

K-18 Baseball State Meeting Minutes from 01/27/2019
3:00 P.M. Commissioners/Team Representative Meeting

Those Present: State Commissioner Dave Urban, Assistant Commissioner John Walz and East Regional Commissioner Derrick Hittle.

Cade Winter(Clifton Clyde), Jason Drake(Russell), David Ziegler(Hays), Dustin Bender(Concordia CNB), Shane Abrem(Waconda), Kail Schoen(Waconda), Bud Brown(Smith Center), Ryan Lewis(Smith Center), Emmett Howg(Lincoln), Korey Vacek(Courtland), Ryan Devine(Courtland) and Jon Weinman Jr.(Phillipsburg).

- 1. Background check for coaches was discussed at Post Season Meeting.
State Commissioner Dave Urban will check into process that could be used by teams to conduct a background check on their coaches.**

Dave Urban reported he has a process with law enforcement officials who will perform a background check on coaches. Dave asked that communities get him the coach's names and he will get the background checks performed.

- 2. Setting Regular Season Games to the following format for discussion was discussed at Post Season Meeting.
1st game counts as a league game and is a seven inning game.
2nd game is a non-league 3 inning game that does not count toward league standings.**

Could also have time limits to help get fans home earlier. Parents have been complaining about length of games and late nights.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt for the East and West Regions, for the regular season, to play the 1st game of a double header as a seven inning game that counts toward league standings. The 2nd game of the double header will be a 3 inning game that does not count toward league standings and will have no time limit but will have a five run per inning maximum.

Passed unanimously

- 3. How do we add new teams? Derrick will look into Big 6 and others giving a report at the State Meeting.
This will be discussed at the Commissioner's/Team Representative Meeting.**

Derrick is still working on expanding the east and has made contacts that he is waiting to hear back on.

Jon Weinman Jr. was asked about any connections he might have in Nebraska. He said they played Superior Nebraska when he was at Smith Center but did not have any current connections.

Commissioner Walz will check into Superior, Nebraska.

- 4. Setting criteria for paying communities hosting Regional Tournaments was discussed at the Post Season Meeting.
Ideas will be discussed at the Commissioner's/Team Representative Meeting.**

Commissioner's talked about communities paying a set amount to K-18 Baseball to cover costs incurred by K-18 Baseball. Regional Tournaments were estimated to cost roughly \$1200-\$1500. It was felt by team representatives that their communities would not be willing to pay a set amount to keep amount above break even amount. They wanted us to keep as we have been doing. Commissioners will evaluate at the Post Season Meeting.

- 5. Web-site concerns? Jon Weinman Jr. is taking care of our web-site. Jon has already added Face Book links onto web-site.
Discussion at the Commissioner's/Team Representative Meeting of what teams would like to see on the web-site.**

Jon Weinman JR. has agreed to update the K-18 Baseball.com website we presently have. Jon updated the site last year and has placed links to the K-18 Baseball face book pages.

- 6. Rulebook clarifications D.H., E.H., and pinch runners for 2019 K-18 Rule Book were discussed at the Post Season Meeting.**

Add High School D.H. Rule to our rulebook and check on free substitution rule for E.H. fielding.

Discussion and vote on additions to the rule book at Commissioner's/Team Representative Meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to add the Designated Batter and Courtesy Runner from the NFHS Baseball Rulebook to the K-18 Rulebook for easier access. Motion Passed unanimously

Motion was made and seconded to allow the Extra Hitter (EH) to enter the game for any defensive player. Rule will be prepared for review before going into the rulebook. Passed unanimously

- 7. Rulebook clarifications on rainouts and the rescheduling for completing rainouts?**

Discussed at the Post Season Meeting.

Do we start pitch count over if rescheduled after 72 hours or start pitch count back up where game ended? K-18 Rule 3.12

How many pitches left if started within 72 hours?

Discussion and possible vote at the Commissioner's/Team Representative Meeting. Motion made and seconded for any rainout/suspended game to strictly follow Pitch Count Rule 3.12 and rescheduled game will start back exactly where it ended at the time it was suspended. Rules are in place to protect players.

Passed unanimously

- 8 Pitch Count and game report needs to be sent to the League Recorder the day of the games by both teams? Penalties? Discussed at the Post Season Meeting,**

Should we have every team use Game Changer or similar program and the game report sent from that program to the league recorders?

Discussion at the State Meeting and a possible vote at the Commissioner's/Team Representative Meeting.

Motion was made and seconded for game reports to be sent to the League Recorder by Noon of the following day after the game. This can be done by taking a picture of line score and sending it by phone or e-mail or by using game changer or similar program sending the line score including the pitch count to the league recorder. There must be a Line Score received home and visitor teams.

Passed unanimously

- 9 Amount to pay Web-Site for maintenance? Taken care of by State Commissioners at their meeting.**

- 10 Mark Wildeman has resigned as West Commissioner. Looking for a replacement. Several names were given and State Commissioner's will investigate and hopefully find a replacement.**

- 11 Should regional and state tournament games be 5, 6 or 7 inning games?**

To speed up games continue to have no infield between games?

Discussion and possible vote at the Commissioner's/Team Representative Meeting.

A motion and second was made to have Regional and State Tournament games be seven inning games and for teams to be allowed to take infield before games. If there is an additional field available to take infield it may be done at the additional field to speed up games. At the State Tournament there will be infield taken before games.

Passed unanimously

- 12 2019 State Tournament will start at 10 am on Saturday, start 2 pm on Sunday and start 5 pm on Wednesday. No vote needed. Was agreed to at Commissioners Meeting. Consensus was this will be a good move for all.

- 13 2019 K-18 State Tournament at Lucas will be July 27th, 28th, and 31st, 2019.

Saturday July 27th, 2019

Higher seed is the home team.

East #2 vs. West #3 at 10:00 p.m.

West #1 vs. East #4 at 12:30 p.m.

East #1 vs. West #4 at 3:00 p.m.

West #2 vs. East #3 at 5:30 p.m.

Second Round Higher Seed is the home team.

Home Team for the Consolation and Championship game will be decided by a flip of a coin by State Commissioner's. Lower seed will call the flip. If they are the same number seed, the team with the higher winning percentage will call the flip.

- 14 Any other discussion for the good of K-18 Baseball? No further action taken.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.