

NORTH SUBURBAN CONFERENCE GUIDELINES

BOYS' BASEBALL

I. SEASON LIMITATIONS

Practice may begin Monday of week 35 of the I.H.S.A. standardize calendar. The first contest may be no earlier than Monday of week 37. The season shall end no later than Saturday of week 49.

II. CONTEST LIMITATIONS

The Boys' Baseball schedule shall consist of a double round-robin within each Division and a single round of crossovers against the opposite Division.

Varsity	- 35 games
Sophomore	- 35 games
Freshman	- 35 games

III. LEVELS OF COMPETITION

A. There will be (3) three levels of competition

1. Varsity
2. Sophomore
3. Freshman

B. Other levels that may be played

1. Freshman "B"
2. Soph "B"
3. JV

C. Participation: Refer to Article IX of the N.S.C. Constitution regarding eligibility.

IV. COACHES' MEETING

The coaches will meet at the conclusion of the season for the selection of the All-Conference team and recommendations for rule changes. Meeting date will be during the IHSA Regional week with time and date determined by host school.

V. CHAMPIONSHIP

A. The Division Championships shall be determined by the best record within Division play. Crossover contests do not count in Division standings.

B. The North Suburban Conference Championship trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Conference Championship game rescheduled for the final crossover round. The following is the criteria to break a three team tie in a Division to determine the representative to the Championship game:

1. Head to head among tied teams
2. Conference record (including common crossover opponents)
3. Run differential among tied teams (up to 3 runs per contest)
4. Run differential for all Division contests (up to 3 runs per contest)
5. If two teams are still tied, the team that has not been to the Championship game from that division for the longest period of time will be the representative.

Note: If only two teams remain tied after any criterion is applied, head to head competition between those teams will be the deciding factor. Ties which remain after all criteria have been applied will be broken by a coin flip conducted by the Resource Athletic Director.

VI. CONDUCT OF CONTESTS

A. Conduct of Games

1. Starting times for N.S.C. games: Weekdays - 4:30 p.m., Saturdays - 10:30 a.m. On ACT and SAT test Saturdays, Varsity and Frosh "B" levels will play at 1:30 P.M. Soph and Frosh "A" will play at 10:30 A.M., unless a time change is requested by a school. Then, by mutual consent, a different start time can be arranged.
2. In games which are scheduled as doubleheaders, the home team is designated as the home team in the 1st game and the procedure is reversed for the 2nd game. Site school will supply all game balls.
3. Games are to be played at opposite site whenever originally scheduled Varsity field is unplayable.
4. There will be a maximum of 30 minutes between doubleheaders.
5. Home teams shall complete pre-game practice 15 minutes prior to scheduled starting time. Visiting schools shall be given 15 minutes warm-up. In case of late arrival, visiting team will be given adequate warm-up time but this will not exceed 15 minutes from time of arrival.
6. Home teams shall supply a warm-up ball for the opposing pitcher.
7. Teams may use radar guns only for their own teams/players.
8. Video tape may not be viewed by any game or school personnel during an N.S.C. game or between games of a doubleheader.

B. Postponed Games or Transferred Games

1. All games must be played.
 - a. Order of postponement shall be maintained in rescheduling, pending field conditions.
 - b. Must be rescheduled in preference to any other contest on first available playing date, including Saturday, except for those contests in the State tournament series.

Exceptions: (1) For contests scheduled to be played prior to May 1, the game may be made up on Saturday by mutual agreement; however, if a school has a non-Conference contest or contests scheduled for a Saturday, the Conference game may be rescheduled for the next weekday date, and (2) Prom - Every effort should be made prior to the season to reschedule games which are on a prom weekend. If a game is rescheduled to a prom weekend, the game will be played on that Friday (if prom is Saturday) or on the next available date for both schools, which can include the Saturday morning of a Saturday evening prom.

- c. For contests after May 1, if weather postpones a Saturday make-up date, single games will be made up on the next available date, and doubleheader contests will have the option of playing single games (switching home and away sites) or may play a weekday doubleheader with an earlier starting time mutually agreed upon by both schools.

2. Play at opposite site whenever originally scheduled Varsity field is unplayable.

a. Single Game First Round

1. Original home team is responsible for transfer of umpires.
2. Team on whose field the game is played now becomes the "home" team.
3. The site of the second round game will also be changed, thus giving both teams a home game.

b. Single Game Second Round

1. Original home team remains the "home" team for game procedure.
2. Umpires same as in Item 2a above.
3. When scheduled home field is unplayable, the game is to be played at the opposite site if possible.

C. Suspended Games

1. Any game that is not an official game will be considered a suspended game and shall be continued from the point of suspension (Varsity only).
2. Suspended first round Varsity games will be completed on the date and at the site of the second round game and prior to the beginning of the second round game, or on an earlier date by mutual consent.
3. Underclass games - Frosh A/Frosh B/Soph will not be completed in second round with suspended game score considered final, unless by mutual consent of schools involved.
4. Suspended second round games will be played on the first playable date.

D. Ten Run Rule

The ten run rule will be in effect at all levels.

E. Designated Hitter

Designated hitter rule will be used as outlined by the State.

VII. OFFICIALS AND FEES

There shall be two officials assigned to each Varsity game by the Conference Assignment Chairman and one official shall be assigned to each sophomore and freshman game.

VIII. AWARDS

- A. A team trophy will be awarded to the Division and Conference Championship teams.
- B. The All-Conference team shall consist of forty-two (42) players. A list of nominations will be submitted to the resource athletic director. An Honorable Mention team may be selected of no more than one half the number (21) of All-Conference players.
- C. Each school will receive 1 selection for each three (3) wins in the conference.

Selected Highlights from the NSC Constitution

From Article VIII: The Resource Athletic Director for each respective Varsity sport shall be responsible for compiling and distributing Conference Varsity standings and scores on a weekly basis. Each school shall be responsible for reporting Varsity scores to the Resource Athletic Director each week. The North Suburban Conference only recognizes championships at the Varsity level.

From Article IX: A player may participate at only one recognized level of competition on any given playing date or round of play against a Conference opponent, except where noted in individual sport Guidelines. In sports where there is a Conference tournament at the Varsity level, if a Conference school also hosts a Prairie-Lake (under-level) Invitational in that sport, an athlete is prohibited from competing at more than one level. Only freshmen may compete at the freshman level in any sport or contest. Member schools are required to field teams in recognized levels from the top down.

From Article X: It is agreed by all member schools that the use of video equipment for the purpose of scouting is allowed unless prohibited by individual NSC sport Guidelines or NFHS rules.

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