

WEST SUBURBAN CONFERENCE
Boys' Baseball
Sport Guidelines

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I. Season Limitations

- A. Practice may begin on week 35 of IHSA calendar.
- B. First contest may be held on week 37 of IHSA calendar.
- C. Season ends on week 49 of IHSA calendar.
- D. Other levels (Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Varsity) of competition shall end on Saturday of Week 46 (or following the last regularly scheduled league contest).

II. Contest Limitations (Exclusive of the IHSA State Series)

- A. Varsity - thirty-five (35) games.
- B. Junior Varsity, Sophomore, and Freshman - thirty-five (35) games.
- C. Any non-conference contest which is rained out or canceled after the start of the regular league schedule will be canceled and not re-scheduled until the completion of that school's Conference schedule. However, on a given day when a Conference school cannot play a make-up game with another Conference school, it may play a non-league contest. (NOTE: This is to be done on a last minute basis).
- D. Once a conference school's season starts, no additional contests are to be added until the completion of that schools Conference schedule. A schools Conference season is not finished until the last Conference game for that school is played.

III. Levels of Competition

- A. Varsity, Sophomore, and Freshman

IV. Coaches Meeting

- A. Pre-season meeting will be held during the 34th Week.at Willowbrook, at 7:00 PM.
- B. Post season meeting will be held during the 47th Week at Willowbrook, at 7:30 PM.

V. Championships and Awards

- A. Division Standing
 - 1. The Division Championship will be determined by the best won/loss record within Divisional play.
 - 2. A championship plaque shall be awarded to the winner at the Varsity level only of each Division.
- B. Individual Awards
 - 1. The All-Conference Team is to consist of twenty-four (24) players from each Division. The selection system will be as follows:
 - a. Win 14,15,16 = 5 Players
 - b. Win 11,12,13 = 4 Players
 - c. Win 8,9,10 = 3 Players
 - d. Win 5,6,7 = 2 Players
 - e. Win 0,1,2,3,4 = 1 Player
 - f. Remaining players shall be selected by at-large nominations.
 - 2. The WSC All-Academic Team shall be recognized composed of senior award winners from each Conference school who have received a Grade Point Average of "B" or above in grades accumulated at the conclusion of the seventh (7th) semester.

VI. Conduct of Contests

A. Time of Contests

1. Weekday Contest

- a. All levels starting time is to be 4:30 P.M. or a time agreed upon by mutual consent. This time must be established before the start of the Conference season.
- b. Schools having identical spring vacations may mutually agree to conduct games at 10:00 A.M. or 2:00 P.M.

2. **Saturday Contest (Beginning in the 2016-2017)**

- a. All Saturday games will be scheduled as one game. Schools have the option to schedule JV, Sophomore B or Freshman B Games.
 1. Freshman Level (1 Game only) – Starting time of 10:00 AM.
 2. Sophomore Level (1 Game only) – Starting time of 10:00 AM
- b. Varsity Level – Starting time 10:00 AM or 2:00 PM FOR VARSITY BASEBALL COMPETITION ONLY, on ACT and SAT Test Day Games. All Freshman and Sophomore Games will begin at 10:00 AM as scheduled.

B. Scoring

1. Official Baseball Scoring Rules of the National Federation of High Schools Baseball Rules will be in effect for all contests for scoring and record keeping.
2. The home team scorebook is official.
3. All levels of the Conference will use a ten (10) run rule (with the losing team having batted at least five (5) times).

C. Protests, Forfeits, Cancellations and Re-Scheduling

1. The National Federation of High School Association Baseball Rule Book will prevail.
2. Filing a Conference protest should follow the procedure set forth in the IHSA handbook.
3. An incomplete Varsity game (less than 4 1/2 or 5 innings) called because of weather shall be governed by the IHSA Rule. The game will be continued from the spot of the suspended game and resume on the next available date.
4. An incomplete Varsity game (less than 4 1/2 or 5 innings) called because of darkness shall be a suspended game:
 - a. First round suspended game shall be played on the the date of the second round game preceding the second round game.
 - b. Second round suspended game shall be rescheduled at the original site on the first available date.
5. An incomplete lower level game will not be continued.
6. Conference games will supersede previously contracted scheduled non-conference games once the WSC play has begun.
7. Teams involved with the IHSA State Tournament Series play may request schedule changes. The last game may be re-scheduled by mutual consent.
8. Baseball is included in the Conference league policy of re-scheduling games by mutual consent of the schools involved.
9. In the event a Conference Saturday doubleheader is canceled because of inclement weather, it is to be re-scheduled for the next available date or dates. Both games will be played at the original doubleheader site, with that school being designated the home team.
10. Varsity coaches should re-schedule all rainout and postponements through their Athletic Director.
11. A regulation game occurs if: five (5) full innings have been played or if the team second at bat has scored an equal or greater number of runs in four (4) or four and a fraction turns at bat than the opponents has scored in five (5) turns at bat or if play has gone beyond five (5) full innings.
12. A Varsity game that has gone at least five (5) innings and the score is tied, is a suspended game, if an umpire stops play for any reason. Lower level contests will result in a tie and not be continued. (NOTE: The score reverts to the last full inning played). Varsity contests will be continued from the point of suspension. This continuation takes place on the next available date at the original site.
13. In cases where the Home Team's Varsity Field is not playable due to weather and the Visiting Teams Field is playable, the Varsity Game will be played on the Visiting School. The originally scheduled Home Team will still be the Home Team.

D. Home School Responsibilities

1. The host school shall be responsible for providing all regulation field and game equipment.
2. The host school must relinquish the game field at least fifteen (15) minutes before game time to allow visitors the maximum fifteen (15) minute warm-up privileges.

3. The host school will be responsible for notifying the visiting school of any schedule changes due to inclement weather, unplayable facilities, etc. by 2:00 PM on the day of the game.
 - a. In case of postponement of a game or games, they must be re-scheduled by mutual consent and played on the first available date for both schools involved.
 - b. The host school must notify the assignment chairperson and/or umpires of any postponed games and dates of re-scheduled contests.
 - c. Division games do not supersede previously contracted scheduled non-division games.
 4. In the event of multiple rainouts as the season nears completion, beginning on Monday of the 43rd week of the calendar, WSC Conference and Crossover Games will take priority and bump non-conference games. The following list of priorities should be considered when re-scheduling:
 - a. WSC division games
 - b. WSC cross-over games
 - c. Non-conference games
 5. The host school shall provide the Wilson A1010 MLRS, Baden, or the Diamond D-1 ML or Diamond DHS baseball for all WSC contests.
- E. Visiting School Responsibilities
1. The visiting school should make every effort and arrange to arrive at the site of the contest at least fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled game time.
 2. The visiting school must complete batting practice prior to arrival at the game field as there shall be no privilege extended to conduct official batting practice for the visiting team.
 3. The visiting team shall get fifteen (15) minutes on the game diamond after arrival, whether they arrive before or after the scheduled starting time of the game. The coaches should notify the umpires of this new ruling.

VII. Officials

- A. Number
 1. Two (2) officials shall be employed for each Varsity contest.
 2. One (1) official shall be employed for all Junior Varsity, Sophomore and Freshman levels.
- B. If two (2) umpires are assigned to work a contest, they should determine who will be behind the plate and who will work the field. If they cannot decide, the home team will make the decision.
- C. Special Considerations
 1. When two (2) or more officials are assigned and one (1) does not report, the contest should be played with the officials who are present. The varsity contest will take precedence if a decision has to be made concerning the level at which an official is to be used.
 2. When an assigned lower level official does not report, the following criteria will be used before the coach assumes responsibility to officiate the contest. Individual sport guidelines which cover officiating procedures may take precedent over the below guidelines.
 - a. Attempt to secure an acceptable substitute licensed official not affiliated with either school.
 - b. Attempt to secure an acceptable substitute licensed official who may be affiliated with either school.
 - c. In the event no one is available other than coaches, they shall officiate the contest.

VIII. Reporting Results

- A. The home team's designated representative should report contest results to the Athletics2000 website.

IX. Miscellaneous Information

- A. Schedules
 1. Each team will play every other team in its Division three times with all games counting in the standings.
 2. The host school for doubleheaders will be the home team for both contests.
 3. The schedule will be rotated every other year with the sites changed for years schedule not rotated.

4. Freshman and Sophomore levels play at sites opposite the Varsity.
- B. Playing Sites - Sophomore and Freshman play at opposite sites of Varsity
1. Leyden - West Campus
 2. Lyons Twp. - South Campus
 3. Morton - West Campus
 4. York – Churchville Jr. High
 5. Downers Grove North – Memorial Park
 6. Oak Park River Forest– Lindberg Park