



# 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 JV teams. Movement is allowed throughout the year between Varsity and JV. Individual athletes may not exceed CCS game limits. Further, athletes may NOT participate in two levels on the same day. Moving athletes down in an attempt to win a JV championship would be inappropriate. NO Senior may play JV baseball.

## 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 practices or games on Sunday.
- 1.2 Practice start date, scrimmage and game start dates will set by Article V of CCS by-laws.

**Section 2** Game limitations shall be as follows:

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

**DeAnza** – 27 games and 2 scrimmages - GAME FOR GAME

This limitation applies to each level as well as the individual player.

**Section 3** JV games shall be played at sites opposite those of the Varsity games.

## Article IV Game Management

**Section 1** 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 11 AM. Night games (optional; both schools must agree) will begin at 7:00 P.M.

**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 Such a suspended game will be resumed from the *exact* point the game was called regardless of the score. The official (home)book from the previous stopped game will dictate the number of runners on base, batting line-up and count on the batter (if any) at the time of suspension (weather or darkness). Pitching restrictions follow the original week of play and additional pitches add to that week's game. The pitcher may be changed if pitching limits have been exceeded. Substitutions in accordance with NFHS rules for substitution are allowed. SCVAL Varsity baseball games do not have ties.

2.4 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 JV game can be rescheduled.

2.5 No recording from the dugout will be allowed. No transmission from the outside the dugout to the dugout should occur during the game. If it occurs sanctions will be put in place by Commissioner. NFHS rules will drive exceptions.

**Section 3** There shall be two (2) umpires for the Varsity games and two (2) umpires for the JV games. Umpires will ask both team scorekeepers to get together to compare pitch counts each half inning. If they cannot come to a common conclusion the home book is utilized. Remember, exceeding (30) outs, (3) appearances, and/or pitch count result in a forfeit. CIF has language for umpires responsibilities.

**Section 4** The Home team shall be responsible for keeping the official scorebook.

**Section 5** Every player shall be in complete uniform.

5.1 The uniform shall consist of baseball shoes, sox, belt, pants, numbered upper jersey, and cap. Caps shall be worn with bill forward. Turf shoes are recommended at all turf facilities. Pitchers are an exception.

5.2 Varsity Coaches shall be dressed in appropriate game attire.

**Section 6** Pre-game fielding practice shall be limited to ten (10) minutes per team.

**Section 7** 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 8** Only the head coach and/or team captain may approach the umpire to request or question a rule interpretation.

**Section 9** Protest may be registered by the coach according to procedures outlined in Article VII of the General By-laws and NFHS rules.

**Section 10** Wood, aluminum, or ceramic bats may be used.

**Section 11** Batting practice will not be held prior to any division/league game except night games and Saturday games. **Report violations to league commissioner.**

11.1 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. **No hitting of any kind a batting cage prior to a division/league day game. Batting cages are off limit.**

**Section 12** The ten (10) run rule will not be used in varsity league contest. The ten (10) run rule will be used for JV division/league contests after (5) innings.

## **Article VI** **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 rules shall be in effect for all classifications. Thirty (30) outs, three (3) appearances and pitch counts of 110 for varsity, 90 for JV cannot be exceeded in a calendar week throughout the season Monday to Saturday. Zero days rest 1-30 pitches V and JV, (1) day rest 31-50 pitches V and JV, (2) days rest 51-75 pitches

V and JV, (3) days rest 76+ pitches V and JV. (A) A pitcher may finish the current batter if max pitches have been reached. (B) Pitch counts and appearances made count in totals in a suspended game.

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

## **Article VII**

### DeAnza and El Camino AQS-CCS Playoffs

**Section 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)

**Section 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.

2.1 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.**

**Also 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 2.2, you would then go back to 2.1 to re-check head to head records**

2.2 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.

2.3 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.

*2.4 If steps 2.1 to 2.3 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 4** C.C.S. Playoffs-AQs

- 4.1 El Camino division champion will receive an automatic bid to CCS.  
The 1st , 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place teams from the De Anza division will each advance to the C.C.S. playoffs as automatic qualifiers. But, the 5th place team of

Approved BOM 5.25.23. 5th DeAnza division will play a play-in/play-out game v. 2nd place team of the El Camino division. It will be on Friday/Saturday of the last week and the home team will flip each year.

- 4.2 All remaining teams will be considered for At-Large berths based on C.C.S. points, regardless of league standings or division. 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 if that DeAnza team is next to gain acceptance to CCS Playoffs.

## **Article VIII** **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. Three-year commitment for each division rep.

**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. Call and set a post season meeting for ALL coaches of baseball.
- 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.
- 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 IX** **All-League Selections**

**Section 1** DeAnza will receive 32 first and second team All-league certificates with (1) Honorable Mention certificates to each school. El Camino will receive 24 first and second team All-league certificates with (1) Honorable Mention certificates to each school. Any special awards will be taken from 1<sup>st</sup> team certificates except MVP (extra certificate).

**Section 2.** Junior Varsity will vote for a MVP in both divisions. Certificates will be awarded (6) for first, (5) for second, (4) for third, (3) for fourth, (2) for fifth, (2)and (1) for all others. Each team will receive (1) Honorable mention.

**Section 3.** Names, school, year and position will be provided to Athletic Director/ Chairperson(s) in charge for all divisions and levels.

## **Article X**

### **League Realignment**

**Section 1** 2023-24 will be DA 8 team and EC 6 team divisions ( Macdonald will be include in EC schedule JV only). The last place team in DeAnza will move down from DA and the EC Champion will move up to DA. Others may request movement. If all teams involved in movement agree to a different realignment, then the coaches will vote on a proposal. At least 12 coaches must approve the alternative movement. The EC champion has the right to move up no matter the vote.