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1. What type of time commitment is required for board members?

SGAA typically has 1 board meeting per month, normally on the 3rd Wednesday night of that month. Meetings average about 2 hours. In addition to meetings, we request that each board member commission at least 1 to 2 sports during a calendar year. For example, one person may commission a 5/6 age group in soccer during one season and a 5/6 age group in baseball during another season. Board members typically choose a sport they enjoy. They may commission a league in volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball, football, cheerleading, or soccer.

It can be time consuming, but many of our board members have at least one child who is in school and they handle it. Does it mean that Mom and Dad have to drive separately to the field on a night that one of them has to commission and their child is playing? Normally, yes, because that board member is there for all (usually 1 or two) games of the night. This is also why board members coach and commission the league where their child plays. If they commissioned a league that was not their child's league, they would be on a field almost every night of the week. If we can get an entire board of workers/commissioners, it will be much less of a time commitment. Also, when two families commission a league together, it is MUCH easier.

2. Do board members and commissioners get paid?

No, our board members and commissioners get no compensation and they spend their own money when traveling to pick up supplies, to attend meetings, and to commission games.

3. Why does SGAA wait until the last minute to publish schedules?

Except for football and cheerleading, until sign-ups are completely closed, SGAA has no idea how many teams we will have for each sport. MANY of our parents sign up on the very last day of sign ups, so we cannot estimate how many teams we will have. For example, on the final day of sign ups, if we have 33 kids signed up for baseball, we will have 3 teams and will not allow more sign ups. If we have 37 kids, we will likely have 4 teams and will solicit more kids to play to make a balanced team of 44 kids.

4. Why is the league commissioner allowed to coach a team?

SGAA is run solely by volunteers. While it is often difficult to find coaches, it is EXTREMELY difficult to find commissioners because of the time commitment required. Most of our volunteers would love to coach a team without commissioning, but in fact, if they did not commission, we could not have a league.

5. Do I have to be a board member to commission?

No. We do ask our board members to commission at least one sport and most commission several, simply because we have such a hard time finding commissioners.

6. What facilities does SGAA own? What fees does SGAA pay to use facilities?

SGAA does not own any facilities. Granville County, Granville County Schools, the Town of Butner and the City of Creedmoor are community partners allowing free and reduced rates to SGAA because SGAA is the primary provider of athletics for all members of the community. SGAA does not have tryouts and is open to all participants with no regard to specific talent or skill levels.

Butner Sports Arena - The Town of Butner is gracious enough to allow SGAA to occupy a large room at the Sports Arena free of charge. In this room, SGAA has its board meetings and stores a portion of its equipment. During basketball season, SGAA rents the gym at a reduced rate of \$75 per night (Monday through Friday). SGAA pays \$150 per day to rent the facility on Saturdays and Sundays. There are many Sundays that SGAA does not rent the gym during basketball season because there is simply not enough participation (either practices or games) to warrant paying the associated rental fee.

Butner Church Field – This baseball field is owned by the Town of Butner and the parking lot is owned by Butner First Baptist Church. Neither organization charges rental fees to SGAA. Both groups allow SGAA to schedule practices and games there as the main provider of community athletics in the area. SGAA does not schedule games or practices here during Sunday or Wednesday night worship services and church events. SGAA is responsible for contracting field maintenance for all practices and games (field dragging, lining, etc.)

Battle Roberts Fields - Creedmoor – The City of Creedmoor allows SGAA to use the small and large fields for a fee of \$10 per field per 1 ½ hours of use. SGAA is responsible for contracting field maintenance for all practices and games (field dragging, lining, etc.) SGAA also provides portable restrooms on-site.

Corner Field - Butner – This field belongs to Granville County Schools (Butner Stem Middle School) who allows SGAA to use the field free of charge provided that SGAA provides all field maintenance (field dragging, lining, mowing, etc.) for all SGAA practices and games as well as all Butner Stem Middle School softball games. SGAA is also responsible for paying the electric bill, provides a portable restroom on-site and dumpster services on-site.

Granville Athletic Park (GAP) – Granville County – SGAA occasionally (*very seldom*) rents the GAP fields at \$44 per night for two games or \$22 per each 1 ½ hour game. These fees include all field maintenance and facility use including restrooms, electricity, trash receptacles, etc.

South Granville HS Football Field – South Granville High School allows SGAA to use the football field for Home football games. SGHS does not charge a fee to SGAA. The only profit South Granville High School receives from this is their profit from concessions. Occasionally, SGHS allows SGAA to use their soccer field.

Mount Energy Elementary School - Mount Energy allows SGAA to use the soccer fields free of charge. SGAA handles field maintenance for SGAA games and practices.

Butner Athletic Park (BAP) – Butner – SGAA plays baseball and softball during the week at this park throughout baseball and softball season. This is also a wonderful complex for our soccer teams. SGAA

receives a sharply reduced rate from the Town of Butner complex as the local provider of athletics for southern Granville County. We are very appreciative to Butner for the use of this facility.

7. Why didn't my child's baseball/softball league play at the BAP more often?

Some leagues for 7-8 boys and 6-8 girls played at the Corner and Church fields so that the pitching machines would not have to be moved constantly. Also, because some of our volunteers commission more than one league, we sometimes have to work games around their schedules.

8. Does SGAA receive any financial revenue from sources outside of registration fees, sponsorships or other areas such as concessions?

SGAA has been very fortunate over the years to receive financial support from our community and area partners. For instance, the Granville County Board of Commissioners provides funding for both recreation facilities and programs throughout Granville County. This funding is reviewed and distributed through Granville County's RAC (Recreational Advisory Committee). In the past, agencies receiving funding have included Oxford, Town of Butner, City of Creedmoor, and SGAA.

These funds are not guaranteed and have been distributed and allotted in different increments throughout the years. SGAA was often sustained by these funds. This additional revenue is critical to the financial welfare of SGAA and allows the organization to keep user fees as low as possible.

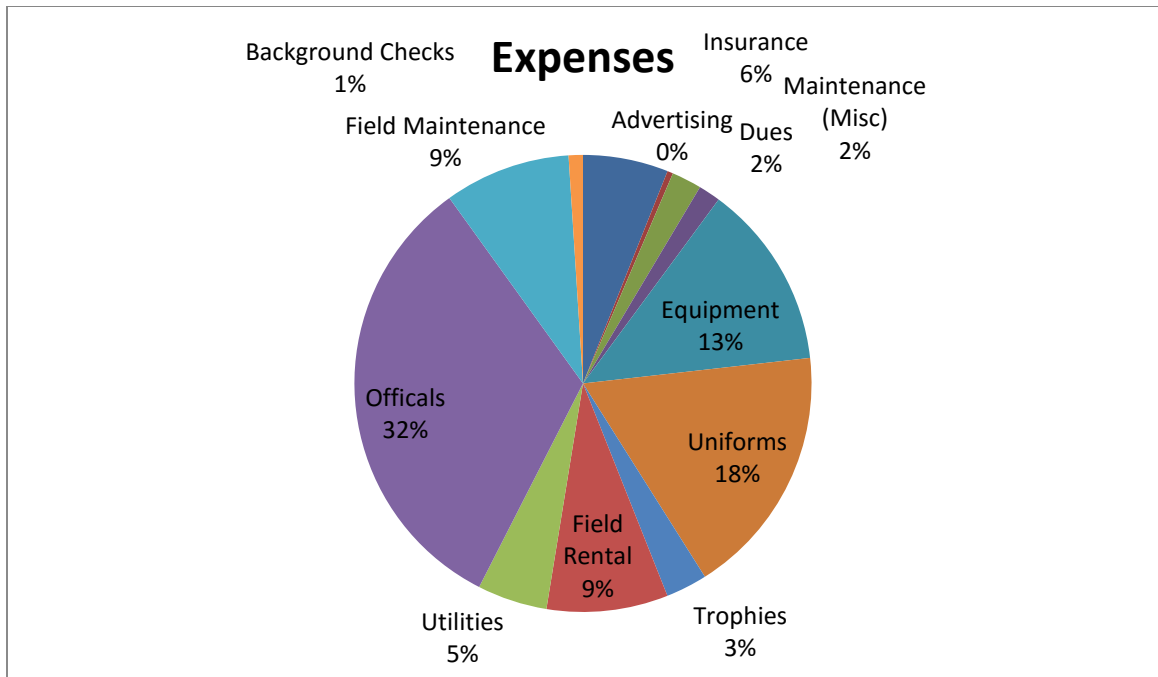
9. What does my registration fee pay for?

Shown below are approximate calculations from the 2013 Spring Softball and Baseball season. SGAA charged an \$80 registration fee per player. As shown in the chart below, the actual cost to SGAA was \$115.41 per player. As you can see, SGAA is very dependent upon grant money in order to pay associated expenses while keeping registration fees as reasonable as possible for our members.

League	Players	Teams
MLG 6/8 (Girls)	47	4
PWG 9/10 (Girls)	45	4
LLG 11/12 (Girls)	31	3
JLG 13/16 (Girls)	38	3
T Ball 3/4 (Co-ed)	60	6
MIDGETS 5/6 (Co-ed)	75	7
MLB 7/8 (Boys)	88	8
PWB 9/10 (Boys)	44	4
LLB 11/12 (Boys)	44	4
TOTALS	472	43

Revenue	
Registration	\$38,796.44
Sponsorships	\$4,755.00
Parent Shirts	\$223.00
TOTALS	\$43,774.44

Expenses		Per Player	Per Team
Insurance	\$3,288.00	\$6.95	\$76.46
Advertising	\$220.98	\$0.47	\$5.14
Dues	\$1,155.31	\$2.44	\$26.87
Utilities	\$2,696.39	\$5.71	\$62.70
Equipment	\$7,140.55	\$15.13	\$166.06
Uniforms	\$9,715.69	\$20.58	\$225.95
Trophies	\$1,599.54	\$3.38	\$37.20
Field Rental	\$4,678.00	\$9.91	\$108.79
Maintenance (Misc)	\$850.00	\$1.80	\$19.76
Officials	\$17,742.00	\$37.58	\$412.60
Field Maintenance	\$4,867.02	\$10.30	\$113.19
Background Checks	\$550.00	\$1.16	\$12.79
TOTALS	\$54,503.48	\$ 115.41	\$ 1,267.51



10. May I request a particular coach?

The only player guaranteed to go with the coach is his/her child. This is due to the SGAA's desire for equitable teams. See "Assessment and Draft Guidelines" shown under "Handouts" at sgaaweb.com.

11. I would like for my child to be on a relative's team for transportation. Is that allowed?

Unfortunately, this is not guaranteed due to the SGAA "Assessment and Draft Guidelines" as shown under "Handouts" at sgaaweb.com. SGAA can and will mention your request during the draft, but because coaches only have a specific number of slots for each skill level, this may not be possible.

12. Both of my children will be playing in the same league. Will they be on a team together?

Yes.

13. Can I get a refund if my child is not paired with a child I requested?

If you state that your child cannot play unless he/she is teamed with a particular child, SGAA can and will tell the coaches during the draft; however, if the children are not teamed together, SGAA will remove your child's name from the draft completely. Please note that if that occurs, he/she is not guaranteed a spot at all since that league will already be drafted.

14. Why don't you give refunds?

SGAA makes every effort to balance our teams according to skill level. In the past, SGAA had players who decided that they didn't want to play because they didn't get a specific coach or they weren't on the team with a friend. That coach chose players based on skill levels and even if there is a waiting list, the chances of the coach getting another player with the same skill level, is very slim. Imagine being a coach whose first pick (and strongest player) decided that he/she didn't want to play because his/her friend was on another team. That entire team would suffer from the loss of a very strong player.

15. Why do you only allow refunds in football?

SGAA allows refunds in football because some children are not prepared for the sport once "hitting" begins. Football requires a substantial time commitment.

16. What are the responsibilities of a league commissioner?

All Sports

As League Commissioner, you will be the first point of contact for all coaches in the league. You must be available when coaches have last minute questions or need assistance with problems. Coaches should have your home and cell numbers. Areas below are your responsibility:

1. Assist in finding coaches for your league.
2. Compile or assist with uniform order for your league.
3. Oversee draft process with at least one additional SGAA board member.
4. Be present during games or have a designee there in your absence
5. Ensure that each head coach in your league has game and picture schedules.
6. Be accessible to coaches in the event that teams need to pull up players to avoid forfeit.
Commissioners must keep a list showing players who are in their last year of eligibility in the

league below (includes players that will age into the league next year). Coaches should NOT pull-up players without notifying the league commissioner.

7. Notify coaches/officials when games are cancelled due to weather.
8. Notify coaches/officials of reschedules as quickly as possible.
9. Distribute and communicate practice times and facilities evenly. Ensure that coaches are using times that they are scheduled. Address those who are not.
10. Document game results so that league standings are available at tournament time.
11. Communicate tournament information such as brackets, times, etc.
12. Address problems, such as kids who do not attend games/practices, etc.
13. Report issues needing attention to SGAA Board of Directors as necessary.
14. Coordinate and present league specific information via meetings, phone, email, etc. to coaches within the league and to board members.

Concessions

It is not the commissioner's responsibility to open up the concession, but if a worker has not shown up by 30 minutes prior to game time, please call the Concession Coordinator/Manager.

If during the game(s) you aren't busy and the concession is busy, it would be appreciated if you or another adult would volunteer to help with the rush.

Please do not leave the facility until the concession workers have finished cleaning and have locked up the building unless another adult is present. Most of the workers are teenagers, so this is a safety issue. Notify workers when there are approximately 30 minutes left in the last game so that they can start cleaning up and closing.

Basketball/Volleyball

Opening: Generally a Commissioner should be at the gym for games by 5:30, no later than 5:45 pm on weekdays and 8:30 – 8:45 am on Saturdays. If a commissioner who has the first game of the day or evening is going to be late, that commissioner should call someone to open the facility and to cover for him/her until arrival. Commissioners that are not commissioning the first game of the day, should be there approximately 15 minutes before game time.

1. Turn on gym lights and scoreboards
2. Unlock the front door(s) for people to enter
3. Put up score box at each end of the court
4. Ensure that the coaches sweep/dust the floors
5. Ensure coaches put up or adjust goals, if necessary
6. Get the appropriate game ball for the referees

Start of Game:

For the first game of the day or evening, there is a 10-minute grace period. After that, it becomes a forfeit for any team that does not have enough players. If both coaches agree, they can play a scrimmage game. The scrimmage should end early enough so that the next game starts on time.

Referees: If a referee is late and both coaches agree, it is okay to start the game with only one referee.

During:

1. While watching your league play, try to ensure that no one is running in the middle or around the courts. Address any possible safety issues.
2. Ensure that there are only team basketballs in the gym and that the coach has possession of the game ball (no bouncing/dribbling)
3. Notify concession workers when there is approximately 30 minutes left in the last game of the night so that they can prepare to close.
4. At the end of your league's games, ensure that the goals and game balls are put away (if not being used by the next league)

End of night:

1. Ensure trash is picked up underneath bleachers and on the floor and empty trashcans if needed, including the bathroom trashcans. Remind parents & coaches to PLEASE pick up after themselves.
2. Close and lock doors
3. Turn out lights including scoreboard lights
4. Ensure concession door is locked
5. Please do not leave the gym until concession workers are ready to leave or until another adult is there with them

Practices – A commissioner should be at the gym when leagues are practicing.

Baseball/Softball

Opening: Commissioners should arrive at the field at about 5:30 pm, no later than 5:45 pm on weekdays and 8:30 – 8:45 am on Saturday. If you play later in the day you should be there at least 15 minutes before game time.

1. Set up score box, if using.
2. Ensure the field is playable and set up appropriately for your league.
3. Get out game balls for umpires.
4. Start the game at the appropriate time.
5. Track game time, noting the start time and watching for the ending time
6. Keep up with the score in order to determine slaughter rule. Solicit help to keep score if scoreboard is available.
7. Record pitcher's innings in all kid-pitch leagues.

Start of Game:

Note the time that each game starts. It is best to document the start time from your cell phone since cell time is universal. GAME TIMERS SHOULD BE VISIBLE TO ALL COACHES AND SPECTATORS. Only for the first game of the day is there a 10-minute grace period: after that, it becomes a forfeit for the team that does not have enough players. If both coaches agree, they may play a scrimmage game. The scrimmage should end early enough so that the next game starts on time.

See individual league rules for clarification when only one umpire is present

During:

1. Address any possible safety issues.
2. Record pitcher's innings in kid-pitch games.
3. Have balls available for umpires.

4. Notify concession workers when there is approximately 30 minutes left in the last game of the night so that they can prepare to close.
5. At the end of your league's games, ensure that the scoreboards are unplugged and stored (if applicable and if not being used by the next league)

End of Night:

1. Ensure that the trash has been picked up and the trashcans have been emptied into the appropriate dumpster. Remind parents & coaches to PLEASE pick up after themselves.
2. Turn out lights.
3. Please do not leave the field until concession workers are ready to leave or until another adult is there with them.

Inclement Weather – Baseball/Softball

If you are already at the field and it is not "game time" and it starts to rain, thunder, or lightning, delay the start of the game. Generally, wait approximately 15 minutes to see what the weather will do. If after this time frame, it appears that the weather is breaking up, continue to wait for a few more minutes to see if conditions improve. The amount of time is a judgment call. If after this time, the field is playable, begin your games. Check your league rules to determine the latest that you can start on school nights. If conditions do not improve and in your judgment working on the field won't help or the storm is continuing, cancel the game for that night. As commissioner, notify the President or game scheduler when you cancel games. Keep in mind that you must contact the league president to cancel umpires. Umpires must be called at least one hour before game time so that we are not charged.

If you have inclement weather and the game is already in progress, it is the umpire's decision when to stop the game, when to resume the game, and when to have the players come to the dugouts because of lightning or heavy rain. Players should not remain in dugouts during lightning. Again, it is a judgment call as to how long you wait. Most umpires will let the Commissioner make the call, but a good estimate would be 15 minutes to see if the storm is moving through or the rain has decreased so that you can play. Prior to starting or resuming games, ensure that the field is playable.

If you halt a game due to weather, be sure to note the time you stopped. Upon resuming the game you will continue the time.

If a game is not resumed due to weather, notify the President or scheduler. Check your league rules to determine whether or not your game is considered complete and whether or not to count pitchers (if applicable).

Baseball/Softball All-Stars (Spring Only)

1. Solicit all-star coach nominations from each head coach (according to all-star policy).
2. Convey All-Star Program information such as tournament information, tournament notebook instructions, team finances, etc.
3. Ensure that coaches have necessary information for each player and assist in compiling the tournament notebook.
4. Follow team's general progress until team disbands.