

2022 K-18 State Softball Annual Meeting

Agenda/Minutes

Date: 02/20/2022 at 2 p.m. Started meeting at approximately 2:15 pm to get everyone connected.

- 1. Dave Urban or John Walz will call the meeting to order and ask for a roll call of those present.**
- 2. The State Tournament will be held in Lucas, Kansas Saturday and Sunday July 16th and 17th, 2022. Last year the games were scheduled 10 am, noon, 2 pm and 4 pm on Friday and Saturday. The times worked out great last year but this year we will just have a starting time each day of 10 am with each game following the previous game.**

Discussed and the only addition was that play-In games would need to be completed by the Tuesday evening before the State Tournament.

- 3. Rules at the State Tournament were the following in 2021:**

Five Inning Games played.

10 runs maximum scored per half inning

“Run Rules”

15 runs after 3 innings of play

10 runs after 4 innings of play

No Time Limits

Higher Seed will be the home team in Game #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6.

Consolation game and Championship games the higher seed will call the flip of a coin for who is the home team. If they are the same seed their winning percentage will determine who gets to make the call.

The home dugout is on the 3rd base side of the field.

Discussed and later in the agenda voted to change from 10 runs maximum scored to 7 runs maximum scored per half inning. No other changes were made to the State Tournament from 2021 and will be adopted for 2022 with the change to 7 runs maximum per half inning.

- 4. Discussion about penalty for teams not following the “play all players rule” and how to monitor? *No action taken but should be reported to the Regional Commissioner.***

5. Discussion on penalty for teams dropping out of the State Tournament due to just not wanting to play with the understanding sickness or other justifiable things may come up. *No action taken.*
6. Clarification that metal cleats are allowed in K-18 Softball games. Metal cleats are allowed in K-18 Softball games but at some locations can not be used due to turf.
7. Clarification that no alcohol or tobacco products are allowed in the dugouts or fan area. Will be added to the softball rulebook.
8. Criteria for tie breakers in tournament seeding.

Motion was made by Dan Pyle for 1st option to be head-to-head and 2nd option to be a coin flip to determine tournament seeding for any ties in post season seeding. Seconded by Craig Cole Passed Unanimously

9. Maximum number of players on a roster. Baseball has 20. Consensus to keep at 22 for this year.
10. Discussion on playing all players in State Tournament Games. This will need to be added in writing if all players do not need to play in State Tournament Games. Although please remember (Kids first).

Motion was made by Dan Pyle that teams do not have to play every player on their roster during post season games, but always keep in mind, {Kids First}. Seconded by Amber Risewick. Passed Unanimously

11. Time limit between games...at the State Tournament worked well. There was much discussion during the season last year about time limits during the regular season. Decide now as to how time limits will be done as there will be no changes after today's meeting until 2023.

Discussed going to 75-minute time limit for the regular season. All other language left the same in Rule 2: Definitions #2. Motion made by Casey McCoy to change from 60-minute limit to 75-minute limit for the regular season, keeping all other language the same. Seconded by Craig Cole. Passed Unanimously

12. Review 2021 Adopted K-18 Softball Rules for changes. If there were changes in the above discussion those will be adopted into the 2022 Rules. After today there will be no changes to these rules until the 2023 Annual Meeting.

After discussion a motion was made by Craig Cole to move runs allowed per half inning from 10 runs maximum to 7 runs maximum per half inning during the regular season. The motion was seconded by Amber Risewick Passed Unanimously

13. Teams will need to purchase a copy of the NFHS High School Softball Rules. Hard copies can be ordered or at less cost an electronic version can be added to your phone.

14. All rosters must be to the Regional Commissioner by June 15th for a team to play in post season play.

Consensus was that team commitment date and roster date should follow K-18 Baseball. April 30th for team commitment and June 15th for roster to be submitted to the Regional Commissioner.

15. Any additional discussion for the good of K-18 Softball.

Discussed start date and days of play.

Motion was made by Casey McCoy to start games on Thursday June 2nd and days of play to be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Seconded by Ron Tenbrink Passed Unanimously

16. Adjourned Meeting at 3:20 pm

In-Person at the K-18 Café were the following:

Dave Urban-Lucas

Craig Cole-Phillipsburg

Darcy Couse-Lincoln

Zoom:

John Walz-Ellis

Dan Pyle-Ellis

Kyle Level-Wakeeney

Casey McCoy-Ellis

Amber Risewick-Norton

Ronnie Tenbrink-Ellsworth

Heather Betzold-Osborne

