

NYSSA

Board Meeting

November 21, 2025

- **Attendees:** All Board Members in attendance except for H. Brittman. Guests attending: N. Castelleneta, R. Dorato, J. Nardone.
- **Minutes:** Accepted as presented.
- **Financials:** C. Schafer walked the Board through the financials as of November 21st, 2025. Everything tracking our plan.
- **Player Evaluations:** C. Schafer distributed to the Board a schedule showing in Alphabetical Order players 2025 Ratings versus 2024. Also distributed to the Managers, a copy of the ratings by team for 2025 as prepared by the Managers.
It was agreed the Managers would review these ratings and have a meeting after the December Board Meeting to finalize the 2025 Player Ratings.
- **Annual Luncheon and Awards:** All thought the event at Stewart Manor C.C. was excellent. Jules was a little disappointed that J. Balsamo wasn't in attendance to accept his award from NYSSA.
- **2026 Rules:** A brief discussion was held on Rules for next year.
Rules on playing more games in your specific division (National or American) was discussed. It was agreed that we will stay with current structure, playing 4 Rounds between all Teams and across Divisions.
Rule to modify the Bat rule was discussed and voted down. Rule stays as is.
Rule to have a runner behind home plate was discussed and voted down.
Rule on Roster Size and Quantity of Teams was discussed and tabled until we see how many players apply for 2026. It was agreed that we would like an even amount of Teams and that decision may impact Team Roster size. Managers would like 15-16 players per team, plus a Wait List.
Rule: Reaffirmed a Team Manager or Assistant can't be rated in first 2 Rounds of the Draft.
Rule discussion will continue in December with other issues to finalize: Designated Fielder, Extra Second Base, etc.
Rule: Weather related, reaffirmed the current rule, we either all play or no one plays.
- **New Business:** There was discussion about our NYSSA website. A number of Board Members highlighted

concerns about our website. Discussion centered around improving/modernizing our site.

Concerns Voiced About:

Dated Materials {Rules 2 years old}

Applications/Indemnity {from last year}

Schedule (was never very clear, fuzzy)

- A. Cappelli volunteered to contact LISSA website developer/manager to discuss perhaps NYSSA piggybacking on their work/development.

- **2026 Team Names:** J. Birbiglia wants the Guardians, A. Finchley wants to use Twins and A. Silva wants Reds.
- **Next Meeting:** December 19th, 10AM in Cantiague Park.