

Empire 8 Baseball Coaches 2013

Fall Meeting Minutes – 10/23/13 @ 1:00 pm

Note 1: any items that were voted on by E8 baseball coaches and need to be approved by the E8 governing body/AD's are highlighted in **BOLD BLUE**

Note 2: any questions that arose after the meeting's completion are highlighted in **GREEN BACKDROP**

- **Empire 8 2014 Conference Schedule** – Reviewed (approved 2014 schedule can be found below)
 - 16 total conference games. Play each opposing school in one 4-game weekend (or Fri/Sat. when applicable) block.
 - 7/9 inning proposal in 2014 was voted on AD's on 10/7/13 and was approved. If game goes extra inning in game one, game two will still be a nine inning game.
 - Question came up after the meeting about whether conference game times will be expected to be at 12:00 pm (to help accommodate new 7/9 inning format). Note: due to Stevens' multi-purpose field this will not be possible in Stevens' case...

- **Empire 8 2015 Conference Schedule** – Reviewed
 - AD's voted on 10/7/13 and approved 7/9 & 9-inning format as well as 3 game sets proposal for 2015 conference schedule
 - Doubleheader Saturday (7/9-inning format) and Single Game Sunday (9-inning) or Single game Friday (nine inning) and Doubleheader Saturday (7/9)
 - Any team playing Houghton would be Single Game on Friday (9-inning) and Doubleheader on Saturday (7/9-inning).
 - E8 coaches voted 6-to-0 in Spring, 2013 that all 3 games would be played at one site.
 - E8 coaches confirmed in Spring, 2013 that in 2015 "bye week" would be eliminated and makeup weekend (rain date weekend) would still exist
 - Houghton weekend scheduling will remain the same for the time being. Not able to play Sundays... Will remain Friday/Saturday format.
 - Question arose as to whether or not it may be a good idea to eliminate E8 rain date weekend altogether... Rationale is that since we do not play a conference tournament there is less of a need to ensure that all conference games are played. Would allow teams to schedule key non conference games on the first weekend of May.

- **In Region/Out of Region Discussion/Clarification**
 - In 2015 "in region" becomes a 500 mile radius
 - Recommendation was brought up to have George from Ithaca ensure that the NCAA regional representative is present at our next E8 Coaches conference call
 - Houghton games will "count" in 2015 for both E8 standings and as a "regional" game
 - Discussion about how there may be a change made to the regional playoff format?
 - Discussed the "70% in region rule" for 2014... Question was brought up about what would happen if games were rained out and brought a team's "in region" percentage below 70%? Russ Rogers and Kristaps Aldins called E8 commissioner Chuck Mitrano, who confirmed that there is a somewhat simple waiver process that can be used in these types of situations and that it is fairly commonplace.

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- **Empire 8 Makeup Game Policy**
 - It was confirmed that the AD's would discuss rain makeup policy in next conference call... Coaches agree that it may be a good idea to set a more clear policy in the 38 baseball bylaws on making up conference games especially when rain date weekend is available. Need to add mention of rain date weekend in the official policy. Must make up conference games during rain weekend.

- **Empire 8 Members for Baseball** – What does the future hold for Empire 8 Baseball?
 - Elmira – Joining League Play in 2015 and will immediately “count” in both conference standings and also as a regional game
 - Houghton games will count towards conference standings starting in 2015 and possibly even in 2014. AD's will be meeting about this issue later this winter.
 - Question came up after the conference call as to whether Houghton would be allowed to play on Sundays if either Friday's or Saturday's games were rained out... **Brian can you confirm the answer to this?**

- **Diamond is the New Empire 8 Conference Baseball**
 - Reminder for all coaches to make their Diamond D1-Pro order... Make sure not to confuse with D1-ix3 or D1-WS... Cost per dozen is \$48.95
 - **Important:** Contact Heidi hdorling@diamond-sports.com 800 366 2999 x222 and Anne anne@diamond-sports.com 714 415 7600 to give them your estimate of how many baseballs you will need
 - Each institution is responsible for purchasing the appropriate amount of baseballs for themselves directly from Diamond
 - Anne will work with each coach to assign \$200 merchandise credit.

- **Empire 8 All-Conference and Weekly Awards Voting**
 - **E8 Coaches Voted 6-to-0 to adopt an additional award. Instead of Rookie of the Year we now will have a “Rookie Positional Player of the Year” & a “Rookie Pitcher of the Year”. (still needs to be approved by AD's)**
 - **E8 coaches voted 6-to-0 to change the wording of the Coach of the Year Award to Coaching Staff of the Year Award. (still needs to be approved by AD's)**

- **Stevens Joining CUNY in 2014**
 - Stevens will remain in Empire 8 block schedule – nothing changes from the past
 - CUNY conference tournament will take place Wed. 5/7, Thu. 5/8, Sat. 5/10, and Sun. 5/11 (rain date)

2014 Empire 8 Baseball Schedule

- All Games Double Headers (Sat./Sun. 7/9 inning Double Header format was approved by Ads on 10/7/13. If First game goes into extra innings the second game will still be nine innings)
- Host team is the Home team throughout all four games.

Fri/Sat March 28-29

Houghton @ Ithaca

Sat/Sun, March 29-30

Stevens @ St. John Fisher
BYE: Utica

Sat/Sun, April 5-6

Ithaca @ Stevens
St. John Fisher @ Utica
BYE: Houghton

Fri/Sat, April 11-12

Houghton @ Stevens

Sat/Sun, April 12-13

Utica @ Ithaca
BYE: St. John Fisher

Fri/Sat, April 18-19 (Easter Weekend)

Utica @ Houghton
Ithaca @ St. John Fisher
BYE: Stevens

Fri/Sat, April 25-26

St. John Fisher @ Houghton

Sat/Sun, April 26-27

Stevens @ Utica
BYE: ITHACA

Fri-Sun, May 2-4

KEEP OPEN FOR RAIN DATES

2015 Empire 8 Baseball Schedule

proposed 10.12.13

3-game series (Doubleheader format (7/9 inning))

Single game Friday, doubleheader on Saturday or Doubleheader on Saturday, single game Sunday

Host team is the Home team throughout all four games

Fri/Sat March 27-28

Houghton @ St. John Fisher

Sat/Sun, March 28-29

Utica @ Stevens

Elmira @ Ithaca

Fri/Sat, April 3-4 (Easter Weekend)

Ithaca @ Houghton

St. John Fisher @ Stevens

Utica @ Elmira

Fri/Sat, April 10-11

Houghton @ Elmira

Sat/Sun, April 11-12

Stevens @ Ithaca

Utica @ St. John Fisher

Fri/Sat, April 17-18

Stevens @ Houghton

Sat/Sun, April 18-19

Ithaca @ Utica

Elmira @ St. John Fisher

Fri/Sat, April 24-25

Houghton @ Utica

Sat/Sun, April 25-26

St. John Fisher @ Ithaca

Elmira @ Stevens

Fri-Sun, May 1-3

KEEP OPEN FOR RAIN DATES

May 13-17

NCAA Regionals

May 22-26

World Series