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Topic

Sports Report

Sports Report

Sport

Spring Baseball

Positive Developments and Highlights

Overall and successful season, including the cooler temperatures helping later in the year.

Issues of Concern (legal, playing Rules, fiscal management, etc.)

No real concerns including with the rule change for this year whereby there could be one-way communication devices used between the dugout and the catcher. Minimal feedback if this would also include the pitcher and others in the future, but nothing has been officially proposed at this time.

Championship Update/Review

With the success of the UK Baseball team, the first and second rounds of the State Tournament were moved to Legends Field. Legends staff again went above and beyond in welcoming our member schools and fans.

There was minimal concern with UK making the CWS about staffing for the semifinals and finals, but that was quickly put to rest with the hospitality and management of the staff that assisted with the event.

There was minimal parking concerns with baseball and softball, but with the staff working together to manage a time schedule that helped with not only this, but to address game time ending issues, another good weekend was conducted while at UK. Gross revenue was down, but expenses hope to be finalized around what was originally budgeted.

Officials Update/Review

Umpire numbers for the year seem to be up a little, but still it should be noted we must continue to recruit and retain officials, given the number of contests that are played.

Fiscal and Budget Issues and Review (attendance, etc.)

Minimal budget issues due to lower gross revenues from previous year however expenses were notably the same.

Noteworthy Changes / Anticipates Changes

None at this time