

Minutes
GSFL SUMMER MEETING
July, 23, 2012
Bow Meeting House
7 PM

Organizations Present and their numbers of registered players as of today

Kearsarge--32
Monadnock--40
Hartford--45
John Stark--26
Gilford--12
Hollis Brookline--40
Bow--31
Concord--35

Organizations Absent

Epping
Pembroke

Old Business

Miscellaneous

Two organizations have yet to pay their 2012 dues. Dave Levesque will contact them by email. Dues go to Championship Banners and the website. This year, we will add a new traveling trophy for the JV and Varsity Champions to be presented at the conclusion of the championship games. All former championship teams will be included on the engraving.

Hartford has been granted a waiver from the Vermont school athletic governing body to play up to 8 games. Since the regular season league schedule is 9 games, they will forfeit their game with Pembroke and they will not be eligible for the play-offs.

Swing Players

Swing players continue to be a misunderstood issue and the Rules Committee has proposed some changes to the rule to clarify. The old rule allowed each qualifying team to swing as many players as they wished. The new rule will apply to those organizations who have 35 or fewer kids rostered. Teams (JV and Varsity combined) who have 36 or more players will not be allowed to swing players. Teams will be required to roster 18 players for their Varsity Teams each week. They may then swing down enough players to bring the JV team up to a roster of 18. Swinging 7th graders up is never an issue. Rosters should be set on the GSFL website by midnight on the

Thursday before the game with the swing players identified. Coaches may swing an additional player right up to game time to allow for last minute injuries or absences but they must notify the opposing coach of these last minute changes prior to the JV game and an email should go to the webmaster noting these changes so they can be tracked.

The clear intent of the swing rule is to allow teams with fewer players to field both a JV and Varsity level team but it should be understood that players chosen to swing down to a JV team should not be stud Varsity players who will have a significant impact on the outcome of the JV game.

Website Deadlines

Rosters for Varsity and JV teams must be submitted to the website by midnight on the thursday prior to that week's games. Scores and the all-state picks should be submitted to the website by midnight on the monday immediately after the weekend's games. Dave Levesque and Lee Byrne of HB will administer the website this year. The GSFL extends a strong note of appreciation to Shawn Ives of Bow for his fine work on the website over the last few years.

Play-off Format

This season we will have one 10 team league with no divisions and each team will play every other team for a total of 9 games. The top 4 finishers at the end of the season will go to the play-offs with 1 playing 4 and 2 playing 3 in the first round. The higher seed will always be the home team. In the event that Hartford qualifies for the playoffs, every team below them in the standings will move up one spot and the 5th place team will go to the play-offs as the 4th seed. Play-off games will still be scheduled for Sundays.

New Business

New Secretary

Rod McQuarry of John Stark volunteered to act as Secretary for the remainder of the year.

JV Rosters

JV rosters will be frozen after the 5th game of the season for the purpose of identifying a JV play-off roster.

All-State Selections

Last year the selection of all state players was weakened by the lack of participation in the process by too many teams. Some undeserving kids were selected and some worthy kids were overlooked by virtue of the small sample size. We want to

make our All-State selections accurate and meaningful. This year, each Varsity Head Coach must select 1 to 3 players from the opposing team each week for the All State balloting. Each Head Coach should share his picks with the opposing coach during the post game hand shakes to verify names and numbers and each team must submit their selections for All State to the league website by midnight on monday following each game along with the scores. At least 1 of the 3 kids submitted must be a lineman (offense or defense).

Sam Cavallaro

Dave Levesque announced that Sam Cavallaro has decided to retire from youth football to focus on coaching at Hanover High School and to devote more time to his other interests. Sam has been a founder and instrumental in the leadership of both the Snow Belt League and the GSFL. Those who have worked with him over the years recognize that the GSFL exists today in very large part to Sam's hard work.

Adjournment

There being no additional new business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30. The Winter GSFL meeting will be scheduled for December or January.

Respectfully Submitted

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Hollis-Brookline