



LSC BASEBALL COACHES MEETING

May 1, 2012, Courtyard Marriott, Allen, Texas

Those participating were:

Abilene Christian: Britt Bonneau; Angelo State: Kevin Brooks (Chair); Cameron: Todd Holland, Jim Jackson (Liaison); Eastern New Mexico: Chris Terry; Incarinate Word: Danny Heep; Tarleton State: Bryan Conger; Texas A&M-Kingsville: Jason Gonzalez; West Texas A&M: Matt Vanderburg; LSC: Stan Wagon, Jay Poerner, Melanie Robotham, Doug McClure.

1. **NCAA BASEBALL COMMITTEE REPORT**: Kevin Brooks (ASU) reminded coaches about the new region next year which will include the LSC, Heartland and RMAC. He reviewed the regional selection criteria and the new process in which each member of the regional advisory committee submits their own regional rankings to the national committee. Conversation focused on the importance of scheduling Division II games in the nonconference. Coaches noted the difficulty in finding Division II home games, especially since the RMAC schools are not willing to travel in the nonconference.
2. **UMPIRES**: LSC Baseball Umpire Supervisor Doug McClure gave a report on the umpire program. He noted that coaches are not consistently completing online evaluations and urged for more participation, whether it was head coaches or assistants. He shared information on an ejection review panel of umpires that is in place to make sure umpires are following protocol when ejecting coaches/players. He was asked by coaches to be more considerate of the distance in which umpires are traveling to work games since schools are paying mileage. Further, it was recommended to have the same two umpires officiate an entire series whenever possible.
3. **PLAYER/COACH CONDUCT**: Commissioner Wagon led a discussion on player and coach conduct issues within the Conference this past year and the idea of instituting a Conference conduct policy. Coaches were against any policy that would include suspending a coach for being ejected, noting that in baseball ejections are part of the game and they do not get a "warning" before an ejection like basketball coaches do with a technical foul. The coaches agreed that in baseball player any conduct issues can be handled at the institutional level.
4. **FUTURE SCHEDULES**: Reviewed the previously approved 2013 LSC Baseball Schedule and discussed the changes for 2014 when the schedule will roll over. Consensus agreement was to approve the 2014 Schedule as a continuation of the 2013 schedule with reversed sites and rotating the order of games by a week, with the exception of Rivalry Week.
5. **WEATHER/TRAVEL POLICY**: It was moved (ACU) and seconded (ASU) to adjust the weather/travel policy in LSC Baseball Operating Code No. 2 so as to read "*In the event of inclement weather, the host has authority to move games scheduled for Friday-Saturday-Sunday to Saturday-Sunday-Monday, or to a two-day series on Friday-Saturday with Sunday as a makeup date or Saturday-Sunday with Monday as a makeup date. A series scheduled for Easter weekend could also be played Thursday-Friday-Saturday or as a two-day series on Thursday-Friday with Saturday as makeup date or Friday-Saturday with Sunday as makeup date. Two-day series shall be played as 7x9 doubleheaders. In any event, the decision to change playing date(s) must be communicated prior to the visiting team's departure. Once the visiting team departs campus, the game(s) must be played on the date(s) scheduled at the time of departure.*" **Passed unanimously.**
6. **2013 LSC TOURNAMENT SITE**: It was recommended that the Conference office pursue neutral site venues when RFPs are distributed for the 2013 LSC Tournament. Two potential sites discussed were Grand Prairie and Round Rock.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Poerner