



BASEBALL BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I GOVERNING RULES

SECTION 1 The current edition of the National Federation Baseball Rule Book and the By-laws of the League shall be the official rules governing Baseball.

ARTICLE II CLASSIFICATIONS

SECTION 1 There shall be Varsity and Frosh/Soph teams.
1.1 A Frosh/Soph player may participate in Varsity league games until his team has played 6 league games. At the time of the 7th league game he may move down to the Frosh/Soph level without violation, or remain with the Varsity for the remainder of the league season

ARTICLE III PRACTICE AND GAME LIMITATIONS

SECTION 1 The practice limitations outlined in Article VIII of the General By-Laws shall be in effect.
1.1 No limitations, with the exception that there will be no practices or games on Sundays or Christmas Day.

1.2 Practice may begin on the Start date set by CCS.

SECTION 2 Game limitations shall be as follows:

2.1 **El Camino** – Number of games: 27 games and 2 scrimmages (in accordance with CCS maximum) GAME FOR GAME.

2.2 **De Anza** – Number of games: 27 games and 2 scrimmages - league playoff games do not count in this total. This limitation applies to each level as well as the individual player.

SECTION 3 Frosh/Soph games shall be played at sites opposite those of the Varsity games.

SECTION 4 Rained out league games shall be made up according to the schedule outlined under Game Management.

ARTICLE IV GAME MANAGEMENT

SECTION 1 Starting times

1.1 Starting times for all day games shall be 3:30 P.M., once day light saving begins, game times will be moved to 4:00PM. Saturday games will begin at 12:00 noon. Night games (***optional; both schools must agree***) will begin at 7:00 P.M.

1.2 While the De Anza Division is playing the league playoffs (last two weeks of season), the El Camino Division will play games on Wednesday and Friday.

- SECTION 2** Rained out or makeup games.
- 2.1** Any game that has been rained out will be made up the next day, providing field conditions and umpires are available. If games cannot be made up on the next day, the following weekday on the schedule that league games are not scheduled will be the makeup day. If coaches cannot reach a mutual agreement; the League commissioner shall set the date.
- 2.2** Games that are not completed due to rain, darkness, ties, or any other unforeseen reason will be completed at the site of the Home team, regardless of the number of innings originally played. If this is not possible due to scheduling, i.e., a third round game will be completed at the Visitor's park. The suspended game shall be played immediately prior to the regularly scheduled contest.
- 2.3** During the **(last)** round of league, every effort shall be made to play the varsity game on the day it is scheduled; i.e., if the home site is not available and the visitor's site is playable then the varsity game shall be moved to the visitor's site. The frosh/soph game can be rescheduled.
- SECTION 3** There shall be two (2) umpires for the Varsity Games and two (2) umpires for the Frosh/Soph Games.
- SECTION 4** The Home team shall be responsible for keeping the official score.
- SECTION 5** Every player shall be in complete uniform.
- 5.1** The uniform shall consist of baseball shoes, socks, belt, pants, numbered upper jersey, and cap.
- 5.2** Coaches shall be dressed in appropriate attire.
- SECTION 6** Pre-game fielding practice shall be limited to ten (10) minutes per team.
- 6.1** Home team will take infield practice thirty (30) minutes before game time for ten (10) minutes, to be followed by the Visiting team for (10) minutes.
- SECTION 7** Only the coach and/or team captain may approach the umpire to request or question a rule interpretation.
- SECTION 8** Protest may be registered by the coach according to procedures outlined in Article VII of the General By-laws.
- SECTION 9** Wood, aluminum, or ceramic bats may be used.
- SECTION 10** Batting practice will not be held prior to any league game except night games and Saturday games. **Report violations to league commissioner.**
- 10.1** Soft Toss, Pepper, Whiffle Balls, and hitting off a Tee are not considered batting practice. Soft Toss is underhand tossing from a short distance. Whiffle Balls can be thrown overhand.
- SECTION 11** The ten (10) run rule will not be used in varsity league contest. The ten (10) run rule will be used for frosh/soph league contest.

ARTICLE V **SPECIAL RULING**

- SECTION 1** The following re-entry rule authorized in the National Rule Book shall be in effect for all classifications.
- 1.1** Any of the starting players may withdraw and re-enter once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he is in the line-up. The pitcher whose team is not at bat shall pitch to the first opponent to bat against him until the batter has

advanced to first base or has been put out or until there has been a third out. To insure that the requirements of this article be fulfilled, the umpire will deny any coach/defensive player conference, which will violate it. Exception: a pitcher is incapacitated or guilty of flagrant, unsportsmanlike conduct.

SECTION 2

The following pitching limitation rule shall be in effect for all classifications: Thirty (30) Outs and/or Three (3) appearances in a calendar week through the season, Monday through Saturday.

- 2.1 Innings pitched in a no game; i.e. rainout, power failure, etc, shall count towards the total.
- 2.2 If the 30th out involves a double or triple play, the team will not be penalized.
- 2.3 An appearance is defined as a pitcher pitching at least one pitch.
- 2.4 Any violation constitutes a forfeit of the contest.

ARTICLE VI
PLAY-OFFS

SECTION 1

EL-CAMINO DIVISION

- 1.1 Teams tied at the end of the regular season shall have their season record against each other determine their standings. (Any teams tied for first are considered Co-Champions)
- 1.2 In the event of a three or four way tie at the end of the regular season, the following tie breaking system will be used.

(A) Head-to-Head competition during the league season. Team with the best record in games against all of the other teams involved in the tie – combine the record against all teams involved.

NOTE TO CLARIFY: The tie breaker system when teams are eliminated will continue to go back to the highest criteria. Whether that be head to head or combined record, if there was a four way tie and you eliminated one in section (B), you would then go back to (A) to re-check head to head records.

- (B) If teams are tied for first, compare records for the teams against the next highest finishing team in the league, and move down the standings until the tie is broken.
- (C) If teams are tied for any other position, a comparison of the highest finishing team (and move down the standings) will be used until the tie is broken.
- (D) If steps (A) to (C) have not broken ties, then C.C.S. points (minus any points for champions or champions played) for the last 22 games will be used. If there is still a tie continue CCS tie breaking procedures.

SECTION 2

DE ANZA DIVISION PLAYOFFS

2.1

PLAYOFFS AND LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- (A) There shall be a series based team playoff for only the Varsity. At The winner of the playoff and the winner of the round robin shall be declared co-champions of the league. In the first round of play, the fs will play the same opponent the varsity is playing at the opposite site. These games will count toward the FS team's 27 games.
- (B) After round robin, Varsity teams will be seeded 1 through 8 according to record. All ties for seeding will be broken using Section 1.1 and 1.2 (above).

Championship Bracket	Consolation Bracket
1 vs 4	5 vs 8
2 vs 3	6 vs 7

These will be best of three series. In the following week, winners will then play winners and losers will play losers.

- (C) **Field usage in playoffs** -- Higher seeded teams will play at Home on Tuesday and at home for the “if” game.
- (D) In the event that two teams tie for the round robin championship and each team has defeated the other, both teams shall be declared co-champions. If one team has defeated the other team twice in round robin play, that team shall be designated the round robin champion. In the event that a third team wins the playoffs, then all three teams shall be declared tri-champions, if they tied head to head.
- (E) If three or more teams are tied for the round robin championship, the team with the greatest number of wins within the tie shall be designated the first place team and declared the round robin champion. This team shall receive all the benefits associated with winning the round robin championship.
- (F) If a tie still exists after tiebreaker “3.6” above, the overall champion shall be determined by the team that wins the playoffs.
- (G) For CCS Seeding-- CCS only uses points to determine seeding, so league placement does not matter.

SECTION 3

C.C.S. Playoffs

- 3.1 The De Anza Division Champion and the El Camino division champion will advance to the C.C.S. Playoffs.
- 3.2 The 2nd, 3rd and 4th place teams from the De Anza division will each advance to the C.C.S. playoffs. The 2nd Place team from the El Camino will advance to the CCS Playoffs.
- 3.3 All remaining teams will be considered for At-Large berths based on C.C.S. points, regardless of league standings. If teams are tied, and they played head-to-head, the winner will have priority. Otherwise, the De Anza Division team(s) will have priority.

ARTICLE VII

SPECIAL RULINGS / BASEBALL CHAIRPERSON(S)

SECTION 1

The Baseball coaches of the De Anza and El Camino shall elect a baseball chairperson (s) for each division.

SECTION 2

The duties of the Baseball Chairperson (s) shall be:

- 2.1 Call a meeting of all the Baseball coaches prior to the beginning of the season to go over schedules, by-laws, rule changes, and anything pertinent to the sport.
- 2.2 Call a meeting of all the league Baseball coaches at the end of the season to review the by-laws, make revisions in the by-laws, et up schedules for the next season, and discuss problems that came up during the season and try to determine how to solve these problems. The sport chairperson shall present any by-law changes to the Athletic Directors and the Board of Managers.
- 2.3 Compile the season results and send to the League Commissioner as well as the league schools.
- 2.4 The chairperson(s) shall represent the league on the Baseball Committee of C.C.S.

- 2.5 The chairperson(s) shall notify the Athletic director and the commissioner of all sports committee meetings.

ARTICLE VIII
ALL-LEAGUE SELECTIONS

SECTION 1 All-league selections will be in accordance with Article XI, Section 2, of the General By-Laws, **El Camino Division** stating twenty-seven (27) first and second team players, and fourteen (**12**) honorable mention players for each level. **De Anza Division** stating (**29**) **first and second team players, and (16) honorable mention players for each level.**

ARTICLE IX
LEAGUE REALIGNMENT

SECTION 1 At the end of each season, the champion of the El Camino division will move into the De Anza Division. The last place team from the De Anza Division will move into the el Camino Division. However, if all teams involved in movement agree to a different realignment, then the coaches will vote on proposal.