

SECTION 12 – *SOFTBALL*

Supervising Athletic Director: David Pettit – Union Grove

Equipment: The official Conference softball shall be the Dudley optic yellow ball with red stitches.

Officials: 2 umpires will be hired by the conference commissioner for conference games. In case of postponement, the athletic director of the home school will notify umpires and arrange for umpires for the make-up game.

Media/Results: The host school will be responsible for contacting the media with the game results. Both schools will post their perspective scores on their school's website.

Conference Schedule: The conference schedule will consist of a double round robin of games with all conference schools. The Conference Championship will be determined by conference won-loss record.

All softball games will begin at 4:30 p.m. Games may begin earlier or later by mutual consent of the schools involved.

Postponed games will be rescheduled by mutual consent of both schools involved. Failure to reach a mutual consent will be resolved by the principals of schools involved. Any game involving the championship must be made up, but games having no bearing on the championship may be canceled by mutual consent of teams involved.

All games will be seven innings. Four and one half innings will constitute a legal game if the home team is ahead, five innings if the visiting team is ahead.

Suspended games: If a game has gone the number of innings to become a legal game and is suspended with the score tied, the game will be rescheduled from that point.

A regular season game that is called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of suspension. (The game is to be completed unless both coaches agree not to.)

In conference games the 10 run rule will apply. The 10 run rule may be waived by mutual consent of both coaches before the game begins. A game may end at any time after five innings.

The International tie-breaker will not be used for conference games.

Warm-up regulations: Each team will have the infield for 15 minutes for general warm-up. Home teams have the field first. The visiting team will not be allowed batting practice at the home site on the day of the game.

The host school athletic director will notify the visiting team by 2:00 p.m. in case of postponement.

SLC games will play Ten Run Rule for JV1 and JV2 contests or terminate the game after two hours if it is not tied. An inning started must be completed. This 2-hour time limit is from time the game is scheduled to start 4:30 p.m. (6:30 p.m.) unless the game is tied. Extra innings will be played in the event of a tie until the tie is broken weather permitting.

W.I.A.A. rules and regulations will be followed.

Awards:

Team

Conference Champion – Trophy

All-Conference Selection: The top ten (10) players will receive All - Conference 1st Team Selection regardless of position. A coach may not vote his/her own player. After the 1st Team All – Conference Selection has been completed, coaches will then resubmit names for 2nd Team All – Conference consideration regardless of position. A coach may not vote for his/her own player. All – Conference 1st Team Selection Awards – Plaques. All – Conference 2nd Team Selection - Certificates. Honorable Mention – One (1) Athlete per school Athlete of the Year – Inscribed on their Plaque.

All nominees are to be made before the voting starts.

Note: A player must receive two or more votes from an opposing coach to be considered for 1st or 2nd Team All-Conference selection.

1. Athlete of the Year format from the Conference Constitution page 10, Article XIV – Awards (B). “From the 1st Team, All-Conference nominations are then presented for Athlete of the Year. A single vote by each coach will determine the Athlete of the Year. Coaches may vote for their own players. Recommended criteria for Athlete of the Year nomination include athletic performance (honors, statistics, contributions to team’s success), academic achievements and character (sportsmanship, leadership, conduct). Athlete of the Year is a separate ballot in all-sports-voted on after all other selections have been completed.

2. Honorable Mention - Any athlete who receives two or more votes from opposing coaches receives Honorable Mention. If no athlete were honorable mention from a school, the coach may choose one.

Note: Verifying Statistics following the game: After the game the statisticians will meet to verify runs, hits and errors. Any discrepancies they may have the coaches have 24 hours to contact the other head coach to work out any issues. If no resolution can be agreed upon, then the home team’s scorebook is official.