

# NE2B LEAGUE – High School Baseball SOP'S

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## Start Times:

- The recommended starting time for league weekday single games is 3:00 in March, 4:00 in April, and 4:30 in May.
- The recommended starting time for league weekday double headers is 1:00 in March, 2:00 in April and 3:00 in May.
- All Saturday games start at 12:00.
- In order for any diversion from this time schedule to occur the change needs to be agreed upon by all school AD's involved in the change.

## Taking Infield:

- The home team will take infield 30 minutes before game time and the visiting team 15 minutes before game time.

## Game Reschedule/Cancellation:

- Games that are rescheduled/cancelled due to weather have to be made-up at the next available date, mutually agreed upon by both AD's involved (excluding Sundays). The following will be considered when making this decision:
  - Play at opponents site if home site is cancelled.
  - Play at another NE2B teams home site.
  - Next available date, mutually agreed upon by both AD's involved (excluding Sundays).
- Games suspended prior to completion of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning shall be continued from the point it was called on at the next available date, mutually agreed upon by both AD's involved (excluding Sundays).
- Games called after the completion of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning shall be considered completed.
- All games requiring rescheduling will be played at the original game site.
- All games requiring rescheduling will be rescheduled prior to the last NE2B league scheduled game.

## League Game Changes:

- The dates of league games may not be changed unless mutually agreed upon by both AD's involved and unless weather related.
- No games may be rescheduled after the last NE2B league game to avoid possible conflict with playoff ties.

## Officials/Umpires:

- There shall be two registered officials/umpires for league baseball games.
- Games can, however, begin or end with one official if agreed upon by both coaches.

## Other:

- HS can play with bats with dimensions up to but not exceeding a length-to- weight ratio of -3.
- Only the -3 bats are legal at the high school level.
- HS can only play with bats that are bbcor stamped.

## #1 = FORFEITS:

- In the event a team forfeits a game to another, the score of the game shall be 7-0. If this forfeiture results in hurting the team who was forfeited to, helps the team who forfeits, or another non-involved team by the way of the Ozzie system for placing teams in the playoffs; a special committee will be appointed to determine a solution to correct the standings

### **Baseball Playoffs:**

- The NE2B North and South league champion will be declared if one team has the best won-loss league record. (No Playoff Game).

### **Tie Breakers:**

1. Head to Head.
2. Ozzi Points.
3. Playoff Game. A playoff game at a neutral site will determine seeding to the district tournament. Winner goes as the higher seed, loser as lower seed.
4. Number Draw. If weather does not permit a playoff game, seeding will be determined by a number draw. Home and away team will be decided by the number draw.
5. If two teams tie for any of the playoff spots, the higher seed will be based on head to head, unless games were split, then Ozzi Points, then a playoff game at a neutral site will determine seeding to the district tournament. Winner goes as the higher seed, loser as lower seed. If weather does not permit a tiebreaker game, seeding will be determined by a number draw.
6. If there is a three-way tie for any of the playoff spots, and one team beat the other two in league, that team will be given the bye (Team A). Team B and C will play in game one. Game two will be the winner versus Team A. The winner will be placed in the highest seed. Losers of games one and two will be placed in the lower seeds based on head to head during league play. If they split, then Ozzi Points, then a number draw will determine seeding.

Following is an explanation of the “OZZI” system. It is a point system to provide an avenue for breaking ties without games needing to be played. It works as follows in league games:

1. Winner gets plus 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 points and the loser gets a minus 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 points based on the point spread of the game.
2. Winner earns up to plus 10-points for the final point spread in the game and the loser earns up to a minus 10-points for the point spread.
3. You can only earn a maximum of plus 10-points or a minus 10-points per game depending on the outcome. Here is an example: (team **A** beat team **B** by a final score of 6 to 2, team **A** would be awarded a plus 4-points. Team **B** would therefore receive a minus 4-points.) After a 10-point spread no additional points are added so there is no incentive to “run the score up” on another team.
4. Teams will be placed in the final standings based on OZZI points. However, to calculate the playoff seeding, the above steps will be used in their current order.

### **All Opponent Procedure**

1. All league teams will be split into a North and South league.
2. Each team can nominate as many athletes from their team as the head coach deems worthy.
3. Stats (league only) need to be included with each nomination including:
  - a. Pitchers: Win/Loss record, K's, BB's, Innings Pitched, ERA.
  - b. Other: Position, BA, RBIs, OBP.
4. After the designated NE2B Baseball coordinator compiles the nominations, he/she will distribute the list of nominations to the coaches.
5. Coaches will rank the players 1-12, 1 being the top player.
6. The top vote ranking will be the MVP.

7. The players ranked, 2 through 11 will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> team.
8. You may not vote for your own players.
9. Teams will be allowed to vote for Twelve (12) all-opponent players and are not allowed to vote for their own players.
10. All opponent recognition will be made at the District Play-offs
11. All opponent recipients will be photographed in uniform.
12. During the introduction of the all-opponent teams, the names will be read announcing the 1<sup>st</sup> team in alphabetical order and then the MVP announced last, followed by the Coach of the Year (North and South)

### **NE2B Baseball Admission Prices**

- League games: No Charge
- Post Season games:
  - Pre-School Free
  - K-6 \$6.00
  - HS Student w/ ASB Card \$6.00
  - Senior Citizen (60 and over) \$6.00
  - HS Student w/o ASB Card \$8.00
  - Adult \$8.00

### **NE2B Baseball Pay Schedule for workers at NE2B Playoff game**

- Manager \$40 per event.
- Admissions \$10/hour
- Announcer \$20/game
- Score Clock Operator \$20/game
- Maintenance Crew \$20/game

### **NE2B District Baseball Playoff Tournament Information**

- Home team will be the higher seeded team.
- Home team will occupy 3rd base dugout.
- Each team needs to bring 3 game balls per game played.
- Winning teams shall call in their games to the Spokesman-Review that evening @ 509-459-5500.
- OUTFIELD/INFIELD: The home team will take infield 30 minutes before game time and the visiting team will take infield 15 minutes before game.
- CALLING IN RESULTS: Winning teams shall call in their games to the Spokesman-Review that evening @ 509-459-5500.
- UMPIRES: There shall be two umpires for each game.
- PROTESTS AND RULE INTERPRETATIONS must be resolved on the spot by the umpires and both head coaches. If there is still a disagreement, it will be taken to the umpire-in-chief for a decision.
- SUSPENDED CONTEST SUSPENDED CONTEST:
  - Any contest called by the umpire before it can be considered a regulation game according to NFHS rules shall be a suspended contest and will be continued at a later time as follows:
  - The contest shall continue from the point of suspension at a later time.
  - The lineup, innings pitched and batting order of each team will remain exactly the same as

- when the contest was suspended.
- Will be played the next available date.
- GAME ENDING PROCEDURES:
  - NFHS Rule 4-2-2, in which the game shall end when the losing team is behind 10 or more runs and has had at least five turns at bat, applies during all regular season and postseason games.
  - Games will be seven innings in length, and must be played to completion except in which the game shall end when the losing team is behind 10 or more runs and has had at least five turns at bat, applies during all regular season and postseason games.
- ADMISSION PRICES: 2013 District Day 1 and Day 2.
  - Adults \$8.00
  - Senior Citizens (age 62+) \$6.00
  - ASB carded students \$6.00
  - Elementary (K-6) \$6.00
  - Non ASB card students \$8.00
- PASS LIST: Send your supervisory pass list (maximum of 6 per team) in e-mail form to the NE2B Baseball Coordinator.

## NE 1B-2B LEAGUE – MS/JH Baseball SOP'S

- For JH/MS baseball games, the following rules will apply:
  - The recommended starting time for weekday double headers will be 3:30 p.m.
  - Every effort will be made to schedule all games in a double header format. Teams are allowed to play 10 games (5 double headers)
  - Games will be 5 innings, or 105-minute (1 hour 45 minute) in duration. Teams will complete the inning they are in when they reach the 105-minute (1 hour 45 minute) time limit. If a game is tied at the end of 5 innings or 90-minutes, extra innings will ensue until a winner is determined.
  - A maximum of 9 batters may hit in any one inning. The 9<sup>th</sup> batter of any inning needs to either hit the ball into play or strike out. Once the 9<sup>th</sup> batter reaches the plate, there are automatically 2 outs at that time.
  - Pitcher limitation- a pitcher may pitch a total of 5 innings during a double header. If the pitcher pitches 2 innings in the first game, that pitcher is eligible for up to 3 innings in the second game. If a pitcher pitches into the third inning of the first game, that pitcher is not eligible to pitch in the second game.
  - Mercy Rule – if after 4 innings a team is up 10 runs the game is over.
  - The home team will take infield 20 minutes before game time and the visiting team 10 minutes before game time. The host team will be designated as the home team for both games of a doubleheader.
  - Games called because of weather will be made up on the next available day upon mutual agreement between the involved schools excluding Sundays. All games requiring a make-up will be completed at the original game site.
  - The dates of league games may be changed when common agreement is reached between the schools involved.
  - There will be at least one registered officials for all league baseball games.
  
- The NE2B league plays on fields with 90' base paths and a distance from the pitching rubber to the point of the plate of 60'6".

- At the JH/MS level, this means our NE 1B-2B league can adopt bat dimensions up to but not exceeding a length-to-weight ratio of -7.
- A -7 bat is the smallest bat that could be used.
- -5 and -3 bats are also legal.
- Any -3 bat used must have the bbcor stamp (the bbcor stamp is not required for -5 or -7 bats).
- JH/MS can only play with bats that are bbcor stamped. The bat manufacturers are not testing the -5 and -7 bats so they will not have the bbcor stamp.
- JH/MS bat rule: In July 2011 the WIAA executive board approved the following:
  - For middle level (middle school/junior high) leagues playing on fields with 80' base paths and a distance from the pitching rubber to the point of the plate of 54', that league may adopt bat dimensions up to but not exceeding a length-to-weight ratio of -5. This means that the weight of the bat, in ounces, may be no more than 5 less than the length of the bat in inches.
  - For middle level leagues playing on fields with 90' base paths and a distance from the pitching rubber to the point of the plate of 60'6", that league may adopt bat dimensions up to but not exceeding a length-to-weight ratio of -7.
  - Further questions or requests for clarification should be addressed to Cindy Adsit, WIAA assistant executive director and WIAA baseball rules interpreter at [425-282-5232](tel:425-282-5232) or [cadsit@wiaa.com](mailto:cadsit@wiaa.com).