

2024 K-18 State Softball Annual Meeting Agenda/Minutes
February 26th 6:00 pm

1. The meeting will take place on Zoom on Monday, February 26th at 6:00. **Called to order at 6:06 p.m.**

Zoom Link:

<https://fhsu.zoom.us/j/95937206064?pwd=U0E3YnFyREVpQkt6aHBWdVdWeXZMQT09>

Meeting ID: 959 3720 6064

Passcode: k18

Those present: Scott City (Krystal Wolkenstorfer), Osborne County (John), Rooks County (Ryan Weltmer), John Walz, Dave Urban, Ron Haag, Lincoln (Darcy), Norton (Amber)

Treasurer's Report: \$14,000 and some odd dollars (same as K18 baseball report)

John & Dave: need to break even at least instead of lose money. Need 8 teams at the state tournament. City of Lucas is invested in it, just need to have at least 8 teams to break even.

Amber: Reach out to Oberlin because they are adding high school ball; reach out to Colby grade school coach; in communities where she has grocery stores (Hill City, Ness City, Atwood)

Ron: contact Oakley, Hays

John Walz: Ellis (Dan or Casey)

Darcy: Reach out to Sylvan Grove, Minneapolis, Bennington, Solomon, Salina

John: Will contact Beloit and Belleville; Red Cloud, NE

John: East teams back out because of travel issues

Phillipsburg is interested in a team

Ron: meet in the middle for teams with long travel distance (i.e. Ellis, Hays, Plainville); see #15

2. The State Tournament will be held in Lucas, Kansas, on **Saturday and Sunday, July 13th and 14th, 2024**. The times worked out great last year with a starting time each day of 10:00 am, with each game following the previous game.

Play-In games need to be completed by the Tuesday evening before the State Tournament. (If needed, based on number of teams, and if we have play in tournaments.)

B. Regional dates:

C. Regional sites if needed:

3. Rules at the State Tournament were the following in 2023:

Five-inning games played.

7 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 Championship game and Championship game: 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.

FYI: Discussion in 2022 voted to change from 10 runs maximum scored to 7 runs maximum scored per half-inning.

4. Discussion about penalty for teams not following the “play all players rule” and how to monitor? *No action taken in 2022/23 but should be reported to the Regional Commissioner. Please have integrity and do what is best for the kids.*

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. *(This has happened two years in a row.)PLAN NOW Please have integrity and do what is best for the kids.*

Suggestion: institute a fine (minimum of \$100 for backing out); fine one team, they may never come back

Teams pay \$200 at the start of season, as long as they play at state, receive \$50-100 back; if everyone goes to \$200 and K18 baseball raises to \$200 next year, this will solve a lot of the problems

In favor of raising entry fee to play to \$200 (Ryan motioned, Amber seconded, motion passed 6-1 absention)

Raise gate fee to \$10/adult and \$5/age 6-12 (Amber motioned, Ryan seconded, motion passed 6-1 absention)

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 cannot be used due to turf. (Bickle-Schmidt at Hays)

7. Clarification that no alcohol or tobacco products are allowed in the dugouts or fan area.

Penalty: if caught, team forfeits game; copy language from K18 baseball rules (Ryan motioned, Amber seconded, motion passed 6-1 absention)

8. Criteria for tie-breakers in tournament seeding.

1st Criteria to be head-to-head

2nd Criteria to be a coin flip to determine tournament seeding for any ties in post-season seeding.

9. 22 maximum number of players on a roster. Baseball has 20.

(This seems high.) This rule was to put into place to help teams form. I wonder now if it hurts the ability for a community to put two teams together?

Most teams concerned about not having enough girls for two teams. Decision was to leave it for now.

10. Discussion on playing all players in state tournament games only.

Motion in 2022 was made (and passed) teams do not have to play every player on their roster during post-season games, but always keep in mind, (Kids First).

11. There was much discussion during the 2022 season about time limits during the regular season. Decide now as to how time limits will be set as there will be no changes after today's meeting until 2025. Rule 4-1-B

2022 motion: 75-minute time limit for the regular season. This worked well. Coaches need to get games going on time and move your girls in and out between innings.

12. After today there will be no changes to these rules until the 2025 Annual Meeting.

13. Teams will need to purchase a copy of the NFHS High School Softball Rules. Hard copies can be ordered, or an electronic version can be added to your phone.
14. K-18 started in 2022 a Supplemental Rule Book. This will be provided by the K-18 association. Two per program.
15. **Neutral Sites** on long travel dates:
Some teams really liked it, some felt like you got slighted from a home game.
16. **IMPORTANT DATES:** All rosters must be to the Regional Commissioner by June 15th for a team to play in post-season play:

***April 30th** for team commitment communicated (by email) to Regional Commissioner*

***May 1st** \$200.00 team fee due, checks written to K-18 Association
Fee raised to \$200/team (see above)*

***June 15th** for roster submitted to the Regional Commissioner.
On Official K-18 form*

***June 1st** was last year's first day. (League was Tuesday and Thursdays)
Corresponding dates this year:
Thursday, May 30th
Tuesday, June 1st*

All coach email/phone numbers must be included with draft schedule. The person who needs information from each community must send contact information to Ron by April 30. Dave offered to put all of the information on the K18 website.

17. Discussion on days of League play.
(League was Tuesday and Thursdays)

Be flexible (i.e. Scott City can only host on Monday nights). Both teams must agree by email when draft schedule is sent.

All scores need to be reported to Regional Commissioner by noon the following day (AKA, Ron Haag @ rhaag@fhsu.edu)

18. Minimum number of teams for continuation of league.

a. There is a push to require a minimum of 8 teams. (see above)

Dave: This year we'll be okay. Keep working at it. Call teams.