

K-18 Baseball Post Season Meeting 09/22/2019

Meeting took place at Lucas, Kansas in the K-18 baseball press box. Those present were East Commissioner Derrick Hittle, West Commissioner Rudy Perez, State Commissioner David Urban and Assistant State Commissioner John Walz.

Meeting started at 2 p.m. and ended at 4:10 p.m.

1. Seeding teams during the regular season for the Regional Tournament was discussed. Seeding teams when weather does not allow games to be played at the regional. Consensus was to mirror the State Tournament but left up to the commissioner's discretion. Regional Tournaments could also mirror the state tournament to help pitch count. (Sat., Sun. Wed.) Maybe play the Regional over two weekends? Will be addressed with teams at the State Meeting in Jan. 2020
2. Weather was discussed. Discussed having one person designated to monitor weather and make announcements where fans, players, umps will go during a weather emergency. Make contact with Mark Wildeman and Kevin Marozas to get lightning detectors. Further discussion at State Meeting Jan. 2020
3. Discussed Noon start on Sunday to help avoid weather and get fans home earlier and earlier on Wednesday too, possibly 3 pm or 4 p.m. Further discussion at State Meeting Jan. 2020
4. Startup of a K-18 Softball League. 18 &U 16&U? East and West Commissioner's had a lot of interest. Using NFHS High School Rules and 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades to be eligible. They will discuss with Ron Haag, FHSU Intramural Director, about organizing the program. Possibly play State Tournament in Lucas July 18th and 19th, 2020. Further discussion at State Meeting Jan. 2020
5. FOUR PITCH WALK DISCUSSED. No pitches thrown and will not be counted against pitch count. Coach or pitcher will signal umpire for "no pitch walk". Further discussion at State Meeting Jan. 2020
6. Ways to speed up games were discussed. Run rule changes, regular season time limit on games, 2 hour or 90 minute time limit or cut innings played. Further discussion at State Meeting Jan. 2020
7. NFHS Rule Changes and how we will adopt them? Talked about a three year grace period after High school adopts new rules to allow teams to replace equipment. Further discussion at State Meeting Jan. 2020
8. Hosting Regional Discussion. Possibly team registration fees go up to offset gate and not charge a gate fee at regional and state tournaments. Further discussion at State Meeting Jan. 2020
9. Ambulance on standby during state tournament games. Dave will check it out with Russell EMS. Further discussion at State Meeting Jan. 2020
10. Raising League recorders compensation per team. Possibly raising \$5.00 per team. Further discussion at State Meeting Jan. 2020

11. **Mandatory Game Changer or similar program to enter game information.**
Commissioners getting NFHS Case Book and Rulebook on their phones.
How many K-18 Rulebooks to Order?
NFHS Rulebooks for teams?
Umpire Clinic required for teams or just test on our website?
Umpire List with contact information on our website.
2020 Rule changes for NFHS Baseball.
Further discussion at State Meeting Jan. 2020
12. **Kids Kneeling or other forms of protests. American Legion has a policy that we will**
Look over at the state meeting.
Further discussion at State Meeting Jan. 2020
13. **1st base safety base being adopted? Discussed but not being used that much.**
Further discussion at State Meeting Jan. 2020
14. **Assigning a City Employee to help with field prep between games. Dave will check out.**
Further discussion at State Meeting Jan. 2020
15. **Use of a portable mound at Regional Tournament?**
Further discussion at State Meeting Jan. 2020
16. **Lucas Scoreboard making it hard for hitters and umpires to see ball coming in. Look at**
changing bulbs to another color.
Further discussion at State Meeting Jan. 2020
17. **Discussed State Bracket adapting to teams driving a long distance. Have them play 2nd or 3rd**
game and not the first or 4th game on Saturday.
Further discussion at State Meeting Jan. 2020
18. **Jon Weinman Jr. is starting up our website from ground 0 as it crashed last year.**
Commissioners would like to have the video of Ellis getting a Police Escort into Ellis after
winning the 2019 K-18 State Tournament. They would like it placed on the website, stating
this is how to celebrate!!
19. **Dave advised the Lions Club has applied for a grant that includes new ballfield lighting and**
work on the dugouts.
Dave advised our checking account balance is 18, 940. We were up \$500 from last year.
20. **Commissioners will emphasize no tobacco or alcohol at K-18 games.**
Further discussion at State Meeting Jan. 2020
21. **2020 State K-18 Baseball Meeting set for January 26th, 2020.**
Commissioners will meet at 1pm at the ballfield press box.
Commissioners/Team Representatives will meet at the K-18 Café at 2 p.m.