

2024 K-18 Baseball State Teams/Commissioner's Meeting

Date: 01/07/2024

3:00 PM call the Meeting to order at the K-18 Café in Lucas, Kansas. Meeting called to order at 3 p.m.

Team Representatives will review the 2023 K-18 Baseball State Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Rodney Mos

Second by Troy Newman Vote Unanimous

Treasurers Report by Dave Urban

K-18 Baseball has a balance as of December 31st, 2023 of \$14, 447.54.

Dave reported softball will need to get more teams involved and at least break even. We are losing approximately \$2,000 a year.

State Commissioner and Assistant State Commissioner Reports by Dave Urban and John Walz.

Dave Reported Adam Baker, Lucas Lions Club, is working on funding for New Baseball Field lighting, new dugouts and concession stand being moved under the press box. Netting to protect fans from foul balls. The old concession stand will be removed. Adam hopes to have the funding and completion date in the next couple of years.

John Walz reported K-18 Rulebooks will be ordered from Lucas Publishing. 10 dozen baseballs will be ordered which have gone up in price.

Dan Pyle will replace Rudy Perez as the West Regional Commissioner.

Some rules have language added to help clarify the intent of the rules and some rules have been moved to the K-18 Rulebook to assist finding the rule in a timely manner. Any rules that are not in the K-18 Baseball Rulebook go back to the NFHS Baseball Rulebook. K-18 Baseball provided a hard copy of the NFHS Rulebook but the pricing became cost prohibitive. If teams want a hard copy, they will need to order one or get the electronic version on their phone at a cheaper price.

Teams will be provided several K-18 Rulebooks and it is also on our website at k18baseball.com

Rule Change ideas are to be presented after the season of play by August 31st.

2024 State K-18 Baseball Tournament Dates and times.

July 27th, 2024 (Saturday) starting at 9 am

July 28th, 2024 (Sunday) starting at noon

July 31st, 2024 (Wednesday) starting at 3 pm

Bracket will be adjusted by combined driving distances.

West Region Report by Dan Pyle.

Regional Meeting will be done on Zoom on April 7th, 2024

At 2 p.m. The west meeting will be a Zoom only meeting.

East Region Report by Derrick Hittle.

Regional Meeting held in Concordia on April 7th, 2024

At 2 p.m. The east meeting will be on Zoom and also in person at the Concordia High School.

Discuss New Rule:

3.04 c. In all Regular Season games, teams may start a game with eight players. The ninth spot in the lineup will be counted as an out in the batting order. If the ninth rostered player arrives anytime during the game, he/she will be allowed to enter the game. He/She will be allowed to enter into the ninth spot in the batting order and inserted into the game defensively.

All Post Season games must have nine players to start a game or the game will be counted as a forfeited game.

Motion made by Jay Russell Second by Rodney Mos to approve new Rule 3.04 c.

Vote: Unanimous decision

Discuss any teams or leagues that could be looking for a baseball organization to join. The intent is not to take any teams

of other organizations but allow communities to provide the opportunity for post season play.

Discussed if we should go to a 100% Zoom meeting going forward with our K-18 Baseball Meetings.

The consensus was to proceed next year to a 100% Zoom meeting.

We will have the meeting the last Sunday in January at 3:00 p.m. This will be placed in our rulebook.

Discussion from the floor on any rule issues, season of play issues, Regional Tournament issues or State Tournament issues.

Clarification was discussed on several rules.

Adjournment at 3:35 p.m.

Those attending:

Dave Urban-State Commissioner

John Walz-Assistant State Commissioner

Dan Pyle-Assistant West Regional Commissioner

Derrick Hittle by phone-East Commissioner

Kyle Level-Wakeeney

Darcy Couse-Lincoln

Chris Irwin-Scott City

Rodney Mos-Osborne

Jay Russell-Republic County

Troy Newman-Republic County

Heather Betzold-Osborne