

SEA-TAC 1B/2B

BASEBALL GUIDELINES

1. The National Federation of State High School Association Baseball rules shall govern baseball.
2. Refer to the WIAA Handbook for additional sport specific regulations.
3. Make-up Game Procedures:
 - a. Rainouts can be played on Saturdays during the entire season if both teams agree.
 - b. Non-league games shall be postponed if the game conflicts with a required rescheduled league game.
 - c. Postponed league games shall be played on the next playable date if possible.
 - d. Double header will be scheduled to help complete the season, even if it means involving more than two teams at one site.
4. Incomplete Season: If the regular season cannot be completed due to the calendar, the Commissioner will determine the outcome of the season using the following criteria.
 - a. Games having bearing on the playoffs will have first priority.
 - b. Games having bearing on the League Championship will have second priority.
 - c. Non-playoff or non-championship games will be played at the discretion of the schools involved.
 - d. The League standings or playoff berths will be determined by counting only the first round of games if 4a or 4b cannot be completed.
5. Game Regulations:
 - a. All games are seven innings.
 - b. In case of a tie the game shall continue until the tie is broken.
 - c. If a game is ended by the umpire due to weather or darkness, the following outcomes apply:
 - (1) It is a regulation game if five full innings were played, or if the home team had scored a greater number of runs and the visiting team has had five turns at bat, or if play has gone beyond 5 innings of play.
 - (2) It is a called game, to be restarted, and made up completely on the next playable date if possible, if the game was called prior to the completion of the fifth inning (or does not meet the minimum requirements for a regulation game, see (1) above).
 - (3) It is a suspended game, to be completed on the next playable date, if the game is tied at the end of the fifth inning, or last completed inning beyond the fifth. On the next playable date, the game will begin at a point reverted back to the last completed inning.

- (4) It is a suspended game to be made up from the point of the interruption, on the next playable date, if
the game is interrupted by human error, with human error defined as lights going out or sprinklers coming on.
- d. Suggested starting time of league games shall be 3:30 p.m. on school days until the beginning of Day Light Savings Time at which time games shall begin at 4:00pm.
 - e. Night games may occur if mutually agreed upon by the athletic directors involved. Preferred start times will be 7:00 p.m.
 - f. Both the home team and visiting team shall be allowed ten (10) minutes infield practice before the start of the game.
 - g. During the regular season, neither team shall have on site batting practice before or during the game on any game day. This includes hitting in a batting cage. Soft toss, tees, use of "Whiffle" balls, use of "Lite Flight" restricted flight sponge balls, and "pepper" are okay.
 - h. In the case of a suspended game all player participation rules are the same as if the game was never delayed.

6. Pitcher Limitations:

- a. Appearance in three (3) plus innings shall be construed as the major portion of a seven (7) inning game.
- b. Follow WIAA rule 51.5.0; 51.5.1 & 51.5.2 - Pitcher Limitation Rules.

7. Miscellaneous Regulations:

- a. Batting practice prior to night games is permissible as long as it:
 - (1) is done at your school.
 - (2) does not delay start of game.
 - (3) does not affect playing conditions of game field.
 - (4) is completed not less than one hour prior to the scheduled game time.
- b. Two officials will be used for varsity league games. (one allowed if necessary).
- c. When postponements occur, notification should be made to the visiting school prior to 12 noon for the day games and 4:00 pm for the evening games. Umpires should also be notified by the home team.
Postponements will be determined by the coach or the AD or his designee.
- d. A team must start with nine players, but may finish with less than nine. The player(s) missing in the line-up will be recorded as an out upon their turn at bat.
- e. Alternate sites for games may be utilized throughout the season if both schools agree.

8. Postseason

- a. 1B Schools- league standings with all league teams (1B/2B) will determine seeding into the 1B

District Tournament. If a tie exists, see tie breaking rules that follow.

b. 2B Schools- league standings with all league teams (1B/2B) will determine seeding into the 2B

District Tournament. If a tie exists, see tie breaking rules that follow.

c. The league champion is the league team (1B/2B) in first place at the end of the regular season.

9. Tie Breakers: Any tie for a final post-season spot not broken by head to head play shall be settled by a tie breaker playoff game at a neutral site. When only seeding is at stake the following criteria will be used to break the tie.

If a tie exists at the end of season play between 2 teams, the following tie-breaker system will be used:

- Head to head competition in league play
- Head to head with a team or teams ahead of them in league in the standings
- Point differential between tied teams in league play and no credit for more than 10 run differential per game
- Point differential in league play between all league teams- no credit for more than 10 run differential per game
- Coin toss between remaining teams

If a tie exists at the end of season play between 3 or more teams, the following tie-breaker system will be used:

- Head to Head competition in league play
- Head to head competition with a team or teams ahead of them in the standings
- Point differential in league play between the teams that are tied - no credit for more than 10 run differential per game
- Point differential in league play between all league teams - no credit for more than 10 run differential per game
- Coin toss between remaining teams

NOTE: On a 3-way tie, once it is broken (one team gets wins the tiebreak) you go back to 2 team tie break (head-to-head, etc....) to determine the final two spots.

10. All League Procedures: from Sea-Tac League Handbook

- a. The definition of an all-league representative is someone who:
 - Demonstrates skills and ability through performance in league contests.
 - Is both a leader to the team and demonstrates attributes of sportsmanship.
 - Has played in at least 60% of all league contests.
- b. The All-league teams will consist of no more than three teams with some athletes recognized as honorable mention.
- c. Procedure:

- if a league schedule is generated, there will be an all-league team.
- The sports commissioner or an AD will run the all-star meeting.
- Each team will reflect the number of student-athletes that would normally field one team in the sport.
- Baseball – 10 (9 fielders plus the DH)
- This number is multiplied by the number of schools participating in the sport (Baseball – 5) and divided by 3.5. The total number of baseball all-stars will be – 14 (subject to change depending on teams participating in a given year).
- Pending board approval, the sports commissioner may add up to 3 spots to the all-star list of a particular sport.
- MVP, selected at the meeting, does not count toward the all-league total.

d. Process:

- During the final week of league play, the sports commissioner will prompt teams to submit their all league nominations.
- Teams/coaches will have until the end of league playoffs to submit their nominations to the commissioner. The number of nominations per school will depend on their final league standings, determined during league play.
- Teams/coaches that fail to submit nominations in time will be limited to one nomination, presented and voted on at the meeting of league coaches.
- No school will receive additional nominations with the failure of another school to make their submissions on time.
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- The All star meeting will be held on the Tuesday following the state tournament for that sport.
- Coaches will, by collaboration and/or voting determine the 1st team honors and out of that the league MVP.
- Once MVP and 1st team honors have been assigned, coaches will place remaining nominations into 2nd team and in some cases, honorable mention; by collaboration and voting if necessary.
- All teams should have a representative on 1st or 2nd team unless no nominations were received.
- Coaches may nominate their own players, including MVP, but may NOT vote for themselves