

## LYBSA Board Meeting – 10/23/2024

### 1. Player Protect Rules

- a. 8u coach proposed that teams moving up from 6u to 8u American be allowed more saves to be able to compete against the other teams that already have a season in 8u.
- b. Another 8u coach proposed that the American Division allow more saves in general, regardless of first season in the age group or not.
  - i. Reason for this is for the American Division teams that have majority of their players who are not ready to play in the National League, but still want to keep most of their team together for the following season.
  - ii. Board agreed that 8u American AND 10u American would be allowed 8 saves instead of 6 saves. These saves do NOT have to be from your previous season's team.
  - iii. **This will be implemented in our Spring 2025 season.**
- c. All player protects/saves must be in before tryout evaluation sheets are sent out to coaches.
  - i. Once tryouts sheets go out to coaches, they are no longer allowed to save a player.
  - ii. This will be implemented in our handbook.

### 2. Midseason Division Switches (8u age group only)

- a. With the change of the American Division player protect rule, it was brought up that we need to ensure teams do not take advantage of the changes.
  - i. This will only apply to the 8u age group because there are not different rules between the American and National Divisions like there are in 10u.
  - ii. At the halfway point of the regular season, the top 2 teams from the American Division and the bottom 2 teams from the National Division will be evaluated based on their run differential in their games.
    1. If these teams have a lopsided run differential within their games, they may be subject to be moved to the other division.
    2. We will add something to our rules that reads similar to: **“Upon board review, the league may move a team(s) to a different division if necessary. This would only be done at the halfway mark of the regular season.”**
    3. **This will be implemented in our Spring 2025 season.**
  - iii. VP Ryan Lundberg is working on getting a document together with written clarifications on the differences between the American and National Divisions.
    1. This document will also include examples of what the level of play looks like in both divisions.
    2. This will be posted and given to all head coaches (that it applies to), upon receiving their application, for them to evaluate their saved

players and make sure they put their team in the division that best fits their skill level.

3. Our hope is that this will prevent us from having to switch any team at the midseason mark and help with facilitating even competition levels within the division.

**3. Tiebreaker Order**

- a. It was proposed that we change the order of tiebreakers and/or change the point system for Wins, Losses, and Ties.
- b. The consensus was to keep it the same as it currently is and to not move forward with a change.