### **BASEBALL- BY-LAWS**

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# I. SPORT

Baseball

### II. PREFACE

The Baseball league shall operate within the constitution and by- laws of the CVAC.

#### III. OFFICIAL RULE BOOK

National Federation of High School of Athletic Associations.

#### IV. TIME OF CONTEST

**A.** All games scheduled for 4:30 PM on weekdays. 11:00 AM for Saturday games. Alternate times may be mutually arranged (ie, --7:30 for night games).

# V. OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT

- A. Official game balls must be a specified on the "Official Ball" listing provided by the Council of Athletic Directors. See General By-Laws (page 2, V OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT).
- **B.** The field markings and all other official equipment must conform to National Federation Rule Book guidelines.

# VI. UNIFORM

As specified in National Federation Rule Book guidelines.

#### VII. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION

A. See General By -Laws- (page 2, VII ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION).

#### VIII. HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- **A.** Field must be properly prepared both Varsity and J.V.
- **B.** Home team gives up field to visitors 25 minutes prior to start of game. Visiting team must be finished within 5 minutes prior to start of game to permit coaches/umpire meeting to be completed by game time.

#### IX. POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

- **A.** Discussion between schools regarding the play ability of the field must be between 2 and 4 hours before scheduled game time.
- 1. Due to lengthy trips coaches should be guided by the amount of time involved in visiting team's travel.
- **B.** It is the home team's responsibility to notify the umpire assignor 2 hours before game time regarding postponements.
- **C.** Rain outs or postponements will be scheduled as follows:
  - 1. Use first open date
  - 2. Open date must be agreeable to both coaches.
- **3.** In the event of disagreement; baseball chairperson will decide. (Games should be rescheduled as quickly as possible to avoid any schedule overload late in the season.)
- **4.** League games to be rescheduled take priority over nonconference games or scrimmages.

# X. OFFICIALS

- **A.** Officials will be assigned according to arrangements currently contracted under Section VII.
- **B.** Two (2) certified officials must be used for varsity league and playoff games.

# XI. TIE BREAKERS

- A. Ties shall be resolved as specified in the rule book.
- **B.** Playoff tie breakers will be determined by General By-Laws page 12.4.

# XII. DIVISONS

**A.** Teams will be divided into two (2) Divisions as specified by the CVAC Council of Athletic Directors.

# XIII. SECTIONAL PLAYOFFS

All playoff procedures and contests are governed by Section VII.

#### XIV. LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

See General By-Laws (page 3, XII - DIVISION AND LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP).

#### XV. AWARDS

Distribution- See General By-Laws (page 3, XIV - AWARDS).

#### XVI. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- **A.** CVAC Standings: The Varsity coach is to phone or email to the sport chairperson the CVAC varsity records at the end of the last game of the CVAC schedule.
- **B.** STATE PLAYOFF QUALIFIERS- The schedule will indicate which league scheduled games will determine the B & C representatives for Regional play. If games between in-divisions are switched due to poor field conditions, the original games (as asterisked in schedule) are the ones that will apply to State Qualifiers.

### XVII. MEETING OF COACHES

- **A.** The baseball coaches meeting will be held annually see General By-Laws (p. 3, XV.)
- **B.** The chairperson will contact both official chapters of umpires and invite the assignors to the meeting. The Section VII chairperson will also be invited.

# XVIII. METHOD OF SELECTING CVAC ALL STAR TEAMS

A. See CVAC Baseball All Star Selection Process at end of document.

# XIX. METHOD OF REVISING BY-LAWS

See General By- Laws (page 4, XVII = METHOD OF REVISING BY-LAWS).

#### **CVAC Baseball All Star Selection Process**

- All Star Nominations:
  - Each CVAC team's coach nominates players to be considered all stars by position (C, 1B, MIF, 3B, OF, P) to the CVAC Baseball Chairperson.
  - Coaches may nominate 1 of their position players to be considered MVP
    - Coaches include batting stats, pitching stats, and a brief write up of why they are nominating the player for MVP
  - Coaches must apply 1 position to each nominated player
    - For non-pitcher all stars coaches assign position to player that they played a majority of their games at defensively (not counting pitching).
    - A player may be nominated at 2 positions if they play 50% of league games at each position (if odd number of league games, at a minimum 45% of games at each position)
  - A player can be nominated as position player and a pitcher
  - A coach cannot nominate more than the number of all stars selected for each position
    - C: 1, 1b: 1, MIF: 4, 3B: 1, OF: 3, P: 4
  - Coaches submit stats to support nominations
    - CVAC baseball chairperson will provide suggested stat fields to be included each year.
    - Historically stats included have been:
      - Position Players: Games, AB, R, H, AVG, 2B, 3B, HR, RBI, SLG%, BB, K, HBP, OBP, OPS, SB, FLD %
      - Pitchers: W, L, SV, ERA, IP, K, BB, H, R, ER, OPP BA, G, GS, CG, SHO, WHIP
    - Coaches are not required to submit all suggested stats but it is recommended.
- CVAC baseball chairperson compiles all Division 1 and Division 2 all star nominations and MVP nominations into a spreadsheet by position with stats to be shared amongst the coaches prior to the year end all star meeting.
  - Order of players on the spreadsheet is done in order nominations are received by the coaches.
  - Coaches cannot nominate more players after the list of nominations is shared with all CVAC coaches.
  - Coaches can remove all stars from consideration up until voting begins.
- All Star Voting:
  - Voting is done via private ballot (scrap paper) and tallied by the baseball chairperson.
  - All coaches present at the meeting vote. Coaches not present can submit their votes for MVP, D1 & D2 positional all stars, Ray Holmes award, and Coach of the year prior to the meeting to the CVAC baseball chairperson.
  - In the event of a tie for any vote, the coaches present will determine the tie break. The coaches of the team's involved in the tie will be excluded from the vote. All other CVAC coaches present will vote between only the two tied vote getters via private ballot.
    - If a tie still exists, the CVAC chairperson will determine the all star
    - Exception: There will be a CO-MVP or CO-Coach of the year if each player/coach gets a minimum of 5 votes during any round of voting. If number of votes each tied individual received is less than 5 then tie breaker rules are followed and coaches present will vote to break the tie.
  - All Star Voting Procedure and order:
    - MVP- All Coaches vote for 1 player, cannot vote for your own team's player.

- The chosen MVP will be removed from positional all stars
- Division 1 then Division 2 All Stars voted for from list of nominations, all coaches can vote for their own player. Number of votes for each position are equal to the number of players selected as all star for that position.
  - Pitchers- Vote for 4
    - Selected pitchers are removed from positional all stars
  - Catcher- Vote for 1
  - 1st Base- Vote for 1
  - Middle infield- Vote for 4
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Base- Vote for 1
  - OF- Vote for 3
  - DH/Utility- Choose 1- Coaches can nominate 1 player that they believed should be considered that did not get an all-star pick at a position.
    - This is done because at some positions there is usually 2 top players but only 1 can be selected like at 1<sup>st</sup> base, 3<sup>st</sup> base & catcher. Also, included are players who have been nominated that have only been a DH all year.
- Total number of all star selections: 1 MVP, Division 1: 15, Division 2: 15
- All CVAC Team Selection: Consideration between the selected Division 1 and Division 2 all stars
  and selecting a candidate for all CVAC at each position. All CVAC coaches present at the meeting
  vote via private ballot.
  - Catchers- Choose 1 out of 2
  - 1st base- choose 1 out of 2
  - Middle infield- choose 4 out of 8
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Base- Choose 1 out of 2
  - OF- Choose 3 out of 6
  - DH/Utility- Choose 1 out of 2
  - Pitcher- Choose 4 out of 8
  - Total number of players on the All CVAC Team: 15 plus the MVP
- Ray Holmes Award- Sportsmanship award- All CVAC Coaches vote for 1 team
- Coach of the year- All CVAC coaches vote for 1 coach and cannot vote for themselves
- Each Coach selects one player from their team to be chosen as an Honorable Mention.
- CVAC Baseball Chairperson compiles the selected all stars and reports them to CVAC baseball coaches, Section VII, and media outlets.