

2021 K-18 Softball Annual Meeting Minutes February 14th, 2021

1. K-18 Baseball/Softball State Commissioner Dave Urban called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to K-18 Softball Commissioner Ron Haag. Ron thanked everyone for their attendance.
2. Everyone present on Zoom email John Walz their name and community they are representing at [jawk18@gmail.com](mailto:jawkl8@gmail.com)

Present were the following: Casey McCoy-Ellis, Dan Pyle-Ellis, Pete Falcon-Sylvan Grove, Phillip Ellis-Osborne, Kieran Wurtz-Clifton-Clyde, Kyle Level-Wakeeney, Dani Hartwell-Norton, Brandi Powers-Russell, Craig Cole-Phillipsburg, Brooke Feik-Phillipsburg, Ron Haag-Ellis, Dave Urban-Lucas and John Walz-Ellis

3. Ron asked teams present to promote K-18 Softball and recruit other communities to join. Ron advised that the Ellis High School Wood Shop was constructing the K-18 Softball Traveling Trophy.
4. Baseball State Tournament July 24th, 25th, 28th, 2021

Date for Girls Softball State Tournament, last year July 15 and 16 Wednesday and Thursday. Last year due to graduations being held July 17 the tournament was played during the week. Teams wanted the tournament to be scheduled for Friday and Saturday with Sunday as a rain day.

Dani Hartwell made the motion for the State K-18 Softball Tournament to be held Friday, July 16th, 2021 and Saturday July 17th, 2021 Times will be determined at a later date. Seconded by Casey McCoy Unanimous vote.

b. Regionals were discussed. Depending on the number of teams and how they are split up, teams may want to have a regional. Before the season starts it will be decided if regionals will be played before the season starts.

A motion was made by Casey McCoy if regionals are held they need to be completed between July 5th-12th, 2021.

5. Practice start date. Consensus was for teams to start when they wanted to start.
6. Consensus: May 1st teams to commit to play/and May 15th Roster to Ron Haag.
7. Time limit for K-18 State Tournament games/time limit in regular season games?

Dani Hartwell made a motion for Regional and State Tournament games to be seven inning games, no time limit, run rules of 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings and no time limit. The ten runs scored per half inning would also be used. Seconded by Brandi Powers Unanimous vote.

After later discussion on changing regular season games to five inning games Dani Hartwell made another motion to the above rule. The only change was to stay consistent with the regular season and go to five inning games for all regional and state tournament games. The run rule of 8 runs after 5 innings would be taken off too. The ten runs per half inning would be used and no time limit on these games. Kyle Level seconded. Passed unanimously.

8. Consensus: Season to start the 1st week of June on game days adopted.
9. Game days? Tabled until next meeting before start date. Wed-Thurs. last season
Double header on each game day.
11. Two 60-minute games unless change needs to be made?
 - a. two 7-inning games?
 - b. one 7-inning and one 3 inning game?

Dan Pyle made a motion to play two five inning games keeping all of the original rules in effect besides the number of innings played. Seconded by Kyle Level. Passed Unanimously

Regular Season will consist of two five inning games with time limits and run rules. The second game will count toward the league record with the first game not counting. All players on the roster must participate in a least one of the two games.

Game run rules will be 15 runs after 3 innings and 10 runs after 4 innings.

Time limit will be: 80-minute maximum time per game/60-minute minimum time limit per game with 10 runs maximum scored per half inning.

Time limit will only be used during the regular season. There will not be a time limit for Regional and State Tournament games.

12. Start times. Consensus was to keep starting times at 6:30 pm

13. Officials discussion

1 or 2-person crews? Consensus was to have a two-man crew. Concerns were voiced that teams want communities to take softball serious and hire umpires who know the rules, dress appropriately and make sure the umpires are given special K-18 Softball rules before the games start, understanding those rules.

14. Maximum number of players playing on USSSA ASA etc.

After much discussion Ron Haag will draft several options that were discussed.

Ideas discussed:

(a) 70% of a K-18 roster players who play in a non K-18 Tournament would count. Teams would be allowed 5 outside tournaments where they used 70% of players. Teams using under 70% of players would not count.

(b) K-18 Softball players could not be on more than four teams.

15. Roster limit number and splitting up teams.

Dan Pyle made a motion for K-18 Softball to have a twenty-two player maximum on their roster per team. Dani Hartwell seconded. Passed unanimously.

16. Ages 8th through senior year?

a. Whatever they were January 1 school year?

b. Do we still want to include outgoing seniors?

Consensus was to keep the same as last season. 8th graders going into high school and seniors as of January 1st of their senior year of high school are eligible to play that season of play.

17. Number of players able to bat?

a. Boys EH3.06

b. Only 9-person roster?

c. Bat your roster you have available that night?

3.06 An Extra Hitter (EH) will be allowed but not mandatory. The option of using an (EH) must be selected prior to the start of the game. The (EH) must be listed on the line-up card in any spot from #1 batter thru #10 batter. The (EH) is considered a starting player and cannot be eliminated after the game has started. If a team can't play a person in the (EH) position, in which they began the game with, due to injury etc., they will take an out when the (EH) position is up to bat. The (EH) may be swapped in the field for any defensive player. The swapped players would have to keep their same spots in the batting order. If the swapped defensive player leaves the game a replacement would have to fill his spot in batting order as an (EH) or the open batting spot would be an out when that spot comes up to bat. All starters including the starting (EH) may reenter a game one time but must reenter in their original starting batting order. Non-starters cannot reenter a game after being taken out of the game. The Extra Hitter Rule rule allows more players an opportunity to get playing time.

After discussion the amount of players allowed to bat in a game will be tabled for the next meeting and a decision made at that time.

18. C-19 concerns and precautions? This will be talked about at the next meeting before the 2021 Season Starts.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50 PM