and Eastern Nationals are currently scheduled for different dates in 2010. If you qualify, you have the right to choose which you attend but **Teams and/or players may only play in one.**"
Changed #8 to read:
Mens fastpitch teams wishing to go to the nationals must qualify through their local association.
6. Travel League/Tournament Series; With the C Western Nationals scheduled for the last weekend in July, the list of available weekends is greatly reduced. Please submit your dates to Chairman John Gouveia as soon as possible. The first appeal meeting of 2010 will be Jan 30 in Hayward. The remaining meeting schedule will be discussed at that meeting.

July 22, 2009 Conference Call

Roll Call; John Gouveia, Vanessa Woodmansee, Betsy Ito, Terry Horner, Matt Pfeifer, Bob Chapel.

1. Team List; No Appeals
2. Pitchers List; a. Added Todd Uhrig to the 'B' pitcher list.

The next meeting (2010 set-up meeting) is scheduled for Saturday September 26, 10am, Eagles Hall in Roseville

June 30, 2009 Conference Call

Roll Call; John Gouveia, Terry Horner, Sam Ducato, Betsy Ito, Vanessa Woodmansee, Anna Louie, Bob McCormick, Paul Carlton.

1. Team List; No Appeals
2. Pitchers List; a. Added Doug Sleep to the 'B' pitcher list.
b. Added Todd Winkworth to the 'B' pitchers list.

Note-The next meeting has been changed from Hayward on 7/25 to a Conference Call on 7/22 at 6pm.

April 28, 2009 Conference Call

Roll Call: John Gouveia, Terry Horner, Sam Ducato, Betsy Ito, Vanessa Woodmansee, Anna Louie, Bob McCormick.

1. Team List

No Appeals

2. Pitcher List

a. Unanimously approved the addition of Shawn Winship to the B pitcher list (Woodmansee/Horner)

b. Tabled adding Doug Sleep to the B list until the next meeting in order to allow him to compete and provide stats.

Next meeting is a conference call June 30 at 6pm. Next in-person meeting is Sat July 25 in Hayward.

January 31, 2009 HARD District Office, Hayward, California, 10:00 AM

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John Gouveia.

Roll Call: John Gouveia, Terry Horner, Rick Appiano, Paul Carleton, Sam Ducato, Betsy Ito, Vanessa Woodmansee, Anna Louie, Bob McCormick, and Ben Herrera.

1. Tournament Series Schedule;

It was MSC to add a June 13-14 in Stockton to the proposed schedule pending sanctioning from Commissioner Matt Pfeifer.

(Also note: Bob McCormick pledged \$25 per team from the Hanford event to the Series finals)

2. 2009 Committee policies;

The update to the language in Item 4 of the 2009 Committee Policies was reviewed. The new language clarified the committee's position that rated pitchers from other softball organizations or who are unknown to the committee are rated Major until they submit an appeal.

3. Appeals;

It was MSC to drop Joe Jacquez (GSSA) from the 'B' Pitchers List.

4. SoCal Activity;

Bob McCormick made mention of the number of pitchers listed as SoCal that are probably not still active. The names Barnes, Blackburn, Clay, Martinez, and Obergon. Chairman Gouveia will check with SoCal contacts to see if these names should be dropped from the list.

5. The committee contact list was passed around from updating and posting on the website.

6. Special thanks to Vanessa Woodmansee for putting together the General Information Release and Tournament Series Format Sheet that was emailed to program teams.

7. Next meeting is a conference call on Tuesday April 28 at 6pm PST.

October 11, 2008

Roseville, CA

1. Roll Call; John Gouveia, Sam Ducato, Betsy Ito, Vanessa Woodmansee, Terry Horner, Paul Carlton, Jon Abernathy, Bob McCormick
2. Team List Review: The committee reviewed the results from the 2008 ASA National Tournaments
 - a. B Teams
 1. The following teams were dropped from the list as they were either reclassified to C last season or were

or were no longer playing- Amigo's, Black Sox/Hustlers, RAW, Raymar, Angels, Rounders.

2. The following teams were added to the list- Team Pape, Santa Rosa FP.

3. All other remained the same.

b. A Teams: IAC and Rainey played as one last season. Leave IAC on the list as an A Team.

c. Major Teams: Casa Trejo A-1 Bombers.

3. Pitchers List:

a. Major-Tony Peoples and Travis Price remain.

b. A List- Mark Bennett, Pete Turner Jr, and Phil 'Sonny' Perkins remain.

c. B restricted list-Tony Hunhoff remains.

d. B List- Drop Kirk Smock. Add Jeff Want. All others remain the same.

4. Review of ISC, ISC-II, NAFA (all levels). The committee reviewed the results of National Tournaments by these organizations to compare results against teams and pitcher classification by Region 14. No further changes were made as a result of this review.

5. Review of current Region 14 Policies: The committee reviewed current policies and engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the need to modify policy to address the issue of players playing in ASA Nationals following playing in other association Nationals. The question was whether we want a general policy change or handle each situation on a case by case basis. It was decided that since the ASA National rosters have to be approved by the local ASA association that for the most part current rules will suffice. For example- Players must play in ASA in the region to be picked up for the Nationals by a team from that region. However, a slight modification was made to #4 adding that 'pitchers from other organizations (ie NAFA, ISC, etc.) are classified Major until classified and rated by this committee'.

6. Tournament Program for 2009

a. Joint ASA/NAFA Proposal: Bob Chapel submitted a proposal to make all the travel league events dual ASA/NAFA events. He also submitted a tentative schedule identifying tournament directors for each. The committee made the following decisions: Teams have to be ASA registered. The umpires have to be ASA umpires. ASA Commissioners in the areas of the tournaments have to sanction the event. NAFA can sanction each event and NAFA registration fees may be collected but can not be mandated nor can it be made part of the entry fee. ASA teams cannot be forced to pay the NAFA registration. Chapel may request total payment for all his events prior to the start of play but he still must take teams if they chose to pay for each event individually.

b. ASA Registration: A registration fee of \$20.00 must be collected from each team at their first event (even if they have already registered with their local ASA association but they will receive a refund). This ensures all teams will be ASA registered at their

first event. All registration will be forwarded to John Gouveia who will forward it to the appropriate commissioner.

- c. Eligibility for Nationals Play: Teams have to play in one of the ASA travel league events to be eligible for ASA Nationals. They have to play in two events to be eligible to play in the season end money tournament.
- d. Format of Tournaments: Must be either round robin or three game guarantee. This up to the tournament director. There will be no point system in effect.
- e. Cost of Tournaments: May charge up to \$450.00 per tournament. Twenty five dollars goes to the winning team of each event and twenty five dollars goes into the fund for the money tournament. The entry fee for the money tournament will be \$200.00.
- f. Rosters: A roster must be turned in at the first event played by a team. The rosters will then be forwarded to the tournament director of the next tournament on the schedule. Teams must turn in new rosters if there are changes. Roster freeze date July 31.
- g. Tournament Directors: A director will be identified for each tournament in this series. John Gouveia will be the overall director of the series.
- h. Proposed Schedule: (Those dates and places for Bob Chapels events may change depending on what he decides relative to the joint ASA/NAFA proposal decisions by the committee)
 - 1. March 28/29 Stockton-Chapel
 - 2. April 5/6 Hayward-Woodmansee
 - 3. April 19/20 Fairfield-Webster
 - 4. May 2/3 Sonora-Chapel
 - 5. May 16/17 Folsom-Chapel
 - 6. June 6/7 Hanford-McCormick, CCSMA money event)
 - 7. June 20/21 Sonora-Abernanthy
 - 8. July 11/12 Sonora-Chapel
 - 9. August 1/2 Galt Champions money Tournament-Ito

7. Appeal- Sean Mondolesi; The committee recommended that Sean Mondolesi be removed from the ASA Fastpitch Restricted Player List. It was pointed out we have no jurisdiction over this list but the recommendation will be forwarded to the ASA.

8. Meeting schedule for 2009:

- a. January 31st, Hayward 10am
- b. April 28th, Conference call 6pm
- c. June 30th, Conference call 6pm
- d. July 25th, Hayward 10am

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

July 1, 2008
Conference Call

1. Roll call; John Gouveia, Sam Ducato, Betsy Ito, Vanessa Woodmansee, Terry Horner, Sean Melvin, Paul Carlton, Jon Abernathy, Bob McCormick, and Dick Grove.

2. Order of Business;

a. Team List;

Denied the appeal of Rude Pac carried over from the previous meeting as no further information was recieved as requested.
(Grove/Ducato)

Reviewed the names submitted by Nevada ASA Commissioner Tony Pehle for Team Bloodline.

Approved San Diego Prime Time adding Valentino Cervantez and Eric Geerman with the provision that they now only be allowed one pick-up player from this point forward. (Horner/Grove)

b. Pitchers List;

Denied the appeals of Ron Rupp, Randy Clay and Bobby Lara as no information was presented to substantiate the appeals.
(Horner/McCormick)

NEXT MEETING SATURDAY OCTOBER 4TH AT 10AM IN SACRAMENTO FOR 2009 SET-UP.

May 27, 2008
Conference Call

1. Roll Call; John Gouveia, Sam Ducato, Betsy Ito, Vanessa Woodmansee, Terry Horner, Sean Melvin, Paul Carlton, and Dick Grove.

2. Order of Business:

a. Team List;

Approved the appeal of Prime Time (now known as San Diego Prime Time) and removed them from the B list on the condition they not be allowed to add any players rated B or higher to their roster. Also removed Mitch Mendenhall and Dan Zupp from the B pitchers list. (Horner/Carlton)

Tabled appeal from Rude Pac and instructed the chair to contact their manager and request more information on Tournament results and stats.

b. Pitchers list;

Approved the appeal of Mike Milligan and removed him from the B list. (Grove/Carlton)

Next meeting; Conference Call Tuesday July 1st at 6pm (pacific time)

2009 set-up meeting Saturday October 4th ay 10am in Sacramento

April 29, 2008

Conference call

1. Roll call; John Gouveia, Sam Ducato, Anna Louie, Vanessa Woodmansee, Matt Pfeifer, Bob McCormick, Sean Melvin, and Paul Carlton, and Dick Grove.

2. Order of Business:

a. Team List- No Appeals

b. Pitchers List- Approved appeal of Sean Barker and removed him from the B List (Carlton/McCormick)and was unanimous.

c. Player List- Player appeals for Carlos Flores and Troy Parker referred back to Central Calif. per Region 14 classification guidelines.

d. National Restricted Player List- Italian Athletic Club is appealing five (5) players that appear on the new ASA restricted player list. IAC requests that Nate Devine, Joel Manfredi, Tony Peoples, Steve Pinniochio, and Travis Price be removed from the list so they can participate at the 'A' level. This can only be done by the ASA classification committee, but it was suggested that the Region 14 committee make a recommendation. The recommandation was to approve the request (Carlton/Louie) and was unanimous.

Upcomming meetings:

Tuesday May 27, 6pm conference call

Tuesday July 1, 6pm conference call

Saturday October 4, 10am (2009 set-up meeting)

January 26, 2008
Hayward, CA

Roll Call: John Gouveia, Sam Ducato, Anna Louie, Vanessa Woodmansee, Betsy Ito, Matt Pfeifer, Bob McCormick, Terry Horner, and Paul Carlton

1. Team List:

A Teams; IAC is the only A team on the list. However they may be impacted by the action of the ASA National Governing Body, which placed 6 of their players on the Restricted Players List (RPL). If IAC wants to appeal any of these players/pitchers designation, they must present their case to their local committee, who will forward it with its recommendation to this committee. This committee will forward it with its recommendation to the National Association.

B Teams; There were no changes in the Northern and Central California teams from the list produced at the September 29, 2007 meeting.

Southern California; There was no representative from Southern California. John Gouveia will contact Robert Hernandez to get his assessment of the teams in that area. It is anticipated that a number of Southern California teams will want to play in the ASA C Nationals because of their location in Arizona.

2. Pitchers List:

Major; Travis Price and Tony Peoples were moved to the Major list because of their placement on the ASA RPL list. (MSC Ducato/Louie)

A List; Mark Bennet was moved from the B Restricted list to the A list because of his performance at the B Nationals. (MSC Ducato/Horner)

B Restricted List; No changes made.

B List; BJ Hunhoff was added. The committee classified him at this level prior to the B Nationals so he could pitch with the Angels.

(MSC Carlton/McCormick) No other changes were made to the list except a housekeeping item showing Mike Milligan from GSSA rather than SoCal.

3. Tournament Schedules/Fees:

The tournament series dates, locations and format was finalized as follows;

- >April 5-6 Hayward.....3 game bracket
- >April 19-20 Fairfield.....Round Robin/single elim
- >May 3-4 Fairfield.....Round Robin/single elim
- >May 24-25 Hanford.....3 game bracket
- >June 7-8 Folsom.....3 game bracket
- >June 28-29 Sonora.....3 game bracket
- >July 19-20 Hayward.....3 game bracket
- >August 16-17 Davis.....3 game bracket

Entry fees are \$410 maximum for a 3 game bracket and \$430 maximum for a Round Robin/single elim..

4. Tournament awards:

Apply only to C teams.

Travel Fund awards will be made at the end of each event to that weekends winner. The amount will depend on the number of teams entered.

Twenty five (\$25.00) dollars from each teams entry fee will be set aside for the pay out..

A final travel fund award will be made to the winner of the July 19-20 event. The amount will be based on the number of teams entered throughout the season with \$25.00 of each entry fee from each team entered in all the events to that point will be set aside for this award. The May 24-25 event is a separate money event and is not considered part of the previously stated. This event will have an upper/lower division payout.

To be eligible for the final travel fund payout, teams must have played in two series events during the season. The Hanford (May 24-25) event will count as one of the events played in.

Note- B Teams are encouraged to work together to select the above tournament dates they can play in. The tournament directors will make every effort to accommodate the B teams. In addition if these teams want to schedule separate events they can work with their local commissioners to obtain help in scheduling fields and umpires.

5. Policy Review:

In reference to the Committee Policy List (at the top of this page), It was MSC (McCormick/Carlton) to add **Players may only play**

one level below their current classification. Their current classification is determined by the classification level of the team they played on last. Additionally, five was changed to four in this section to match the change in the ASA Code at the National Convention.

6. Other items:

Concerning the question of whether the committee wanted to pursue having a specific set of umpires identified to work the tournament series. It was a unanimous committee decision not to pursue this but instead let the local UIC determine the umpires for the event.

There was a brief discussion regarding the NAFA tournaments being scheduled by Bob Chapel. In response to the question Chairman John Gouveia made it clear that we did not take those events into consideration one way or the other when scheduling the tournament series and that ASA umpires may choose to umpire those events. However since ASA is not sanctioning these events, umpires cannot wear ASA equipment/uniforms nor are they covered by ASA insurance. Also, the field owner's policy if purchase by that field owner would also not be in effect.

Chairman John Gouveia will be sending out the committee list for updating of contact info and placement on the website.

7. 2008 Meeting schedule;

Tuesday April 29, 6pm conference call

Tuesday May 27, 6pm conference call

Tuesday July 1, 6pm conference call

Saturday October 4, 10am Sacramento set-up meeting for 2009

Sept. 29, 2007 Sacramento, California

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John Gouveia.

II. **Roll Call: John Gouveia, Paul Carleton, Sam Ducato, Jon Abernathy, Anna Louie, Vanessa Woodmansee (proxy)**

III. **Order of Business**

Review Team List: The committee reviewed the current team list and removed the following:

Rainey, A-1 Tank, Edge, Lumberkings, Lugnuts/McLaughlin Air.

Also; Spelling correction on Romie's Angels and added Lumberkings to Taylor Farms to reflect their merger.

The Committee reviewed the results of the National Tournaments to see if any team should be moved up in classification as required by code. There were none.

The Committee reviewed all the Region teams that played in the "C" Nationals to determine if any of these teams should be moved to "B" classification. There were none.

Review of Pitcher List: The committee reviewed the current pitcher list to see if any pitchers should be removed because they are no longer competing or no longer in Region 14. The following pitchers were dropped from the list based on this criteria:

Dave Dodson, Joe Givens, Bruce King, Bodie Smith

Also; Changed Ed Gasper to gssa

The committee reviewed the list to see if any one on the current list should be moved up in classification. The following pitcher was moved from the "B" restricted list to the "A" list:

Mark Bennett

New pitchers added to the "B" list:

Mike Egerdeen, Dave Drotzman, Darren Strang

Players List; (MSC) To omit the players list and have local association police the roster requirements.

Policy Changes for 2008;

#1; Omit 'players'

#3; Delete entire section

#8; Remove and replace with (as per ASA Code 507F2b) 'A team that has a combination of five or more players on a roster, including pick-ups, from a team or teams subject to mandatory reclassification, restricted classification, or are on the PCR team list must maintain the classification as assigned.

#9; MFP 'C' teams need to play in 1 ASA sanctioned event to attend the Nationals.

Travel League/Tournament Series

A representative did not attend from Southern Calif. or Central Calif. so their programs were not covered. The Northern Calif. series was discussed and a proposal by Bob Chapel was reviewed. The committee is recommending the following be used for the 2008 season;

“A” and “B” Team managers will meet and decide themselves which weekends they could all attend and notify that event director to try and secure a field. “A” and “B” teams will not participate with the “C” teams in the Tournament Series.

(Oct. 27) Program for the "C" teams to follow

Umpires; Chairman John Gouveia will contact the commissioners and UIC's to set-up some sort of pool to be assigned primarily to this series.

The committee feels the North Pacific Championships and the Regionals are probably not needed at this time and should not be scheduled. It also suggests the roster freeze date for our region be July 11th.

The first appeal meeting of 2008 will be Jan. 26th in Hayward. The remaining meeting schedule will be discussed at that meeting.

May 21, 2007 Conference Call

Dropped Rob Davis and Ron Mizener from the B list

Change in Northern Calif. Tournament Series for the second half: If two or more B teams enter an event, they will be placed in a separate bracket for

Sunday play.

April 30, 2007 Conference Call

Dropped Mark Bennett from A to B-restricted

January 27, 2007, HARD district office, Hayward, California, 11:00 AM

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John Gouveia.

Roll Call: John Gouveia, Terry Horner, Rick Appiano, Paul Carleton, Sam Ducato, Betsy Ito, Jon Abernathy, Anna Louie, Jeff Coleman, and Ike Pursell.

Order of Business

Player List Update;

(MSC) To eliminate the current list and replace it with a list based on the current Region 14 Team list having a minimum of 8 players from each of those teams as determined by their registering association. If not determined, then all rosters players will be listed.

Appeals;

- 1. EneyLink (team): Dropped from 'B' list.**
- 2. Ted Muniz (pitcher): Dropped from 'B' list.**

Travel League Reports;

- 1. Northern Calif; See attached sheet for adopted format**
- 2. Central Calif; Schedule announced and adopted 'C' National qualifying procedure from North (See Old Business below)**
- 3. Southern; No representative.**

Old Business;

- 1. As agreed to at the Regional meeting, the following was made policy for 2007: "Mens fastpitch 'C' teams wishing to go to the "C" Nationals must play in 4 total events to be eligible and 1 or those events must be either the Memorial Day event, the North Pacific Championships or the Regionals. "**

2. Meeting schedule;

Tue. May 1, 6pm conference call

Mon. May 21, Stockton 7PM

Mon. Jun 25, 6pm conference call

Note: A meeting may be changed to a conf. call or cancelled if no appeals

Men's Fastpitch Classification Committee 2007 Set-up meeting, Sept. 29, 2006, Roseville

Eagle's Hall
124 Vernon St.

Roseville, CA
10:00 AM

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John Gouveia at 10:00 am, September 30, 2006.

II. Roll Call: John Gouveia, Terry Horner, Sam Ducato, Chris Wright, Jon Abernathy, Betsy Ito, Paul Carleton

III. Order of Business:

A. Review and Update Team, Pitcher and Player List and Applicable Policies

1. Policy Review:

a. Criteria For Moving Teams in Classification: There was a discussion as to what criteria would be used to move teams up in classification. It was moved by Paul Carleton and seconded by Sam Ducato and unanimously passed, that for purposes of the initial review that only the National Code would be used. This does not preclude the committee from reclassifying teams during the season.

b. B Restricted Classification: There was a discussion about the need for the B restricted classification for pitchers. The committee decided to leave the classification intact so that pitchers on the A/B bubble have a place to pitch and yet there can't be two pitchers on the same team at that level.

c. Classification appeal submittal deadline: There was a discussion about the lead time needed for presenting appeals to the committee. It was agreed that a minimum of 48 hours prior to a scheduled meeting was reasonable for submittal of appeals to the committee.

d. Player List: The question was raised about the need for a player list. It is difficult to maintain and may prevent a player from playing at the appropriate level. After a great deal of discussion, Sam Ducato moved and Chris Wright seconded a motion to maintain a list, drop off all names prior to the 2004/05 season, and require all teams classified B to identify a minimum of 8 players on their roster that

will be considered as counting as B players for classifying a team. All other players on the roster may be dropped from the players list if the local commissioner agrees. Teams with 5 or more players from the Player List must play B or

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higher. The same policy shall apply to A teams however those players not identified as A players shall still be designated as B players for purposes of determining the classification of a team.

e. Pitcher from Outside Area: Concern was expressed that pitchers from outside region 14 that want to pitch in the travel leagues would not be able to under our current policy that specifies they are classified as Major pitchers until the classification committee reviews their status. It was decided that the tournament directors can handle it as they see fit until action can be taken by the committee if necessary.

2. Team Review: The committee reviewed the team list and updated it to reflect the current status of each team. This resulted in the following by unanimous vote:

a. Italian Athletic Club-"A" by code.

b. The following teams were dropped from the list as no longer active:

1. Team Lyons (Major) Horner/Wright
2. Bucks (A) Coleman/Horner
3. Bonanza Air (B) Ducato/Abernathy
4. Captain Dan's/Quest (B) Coleman/Wright
5. King Real Estate (B) Ducato/Coleman
6. Nielson Gamblers (B) Carleton /Coleman
7. Savala Painters-Bakersfield (B) Carleton /Wright

c. The team list was modified to reflect different names being used by a team as follows:

1. Energy Link/Lumber Kings
2. Lugnuts/McLaughlin Air
3. Edge/Pantara's

3. Pitcher Review: Changes were made pursuant to code, level of performance, or no longer active in California.

a. Major: Bill Hillhouse-Drop

b. "A":

1. Lonnie Brooks-A to B
2. Glen Davis-Drop
3. Mark Higgins-Drop
4. Tony Hunhoff-A to B-R

c. "B": The following B pitchers were dropped from the list.

1. Ronnie Allen; 2. Larry Althiede; 3. Chris Bird;
4. Ken Brose; 5. Jerome Clark; 6. Bob Dugo
7. Jim Fleck; 8. Joe Flores; 9. Steve Jaurique; 10. Mike Meinke 11. Jerry Melson;

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12. Mike Neeley; 13. Scott Peradotto 14. Bret Pobanz; 15. Rich Rivera 16. Geno Tamantini 17. Dude Ybarra

d. Pete Turner (IAC) elevated from “B” to “A”

B. Travel League Reports:

1. Pacific Coast Series Report-The main topic of discussion was the umpire situation in terms of availability and quality of umpires in the travel league. The travel league weekend scheduled for Reno last season was cancelled because of lack of available umpires. The competition for umpires is high when there are competing JO and slow pitch tournaments in the area at the same time as the fastpitch tournaments. There was discussion about paying the umpires more and covering their expenses to draw better umpires. Jon Abernathy indicated he had no problem paying their expenses but he was not going to make room reservations for them because of past bad experiences. He will give them a set amount and they can make their own plans and reservations. The committee recommended Bob Chapel take the same approach. Concern was expressed that paying the umpires more may not result in better umpires willing to work the tournament series but instead may just raise expectations of existing umpires for higher pay. All agreed there was no easy solution because of the competition with the JO and slowpitch programs except to try and schedule the tournament series when there aren't competing tournaments in the area. It was mentioned that Travis AFB has an excellent umpire crew that the tournament directors should consider using.

Jon Abernathy presented a proposal for tournament play that would have all teams, regardless of classification, playing in the same pool in a round robin format on Saturday. There would be an equal distribution of B and C teams on Saturday with the teams with the best record moving to one group on Sunday and the teams with the worst records moving to another group on Sunday. Points would be distributed by order of finish and would be used to determine eligibility for National tournament play. It could also be used to classify teams. Concern was expressed that B teams would not get the level of play they desired by playing C teams and C teams might object to having their berth to the Nationals determined through playing B teams. The committee took no action on the proposal.

Paul Carleton raised an issue about the format of the tournaments. He believes the five game guarantee doesn't create the same level of intensity as you find when you are playing in an “elimination” tournament such as the Nationals. Teams often lose interest and experience has shown that teams may not even show on Sunday if they have played poorly on Saturday. As a result teams may not be as well prepared as possible for Championship play. Carleton made a motion, seconded by Sam Ducato, to use the same format used in the ASA Nationals, that is a double

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elimination tournament but with a three game guarantee. The committee voted to implement this proposal but to allow some flexibility with the tournament director at the C level if desired by the C teams. They would be required to use this format at least three weekends.

The schedule for the Pacific Coast Series was presented. The dates and locations are as follows:

1. March 17/18-Stockton
 2. March 31/April 1-Stockton
 3. April 14/15 or 21/22-Fairfield (C only)
 4. May 5/6-Hayward
 5. May 19/20-Folsom
 6. May 26/28-(TBD) National Qualifier (C only)
 7. June 9/10-Reno
 8. June 23/24-Sonora
 9. July 7/8-Sonora
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2. Central Cal Travel League-Nothing to report
 3. So. Cal. Alliance Report-There was no representative from So. Cal
 - C. Old Business-Nothing to report.
 - D. New Business
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1. Vice Chair: With the resignation of Robert Hernandez, the committee lost its vice chairman. Sam Ducato volunteered to assume that position.
 2. Player List: Paul Carleton volunteered to maintain the player list. Each chair of the respective local classification committee will submit the rosters with the designated player level to Paul.
 3. Timing of Regionals: There was a discussion regarding the timing of the Regionals. Concern was expressed that the current schedule results in very few teams participating resulting in cancellation of the event. The question was asked during the discussion as to whether we even need the Regionals. It was suggested that if they were cancelled, the berths from the Regionals could go to the National Qualifier or an additional weekend could be added to the tournament series with the berths going there. The committee will consider the issue further after the item is discussed by the Pacific Coast Region as the event has already been awarded for 2007.
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4. Committee meeting schedule for 2007:
 - a. Saturday, Jan. 27-Hayward 10 am
 - b. Monday, May 1-Conference Call, 6 pm

- c. Monday, May 21st-Stockton, 6:30 dinner, 7 pm meeting
- d. Monday, June 25th-Conference Call, 6 pm

E. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

June 26, 2006 Conference call

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John Gouveia at 6:00pm.

II. Roll Call: John Gouveia, Robert Hernandez, Anna Louie, Terry Horner, Paul Carleton, Sam Ducato, Chris Wright, Bob Chapel, Jon Abernathy, Jeff Coleman.

Appeals:

Tony Hunhoff, pitcher; A-B; Denied

Matt Barnes, pitcher; A-B; Approved

Bay Area High Reach, team; Cardinals, team; Oroville Braves, team; Painters, team; B-C
Approved AFTER they meet with their home association to collectively name 4 B players
on their current roster.

Next meeting September 30 in Sacramento

May 22, 2006 Valley Brew Resturaunt
Stockton, California
6:30 PM

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Robert Hernandez at 6:40PM.

II. Roll Call: Robert Hernandez, Sam Ducato, Matt Pfeifer, Benny Herrera, Terry Horner, Bob Chapel, Paul Carleton, Betsy Ito

III. Order of Business

A. Review Committee Policies for 2006 – No changes

B. Appeals

- a. Savala Painters: Decision: Appeal was denied.
- b. West Coast Cardinals: Decision: Appeal was denied
- c. Oroville Braves: Decision: No action taken as the Committee did not receive a request
- d. Bay Area High Reach: Decision: Appeal was denied
- e. Pitcher: Matt Barnes Decision: Appeal was denied and the Committee request that additional stats are provided prior to the next meeting

C. Travel Leagues

- a. Nor-Cal – Held two events since the last meeting, one in Hayward and one in Fairfield
- b. So Cal – A/B & C event held in Lancaster the weekend of May 20-21

D. Old Business: None

a. 2006 Meeting Schedule

- 1. June 26, 6 pm-Conference Call
- 2. October 14, 10am - Sacramento

E. New Business: Matt Pfeifer brought up the discussion on the efforts on revitalizing the B program. There was both positive and negative feedback during the discussion by the Committee members.

F. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

April 29, 2006 Hayward Area Recreation and Park District
Administration Building 1099 “E” Street
Hayward, California 10:00AM

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John Gouveia at 10:10am.

II. Roll Call: John Gouveia, Robert Hernandez, Chuck Louie, Terry Horner, Rick Appiano, Betsy Ito, Jeff Coleman.

III. Order of Business

A. Review Committee Policies for 2006 – No changes

B. Review Updated Team and Pitcher List – No changes.

C. Appeals

a. Savala Painters: Decision: No action taken due to the number of “B” rated players from other teams currently on their roster. Team was 12-2 so far in the Central Cal travel league. Committee felt they would like to see this team play against “B” competition before considering their appeal.

b. Oroville Braves: Decision: The committee denied the appeal. The Braves do not appear to be competitive at the “B” level as their 0-5 record indicated but had only participated in one event so far. The committee understood that weather has been a major factor but would like to see teams play more before being reclassified.

c. West Coast Cardinals: Decision: The committee denied the appeal. Team can continue playing “B” and appeal again when more results are available.

d. Energy Link: Decision: Denied for the same reasons as above. 10-4 record so far.

e. Pitcher: Discussion on whether to place Ron Epps on the “B” list. There is a question regarding Mr. Epps’ eligibility in championship play. Decision: To not place Ron Epps on pitcher list but to continue to monitor his play and re-classify if necessary.

D. Travel Leagues

a. All leagues had lost several dates to weather and did not have many results to report. The Pacific Coast League had 8 teams participating in their two events, Central Cal has 10 in theirs and the Southern California Alliance had 16 and 19 teams in their two events. More results should be available at the next committee meeting.

E. Old Business: None

a. 2006 Meeting Schedule

1. May 22, 6 pm-Stockton

2. June 26, 6 pm-Conference Call

3. October 14, 10am - Sacramento

F. New Business: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

February 4, 2006 Eden Mansion Hayward, California
10:00AM

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John Gouveia at 10:00am.

II. Roll Call: John Gouveia, Robert Hernandez, Lou Enriquez, Anna Louie, Terry Horner, Rick Appiano, Paul Carleton, Sam Ducato, Chris Wright, Bob Chapel, Jon Abernathy, Betsy Ito.

III. Order of Business

A. Review Committee Policies for 2006

a. Player List:

1. It was noted that there are two Biagini's on the player list. It was clarified that one is a Junior. This will be corrected.
2. Chris Wright felt the list was in error because in several cases a player was listed twice but at two different levels, e.g. A and B. John Gouveia explained that was due to the fact the that player may have played at both levels and since the names were taken from the sign in rosters at the Nationals they would show up on both. Chris pointed out some other issues with the list. John Gouveia asked him to review the roster and identify areas of concern and provide this information to him.
3. There were three appeals by individual players to remove them from the Player list so they could play at the C level. If not removed they would continue to be counted toward the 4 player limit necessary for a team to remain at the lower classification. John Gouveia reminded the committee that the policy of the committee was to not classify individual players as their level was based strictly on the classification level of the team they played for the previous season. Unless the committee changed the policy the three appeals before the committee would be denied based on the policy. There was a great deal of discussion about the pros and cons of this policy. It was pointed out that the teams could appeal their entire designation after playing at least one weekend at the higher level. While teams can appeal their entire designation at a later appeal meeting, they could be put at a disadvantage for qualifying for a national berth at the lower level. As a result of the discussion, several motions were made and approved. Sam Ducato moved and Paul Carleton seconded, that individual player appeals will not be taken up by the committee. Further, that a method will be worked out to not disadvantage those teams, in seeking a National berth, that played at the higher level but were then dropped in classification later in the season. The motion was approved. John Abernathy moved, and Anna Louie seconded, that when a team was moved to a lower classification they must identify the four players that will continue to be designated at the higher level, for the committees review and approval. The motion was approved.

B. Review Updated Team and Pitcher List

- a. There was a brief discussion of the actions taken by the committee at its October 1, 2005 meeting.
- b. There was a question regarding the reason two pitchers were moved from C to B at the October meeting since their team did not get moved up. Discussion was tabled until the appeal on these two pitchers was heard.

C. Appeals

- a. King Real Estate: They were moved up from C to B by the committee at its Oct 1, 2005 meeting because they met one of the five criteria used by the committee in making this determination. The appeal was presented in person. Decision: The committee denied the appeal because there was nothing on which to base a change from the Oct. 1 decision. They were advised to play in one or two events at the B level and then they could appeal at a future committee meeting if they still believed they were unable to compete at the B level.
- b. Bay Area High Reach: They were moved up from C to B at the Oct 1 meeting. The appeal was presented in person. Decision: Denied for the same reasons as above.
- c. Pitchers: Jose Calderon, (Country Club), Brad Wilson, (Country Club), and Tom Biko, (Savala Painters), requested to be reclassified from B to C. They had been added to the B list at the October 1, 2005 meeting due to a clerical reporting error. Their teams remained at the C classification. Chris Wright made a motion, seconded by Sam Ducato to grant the appeal of all three. Decision: Approved.
- d. Pitcher: Joe Salcido, (Raymar) requested to be reclassified from B to C. Joe was moved up with his team, Raymar, at the start of the 2005 season because of their finish at the C nationals. Joe pitched at the B level during the 2005 season. Statistics were provided. Decision: Approved but will remain on the B list as a player.
- e. Players: Donald Wood, (West Coast Cardinals), Todd Pitman, (West Coast Cardinals), Cary Anderson (Rockers) requested to be dropped from the player list which would allow them to play at the C level without counting toward the limit of 4 higher division players on a lower division team. Decision: Denied as individual player appeals are not considered by the committee.

D. Travel Leagues

- a. Roster Freeze Date. The roster freeze date for C teams in northern and central California is July 21, 2006. In Southern California it is July 14, 2006.
- b. Pacific Coast Series Report: Bob Chapel gave a brief report including a schedule of events. There is a managers meeting Saturday, Feb 11 at the Italian Athletic Club in Stockton. Entries must be received Friday, one week prior to the event. Teams need to get their forms and fees in early to ensure a spot as there will be limits to the number of teams that can be accommodated. John Gouveia stated that the C event in Hayward May 6/7 can be modified to include a B component as well.
- c. Central Cal Report: There was no representative from Central Cal but Bob Chapel presented their schedule.
- d. Southern Cal Alliance Report: Robert Hernandez and Lou Enriquez shared in presenting their report. They provided a handout that

listed the teams. There are 11 A/B teams and 13 C teams. In the A/B league they are also allowing major pitchers and their teams on Saturday but not during single elimination on Sunday. They will not be eligible for prizes. The C National Qualifier will be Memorial Day Weekend in Palm Springs. There will also be a B component.

E. Tournament Schedule: This was reviewed as part of the Travel League reports.

F. Old Business: None

G. New Business

a. 2006 Meeting Schedule

1. March 13, 6 pm-Conference Call

2. April 29, Location to Be Determined*

3. May 22, 6 pm-Stockton

4. June 26, 6 pm-Conference Call

5. October-TBD

*This meeting date was changed from April 24 to April 29. Because of the anticipated high volume of appeals the format was changed from a conference call to a meeting. Southern Cal has first option on having the meeting. If they choose not to then the meeting will be in Hayward.

H. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.