

Tidewater Baseball League Teams Will Play Opening Games Tomorrow

The cry of "play ball!" will open tomorrow's first Tidewater league games throughout this section but spectators will not see the regular umpires on the field even though the regular teams will be playing.

The Tidewater league was supposed to hold a meeting Tuesday night in Morehead City to decide on the procedure for employing umpires for the season. However, only four teams, half of the teams in the league and one less than the number required for a quorum, were present so no decision was reached. Instead, each team in the league will have to select an umpire to be used in this weekend's games and no permanent decision on the matter will be reached until next week.

The league will hold another meeting Tuesday night in the municipal building in Morehead City at 8 o'clock. All teams are URGED by league president Ralph Eudy to send a representative.

It was disclosed at the meeting that Tex Mitchell of Cherry Point is willing to accept the position of chief umpire if the league will meet his requirements. He agrees to be responsible for two umpires being present at each game and agrees to engage all umpires.

In return he requests that the league pay him \$80 during the season over and above the \$7.50 per game he will get for umpiring. This \$80 is to cover telephone calls, stationary, stamps, and any other incidentals concerned with his work.

He says he will attempt to have all umpires dressed in similar uniforms and will rotate the umpires so they will not become too well acquainted with any one team. He will also hold an umpires' meeting at least once a month in order to clear up any discussion about rules and acquaint the umpires with any new regulations or procedures.

All teams are requested by President Eudy to submit the names of prospective umpires at the coming Tuesday night's meeting in order that some arrangement can be made.