

St. George Old Master's League Meeting - Feb. 5th, 2026

Meeting commences at 7:00 PM. Attendees are Casey Clark, Angie Clark, Chris Powles, Jason Gambacort, Dan Carret, Charlie Morrison, Brian Inget, Brent Laframboise, Todd Logan and Robert Jeffery.

Executive Restructuring: Casey Clark is re-elected as President. Dan Carret nominates Charlie Morrison as Secretary and the motion passes. Casey Clark proposes that the executive council be restructured so that the position of Vice-President 2 be eradicated due to redundancy and the motion passes. As such, the executive council is comprised of Casey Clark (President), Chris Powles (Vice-President), Jason Gambacort (Statistician) and Charlie Morrison (Secretary).

Finances: The bank that the league is currently using in St. George is closing. As such, Casey Clark will be moving the league bank account to a BMO in Brantford. The current balance of the bank account is approximately \$500.00. League expenses for the upcoming 2026 season are anticipated to be approximately \$7,000.00, which equates to \$1,400.00 per team. The breakdown of the total cost includes new balls (~\$425.00), trophy engraving (~\$65.00), diamond bookings (~\$4,000.00) and umpiring fees (~\$2,440.00).

Umpiring: Casey Clark proposes that the league hire Randy as the full-time umpire and Lucas as the supplementary umpire to handle Diamond A on Sundays. The motion passes. It was also clarified that arguing with an umpire can only be done by the coach (who must call time), the pitcher, the catcher or the batter. All other players are not allowed to argue with calls. Umpires can issue warnings and, subsequently, ejections at their discretion with regards to this rule.

Scheduling: All standalone games will have a 1h45m time limit and double-headers will have a 1h30m time limit in the 2026 season (same as the previous year). The tentative schedule that has been distributed to teams may change slightly depending on the schedules of other leagues on Wednesday nights.

Social Activities: Casey Clark proposes that the league invest in an annual league party in place of the annual league golf tournament, which appears to be losing steam. The total cost of the league party in 2019 was approximately \$700.00. Casey and Angie Clark are offering to host the league party in 2026 and it was suggested that each team donate \$100.00 to contribute to a party fund. It was suggested that the party be scheduled some time in late August or early/mid September. Casey also suggested that

we think of ways to encourage more spectator attendance for the league finals (i.e.: a raffle or barbecue).

Standings: In 2025, the league encountered a rare occurrence where two teams were tied in both the standings and head-to-head record (2-2-1). To break the tie, the league used total runs scored by each team, which may not be ideal due to some games ending prematurely for various reasons. Moving forward, it was proposed that flipping a coin be used instead in such scenarios. Brent Laframboise proposes that teams flip a coin before every playoff game to determine home field advantage. Casey Clark proposes that we maintain the “flip-flop” rule in the playoffs, whereby the losing team in a game always bats first in the 9th inning (i.e.: if the home team is losing, they would bat in the bottom of the 8th as well as the top of the 9th). Casey also suggested that the league explore the possibility of adding a 6th team at some point moving forward and all attendees were in favour.

Player Safety: To prevent outfielders from having to run down the hill and into the trees in deep right field on Diamond B, it was proposed that any ball that is hit to that area be considered a dead ball at the umpire’s discretion. In that scenario, the outfielder would have to hold his hands up in the air and request that it be declared a dead ball. In deep right field on Diamond A, there are a few branches that hang over into fair territory. It was also proposed that any ball that hits those branches be considered either a foul ball or dead ball at the umpire’s discretion. Lastly, Casey Clark proposes that we add a rule to encourage the use of protective equipment to the constitution, which would be written as such:

St. George Old Masters HIGHLY recommends protective equipment for playing the game of softball.

This includes, but is not limited to, batting helmets, face masks, pitching helmets, shin guards, chest protectors, pitching nets.

Effect 1: If a pitcher utilizes a pitching net, these rules will apply when the net is on the field.

The net will be placed to the left or right of the pitching box between innings and becomes part of the field.

The Net CAN NOT be moved during play. A thrown ball that strikes the net will continue to be live until the play is completed by a fielder.

A batted ball that strikes the net will be ruled a foul ball. 3rd strike foul out will be enforced when the batter has 2 strikes.

A pitcher utilizing a net CAN NOT be the first fielder to field a batted ball unless it is a POP UP fly ball.

Effect 2: A temporary runner MUST be used for the pitcher if he is on base with two (2) out and is using removable protective equipment as defined above. This rule only applies to the pitcher if he was the pitcher at the end of the previous half-inning or was declared to be the starting pitcher to the umpire if this is the top of the 1st inning.

The temporary runner may be any available player on the team's roster.

A pitcher MUST use a temporary runner when on base with two (2) out, refusal to use a temporary runner shall result in the pitcher being declared out once a pitch is delivered to the subsequent batter.

NOTE : Expense of protective equipment is the responsibility of the individual player choosing to use it.

Any player that teases or taunts another player for using ANY form of protective equipment shall be immediately ejected from the game without warning.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

