

BASEBALL

I. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- A. To select a state champion for baseball through tournament competition.
- B. To recognize the combined efforts of all participating teams and schools in the tournament.
- C. To encourage the highest principles and standards of attitude and general behavior.
- D. To emphasize the need and value of proper respect for opponents with regard to organized cheering activities.
- E. To promote the highest principles of good citizenship in tournament competitions.

II. UMPIRES

A. Qualifications and Requirements

1. All umpires must have taken the standard National Federation Examination and pass with a score of 80 or better.
2. All umpires must be in good standing with the HHSAA and their respective leagues.
3. See *Policies and Procedures, Registration of Officials*.
4. All state tournament officials/umpires shall wear uniforms in accordance with their sport's NFHS rules/guidelines/recommendations. In the absence of any NFHS rules/guidelines/recommendations, the sport's HHSAA Sport Coordinator shall have the final say as to the appropriateness of a state tournament official's/umpire's uniform

B. Selection

1. Umpires shall be selected by the HHSAA Executive Director, Sport Coordinator, Tournament Director and Umpire Coordinator.
2. The Umpires Committee shall schedule umpires by game number for all games in the tournament with the approval of the HHSAA Executive Director.
3. The HHSAA Executive Director shall make a contract with the umpires selected, committing them to umpire in all games assigned.
4. Leagues may request that their umpires work in the tournament, but they shall be responsible for umpires' expenses to the tournament.

C. Financial Allowance

1. Umpires shall be compensated in accordance with the HHSAA's current umpires' rates for all games.

III. ELIGIBILITY

Participating athletes must be eligible under the rules of their league and also under the requirements which are specified by HHSAA.

IV. RULES GOVERNING TOURNAMENT

- A. National Federation Baseball Rules to prevail, with HHSAA modifications as needed.
- B. Rules for Tournament

1. Seven inning rule shall prevail.
2. The last game of the day shall be scheduled no later than 7:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, unless due to reasons beyond the HHSAA's control.
3. All pitchers who pitch on the first day will be given a bonus of one (1) to nine (9) outs that may be used only on the fourth day of the tournament. No pitcher will be allowed to pitch more than 39 outs in three consecutive days.

Explanation: In a four-day tournament, a pitcher may pitch a maximum of 48 outs but no more than 39 outs on three consecutive days.

4. A relief pitcher for an ejected pitcher will be considered as a substitute for an injured player.
5. Suspended Game: A game may resume when the game is suspended (Discretion of HHSAA Executive Director):
 - a. If less than four and one-half innings have been played; or
 - b. If a game is tied after four and one-half innings.
 - c. All championship games shall be governed by the above rule.
 - d. All consolation, 5th and 3rd place games will end after seven innings or two hours, whichever comes first. "If the game is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed terms at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; except that if the home team in its half of the incomplete inning, scores a run (or runs) which equals or exceeds the opponent's score, the final score shall be as recorded when the game is called." Rule 4-2-3b

However, should a tie exist in any of the above games that have a bearing on the tournament schedule for the following day, the number of hits minus the number of errors shall determine the team advancing in the tournament. Should a tie still exist after employing the foregoing procedure, a flip-of-the coin shall determine the game's winner.

6. The ten-run rule will be in effect for all games in the tournament.
7. Use "hard" helmet type hat as required by the rule book.
8. The 60-second speed-up rule between half innings shall be in effect.
9. No photographer shall be allowed on the playing field during the game.
10. The National Federation speed-up rule for baseball shall apply: Allow a courtesy runner for the catcher and pitcher.
11. Host school or league must provide adequate ball chasers for every game.
12. All tobacco matters are prohibited before the game (locker room) and during the game (dugout and playing field). Infraction of this rule by the player(s) or coach(es) will result in ejection from the game and playing field.
13. Appeal Play: Follow the NF Rule book involving the appeal play.
14. Consolation games that are scheduled on school or other sites need not be on a time-limited basis. In case an alternate site is needed, the Executive Director shall make the necessary decision.

15. Bats used in the HHSAA tournament must to comply with the current NFHS Baseball Rules, including but not limited to the following:

a. Bats that are broken, altered or that deface the ball are illegal;

b. Bats that are not made of a single piece of wood shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. No BBCOR label, sticker or decal will be accepted on any non-wood bat. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of one inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color to read: "BBCOR .50";

c. Each bat not made of a single piece of wood shall be: (1) 2 5/8 inches or less in diameter at thickest part; (2) 36 inches or less in length; and (3) not weigh more than 3 ounces less than the length (i.e. 33 in/30 oz); AND

d. Each bat made of a single piece of wood shall be 2 3/4 inches or less in diameter at the thickest part and 36 inches or less in length.

V. TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATION

A.

$$\frac{\text{Number of participating teams in league}}{\text{Number of participating teams in state}} \times \text{Number of teams in state tournament}$$

B. Pac-Five teams are eligible to participate in the following HHSAA state tournaments: football, softball, boys soccer, girls soccer, canoe paddling, girls water polo, and baseball. Also, the MIL's Pac-Three football team is eligible to participate in the HHSAA state football tournament.

C. For team-only state tournaments, a combination team shall be counted in the league representation formula as long as one of the schools in the combination team has a minimum number of players, as follows:

Volleyball – 6, Football – 11, Softball – 9, Soccer – 11, Basketball – 5, Baseball – 9, Canoe Paddling – 6, Water Polo – 7

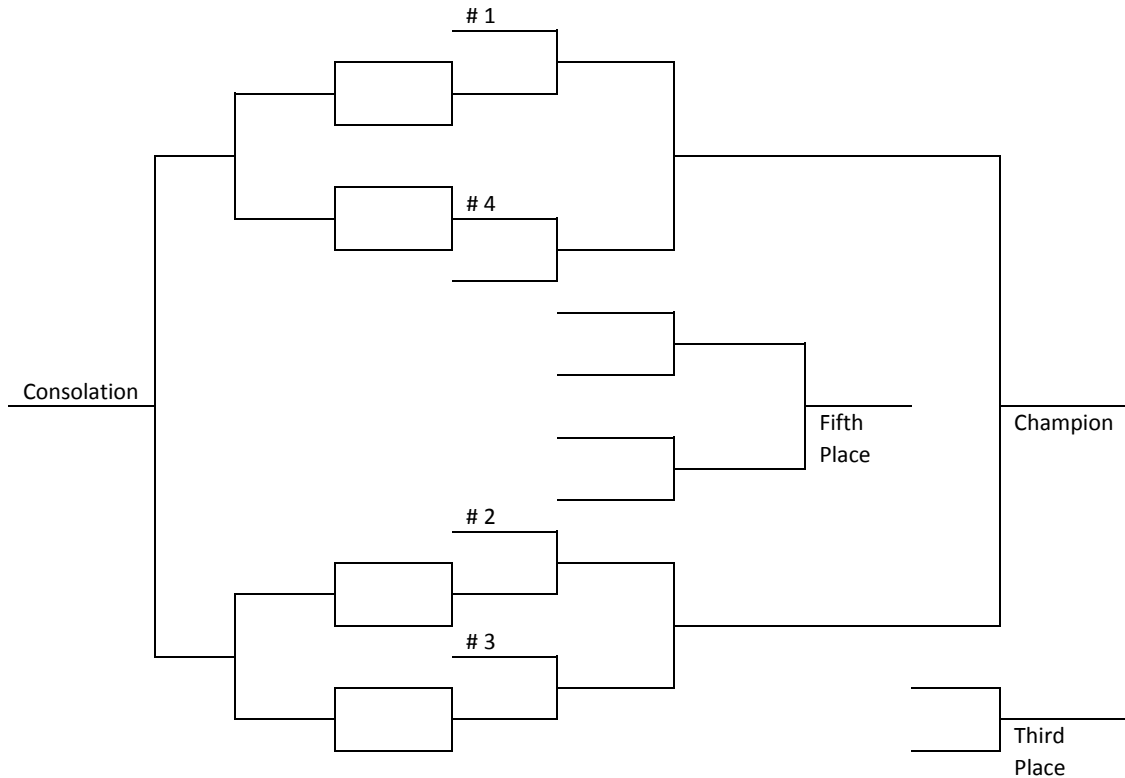
D. For team-only state tournaments, if a combination team qualifies for a state tournament, only players from one of the schools with the above-listed minimum number shall be allowed to participate in the state tournament.

VI. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

A. The Executive Director, with any recommendation from the Sport Coordinator and Tournament Director, may reschedule the time(s) and site(s) as deemed necessary.

B. Weather permitting, all participating teams shall be assured of at least two games.

VII. TWELVE TEAM FORMAT



VIII. SIZE OF TEAM IN TOURNAMENT

Schools may bring an unlimited number of players accompanied by authorized coaches. Names of coaches, managers and players must be listed on the official team roster form.

IX. SEEDING/PAIRING
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- A. Seeding/Pairings shall be done by the Tournament Seeding/Pairing Committee.
 - 1. HHSAA Executive Director, Chairperson
 - 2. Sport Coordinators
 - 3. Tournament Director
 - 4. Others as selected by the Sport Coordinator
- B. Seed the league champions.
- C. Place the league's 2nd representative in the opposite half bracket based on league champion's seed. EXAMPLE: The state's top seeded league will place their 2nd representative in the same quarter bracket as the state's 3rd seed.)
- D. Place the league's 3rd representative in the opposite quarter bracket of the league's 2nd representative.
- E. Place the league's 4th representative in the same half bracket opposite quarter bracket from league champion.
- F. Place the league's 5th representative in the same quarter bracket as the league champion. If the bracket is full, place the 5th representative in the last remaining open slot.

G. Place the league's 6th representative in the only remaining slot.

X. UNIFORMS

A. Identical school designated uniforms for all coaches and players shall include: uniforms, caps, shirts, pants and shoes.

B. Coaches must be in identical baseball uniforms, caps, shirts, pants, and shoes.

XI. TOURNAMENT SITE

Division II: The Division II tournament will be hosted every third year by the BIFF, rotating with the KIF, each time the MIL host the Division I tournament. (6/2013)

XII. AWARDS AND CEREMONIES

- A. Permanent team trophy for championship team.
- B. Permanent team trophy for runner-up team.
- C. 20 gold medals for the championship team members.
- D. 20 silver medals for runner-up team members.
- E. Schools may order additional medals at their own expense.

XII. TRANSPORTATION

- A. Teams shall arrange and provide for their own air transportation.
- B. Schools are responsible for their own ground transportation.

XIV. EVALUATION

An evaluation report and tournament results shall be submitted to the HHSAA Executive Director within two weeks after the tournament.

XV. OFFICIAL BALL

The official ball shall be the Baden 3B-PPRO.

XVI. ADMISSION

Les Murakami Stadium

Adults	\$9.00
Senior Citizens (62 and over)	\$5.00
Students (Grades K-12)	\$5.00

All other sites

Adults	\$7.00
Senior Citizens (62 and over)	\$5.00
Students (Grades K-12)	\$5.00