

02/16/2020 K-18 Softball Organizational Meeting Minutes

Meeting held in Lucas, Kansas at the K-18 Café at 2 p.m.

(1) Organizational structure discussed.

Dave Urban discussed that K-18 Softball would run under the K-18 Baseball Association with a separate account within the baseball organization. Information and special rules about the K-18 Softball will be posted on the K18baseball.com website.

(2) Adoption of NFHS Softball Rules? NFHS Softball Rules were adopted by Commissioners for use in the K-18 Softball Leagues. Special league rules will be posted on the K18baseball.com website.

(3) Special K-18 Softball Rules for first season and other discussion:

(a) Nearest team rule, use K-18 Baseball Rule?

Dave Urban explained that we would use the following nearest team rule.

All players should have an address for the team that they play K-18 Softball. Should their school district and address be different they may play for the team in their school district provided there is no team at their home address. Transferring to another team requires a signed waiver from the manager of the team from which the player wants to transfer from. The player transferring must request to play for the nearest team, as the crow flies first and so on. The home team will need to release the player. The transfers must be approved by the regional commissioner before the player would be allowed to play on another team. Communities have until April 30th to form teams, no transfers until April 30th and cannot transfer after June 1st. Registration due by April 30th.

(b) For a player to be eligible to participate in post season

she must play in at least 50% of league games unless injured and not playing in games during the time of the injury. If player is injured he or she will be given credit of being on the team if he or she is attending practice and attending games.

(c) K-18 Softball teams shall be organized through a Recreation Commission in the town they originate from as long there is a Recreation Commission in their community.

Commissioners do not want all-star teams; we want every team to have a fair chance.

(d) Eligibility of players will be the following:

9th Grade through 12th Grade

8th Grade girls and 12 grade girls may play who are in that grade as of January 1st of the year of play.

It will be left up to the discretion of the coach if a younger grade girl is allowed to play.

The regional commissioner must be made aware if a younger player will be playing and on their roster.

(e) Registration fees, \$100 with gate fees charged at tournaments, or \$300 no gate charges at tournaments?

(f) Keeping with K-18 Baseball we will use a Roster Sheet where the players will print and sign their names, give home addresses, Grade in School for school year as of January 1st of the year of play and their date of birth. Any one team may have a total of twenty players on their roster. The roster must be received by the Regional Commissioner by June 15th.

- (g) Dave explained that we would have a registration fee of \$100 for this year and would charge gate at the regional and state tournaments to offset costs.
- (h) Tournament Gate amount, same as K-18 baseball?
Same as K-18 baseball. Adults \$5.00 6-12 \$2.00 5 and under free.
- (i) Bat Rule will follow NFHS Softball Rules.
- (j) NFHS Approved 12" 47 core Yellow Softball will be used.
- (k) 80-minute maximum time per game/60-minute minimum time limit per game with 10 runs maximum scored per half inning.
Game run rules will be 15 runs after 3, 10 runs after 4 and 8 runs after 5 innings. Motion made by Craig Cole seconded by Lyle Lewis Jr. Motion passed
- (l) Regular Season will consist of two seven inning games with time limits and run rules. The first game will count toward the league record with the second game not counting but will allow for all players on the roster to participate.

Motion made by Becky Pancost seconded by Brandi Powers Motion passed.
- (m) It is mandatory for all infielders and the pitcher to wear a NFHS approved facemask in all K-18 Softball Games.
Motion made by Becky Pancost Seconded by Lyle Lewis Jr. Motion passed
- (n) First year split of teams for East Region and West Region?
Towns along Highway 281 and east will be the East Softball Regional
Towns west of Highway 281 will be the West Softball Regional.
- (o) Days of play? This will be decided at the Regional Meetings.
- (p) Hoxie would possibly like to play once a week but not be in a league or eligible for Post Season Play. Will be discussed at the West Softball Regional Meeting.
- (q) Regional Tournament location, dates and times?
Regional Commissioners will decide dates and locations after meeting with their regions.
The State Tournament will be held in Lucas, Kansas on July 18th and 19th, 2020
Bracket: 8 team bracket
West #1 vs. East #4
East #2 vs. West #3
East #1 vs. West #4
West #2 vs. East #3
- (r) Hometowns responsible for cancellations
- (s) Will get East Regional Commissioner in place ASAP
- (t) Pay for umpires and getting umpires certified. Pay will depend on locations. Ron Haag will work on setting up umpire clinics. Central Kansas Umpire Association and IFA Umpire Association will also be available for umpire training.
- (u) Teams may be required to bring three new Dudley softballs for the regional and three for the state tournament.
- (v) Days of play will be decided by each region at their meetings.

Adjourned

