

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE
BASEBALL BY-LAWS
2017-2018

Last reviewed: 6/5/17

A. GENERAL

1. The starting date for spring and summer baseball is the earliest day set by the WIAA rules.
2. The WIAA rules governing rules and regulations are followed.
3. The baseball rules, as published by the National Federation, are used with the reentry rules incorporated into the playing rules.
4. In the event the game has to be postponed, the home team should notify the visiting team two (2) hours prior to game time.
5. Rained out games are to be made up. The two teams involved in the rain out will determine the make up date. **Games will be played on the next available date.** All conference games are to be made up if possible. Rained out games that will involve the determination of the conference champion must be made up. If necessary, Principals and/or Athletic Directors will determine the make-up date. Unusual circumstances must prevail before a game is not made up.
6. The visiting team will be given the diamond twenty (20) minutes prior to game time.
7. The earliest day practice may begin (spring) is the Monday of week **thirty-eight (38)**.
8. There must be practices on a minimum of seven (7) different days before the first game may be played.
9. One scrimmage, over one day, with another school or schools may be conducted in addition to the maximum allowed games, provided the athletes participating meet all WIAA and school eligibility requirements
10. The first game may not be played before eight (8) calendar days after the start of the season.
11. The maximum number of games is twenty-six (26).
12. Schools will be in compliance with the WIAA pitching rule that is based on pitches thrown. The pitching rule applies even though a game is called (ended by the umpire because of darkness, rain, or some other factor) before it has become an official game.
13. It is not the responsibility of game officials to enforce the pitching rule. Schools must report violations to the WIAA office following competition. Violations are considered in the same manner as a school using an ineligible student. The minimum penalty for such violations is forfeiture of the game.
14. All schools are responsible before, during, and after a contest for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, students, and other spectators and, when requested, a school must complete a report regarding the contest in which a problem occurred. (WIAA Bylaws, Article IX).
15. The home score book is the official book.
16. No player may appear in uniform for both Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Frosh/Soph games on the same day. During the Varsity Tournament season, no Varsity player may play in a Junior Varsity or Frosh/Soph game.
17. Every effort should be made to make up the Junior Varsity contests.
18. The official baseball to be used by all teams in the Conference will be the Diamond DI Pro, Rawlings RO, Wilson 1010 or the Picknard game ball.
19. Where one or both teams have a direct conflict with a WIAA tournament game, tournament games have priority over Conference games. Conference games take priority over non-Conference games.
20. There is no limit to the number of players comprising teams.
21. Two All Conference Teams comprised from the six schools will be chosen at the end of the season meeting. The All Conference Teams will include: two pitchers, one catcher, four infielders, three outfielders, and one utility player.

Conference Champions	Bar
All Conference First Team	11 Gold Medals
All Conference Second Team	11 Silver Medals
22. All levels of play will have WIAA registered officials.
23. It is suggested that the Athletic Director in charge of baseball compile and publish a list of coaches, addresses, and phone numbers prior to each season.

24. The host school is responsible for calling games in to the Milwaukee/Journal/Sentinel and local papers.
25. The ten run rule will be used after five innings at all levels.
26. Sub-varsity games played among the six spring baseball schools will have a 2-hour time limit. No new inning will begin after the 2-hour mark. The inning will be completed if the 2-hour limit elapses during the inning. For time determinations, the new inning starts upon completion of the previous inning. Note: Because of the time limit, games may end in a tie.
27. All SEC Baseball games will begin at 4:30 PM unless noted on the baseball schedule.
28. Regarding Rainouts:
 - a. Games where the home team is leading after 4 ½ innings, the home team gets the win.
 - b. Games where the visiting team is leading after 5 innings, the visiting team gets the win.
 - c. Any games with less than the specified innings listed in a. and b. will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed, at a later date, with both schools in agreement to play, it will be continued from the point of suspension (per WIAA Regulations).

B. ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

Two All Conference Teams comprised from the six schools will be chosen at the end of the season meeting. The All Conference Teams will include:

- 2 Pitchers
- 1 Catcher
- 4 Infielders
- 3 Outfielders
- 1 Utility

The coaches will nominate the players from their team they feel worthy of All Conference selection. After all written nominations have been received each coach will be given the opportunity to explain the merits of each of the nominees. There must be one more nominee than the number of positions to be selected. A secret ballot will then be taken for each position. Coaches will vote for one more position than the number of each position. For example: five pitchers, three catchers, nine infielders, seven outfielders, three utility players. The nomination and balloting for utility player will occur after all the other All Conference positions have been selected. All players receiving a vote will receive honorable mention. In case of ties, the tied players will both receive honorable mention. Coaches may not vote for their own nominees.

C. MULTI-SPORT BYLAWS (updated 8-19-15)

1. SEC AWARDS POLICY - TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL SPORTS:
 - a. "Team" sports include: Baseball, Football, Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, and Softball. All Conference awards for team sports will be determined by a nomination and selection process.
 - b. "Individual" sports include: Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Boys Tennis, Girls Tennis, Boys Golf, Girls Golf, Wrestling, Boys Swimming, Girls Swimming, Boys Track, Girls Track, and Gymnastics. All-Conference awards for individual sports will be determined by finish at the Conference Meet.
 - c. Championship Bars will be awarded to Team Conference Champions and Team Conference Meet Champions. In the event of co-champions, a championship bar will be given to each co-champion.
 - d. First Team All Conference members will be awarded individual gold medals.
 - e. Second Team All Conference members will be awarded individual silver medals.
 - f. Third Team All-Conference members will be awarded individual bronze medals.
 - g. Honorable mention members may be selected, certificates will be awarded.
 - h. A player may not be on both First Team and Second Team All-Conference.
 - i. When selecting SEC All Conference First and Second Teams. **ALL TIES MUST BE BROKEN.**

- j. Coaches will nominate candidates they feel worthy of All Conference recognition. Only Southeast Conference statistics should be used as criteria for nomination. While speaking on behalf of the players, non-conference statistics may be included, but the coach **MUST** separate conference statistics versus non-conference statistics when explaining.
 - k. Head coaches are required to attend the conference post season meeting as scheduled for their sport(s).
 - l. Head coaches in football, b/g basketball, b/g soccer, b/g volleyball, softball, and baseball must submit All Conference nominations prior to their post-season meeting as directed.
 - m. No deserving player will be excluded from all-conference nomination if the head coach fails to submit appropriate nomination information. Other coaches may nominate deserving players from opposing teams, if the head coach fails to comply with this requirement.
2. In addition to the individual SEC sport bylaws, coaches are responsible for following all WIAA rules and regulations, as presented in the most current “*Senior High School WIAA Handbook*” and the applicable “*Season Regulations*” handbook.
 3. The Southeast Conference embraces positive sportsmanship, which provides expectations for coaches, athletes, officials, and fans. School officials and coaches will be provided with guidelines to good sportsmanship. The coach has the responsibility to review the concepts of sportsmanship with their athletes at all levels.
 4. The coach of the HOST school in ALL varsity contests has the responsibility to report Conference Varsity results to the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel. In addition, each school’s coach has the responsibility to report varsity results to their appropriate local media/newspaper. It is important that ALL varsity conference results (conference meets, too) are reported to the Journal-Sentinel.

Journal Sentinel contact information (as of 12-13-08):

Sports Dept. Phone Number: 414-224-2310 or 800-456-5943 and enter 92310#

Phone Number to Report Game Results: 414-224-2310 or 800-456-5943 and enter 92310#

Sports Dept. Fax Number: 414-456-5943 – when auto-attendant answers enter 92049#

Sports Dept. Email: prepsplus@journalsentinel.com

5. Video scouting is allowed in all sports.
6. SEC Conference Tournament/Meet hosts will be rotated on the basis of alphabetical listing, following the rotation order...

Bradford
Case
Franklin
Horlick
Indian Trail
Oak Creek
Park
Temper

7. The SEC will annually award “**Academic**” **All-Conference Awards** to those individual student athletes selected by their school. Student athletes must participate in SEC sanctioned sports in order to be eligible for the Academic All-Conference award. An “Award of Merit” medal will be given to each school’s winner. Rationale and guidelines for this award are provided in the SEC Constitution.

All Selections will meet the following criteria:

1. Athlete must be a senior.
 2. Athletes must have earned a varsity letter.
 3. The GPA shall be 3.5 or better to be considered.
 4. Each school will develop their own method of selection, using the above criteria.
8. The SEC will annually award “**Sportsmanship**” **All-Conference Awards** to those individual student

athletes selected by their school. Student athletes must participate in sports sanctioned by the SEC in order to be eligible for the Sportsmanship All-Conference award. An "Award of Merit" medal will be given to each school's winner. Rationale and guidelines for this award are provided in the SEC Constitution.

All Selections will meet the following criteria:

1. Athletes must have earned a varsity letter.
 2. Each school will develop their own method of selection.
9. The SEC will annually determine an **All-Sports Champion** winner. The traveling plaque will be awarded to the single school that accumulates the most points in conference dual meet play. The rationale and point system to determine the winner is outlined in the SEC Constitution.
10. In the event contests are cancelled, other than summer baseball, it is the responsibility of the Host School Athletic Director to call the opposing school, by 1:30 pm the day of the game.

All cancelled conference games should be rescheduled with the following format in mind:

1. By mutual consent, of both schools, pick the first available date.
 2. Conference games have priority over non-conference games.
 3. All games should be played prior to the end-of-season meeting, only unusual circumstances must prevail before a conference varsity game is not made up.
 4. Rained out games that will involve the determination of the conference champion must be made up.
 5. In the event of a Freshman/Sophomore or Junior Varsity game preceding the varsity competition, that event may not continue after two and one half hours of time.
11. When nominating a school for the **"Team" Sportsmanship Award**, you must include a reason for your nomination. Only those schools appropriately nominated will appear on the ballot for voting. A point system will be used to determine the winner. If there are three schools nominated the point system will be 3, 2, and 1. If two schools are nominated the point system will be 2 and 1, etc. The school with the highest point total is the winner. First place ties should be broken. Guidelines and expectations are provided in the SEC Constitution.
12. The SEC will annually determine an **All-Sports Team Sportsmanship** winner. The traveling plaque will be awarded to the school that accumulates the most individual Team Sportsmanship Awards over the current school year.
13. The Southeast Conference "Season Pass" (100 are distributed annually to each SEC school) will be accepted at all conference athletic events, including SEC sponsored conference meets/tournaments, as well as home non-conference events. This pass cannot be used at WIAA sponsored events.