

# **CAPITAL VALLEY CONFERENCE BASEBALL BY-LAWS**

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## **Section 1 - Starting Date**

- 1.1 The dates for the first day of practice, first scrimmage, first game and last game are determined by the Section.
- 1.2 A coaches meeting shall be held prior to the first allowable contest.  
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## **Section 2 - Official Rules**

- 2.1 The official rule book shall be the National Federation of State High School Association rule book.

## **Section 3 - Official Ball**

- 3.1 The official ball shall be any ball with an NFHS Stamp.

## **Section 4 - Contacts**

- 4.1 The number of contacts allowed is determined by the Section.
- 4.2 A maximum of three (3) tournaments will be allowed.
- 4.3 Scrimmages held after the first game shall be counted as a contact.

## **Section 5 - Game Times**

- 5.1 During Standard Time: 3:30  
During Day Light Saving Time: 4:00

## **Section 6 - Game Results**

6.1 The home school shall be responsible to notify the media with game results.

## **Section 7 - Change in Classification**

7.1 During non-league games athletes may move from one classification to another. In league play a player may move only to a higher classification. An athlete may not participate in more than one classification in one day.

## **Section 8 - Championship**

8.1 The varsity team with the greatest number of wins in league competition shall be designated as League Champion. In the event of a tie, all teams tied for the best records shall be recognized as League Champions. No champion will be recognized below the varsity level.

## **Section 9 - Playoffs**

9.1 The number of teams qualifying for participation in the playoffs shall be determined by the Section.

### 9.2 Tie Breakers

9.2.1 The first tie breaker, either to determine who qualifies or the higher seed shall be on the basis of head to head competition.

9.2.2 Three way tie with three teams qualifying.

9.2.2.1 If head to head to head competition can not break the tie, there will be a coin flip. The odd team out shall be declared the higher seed. The remaining two team will break the tie on the basis of head to head competition.

9.2.2.1.1 If head to head competition does not break the tie, a coin will be tossed to determine the 2nd and 3rd seed

9.2.3 Three way tie for second with three teams qualifying.

9.2.3.1 If head to head competition does not break the tie a coin will be tossed. The odd man out will be awarded the second seed. If head to head competition does not break the tie between the two remaining teams a one game playoff will be played at a neutral site, with the winner advancing.

9.2.3.1.1 A coin flip shall determine the home team.

*NOTE: Head to head competition will be determined first by series winners. If that does not break the tie total number of wins among the tying teams will be used to break the tie.*

*NOTE: There is no provision for what course of action to take if it is not possible to arrange a playoff game. Baseball coaches will continue to debate this issue and submit a plan of action but are opposed to any kind of coin flip. Until that plan has been submitted and approved the a coin flip will remain as the only method of breaking the tie. There also is no plan if three teams tie for the third qualifying spot or if two teams qualify for the third spot and head to head competition does not determine a winner.*

## **Section 10 - Rain Outs, Ties and Suspended Games**

10.1 The home team will cancel games by 12:00 Noon if the field is unplayable or as soon as possible in the case of inclement weather.

10.2 Rained out games shall be made up in the order of the original schedule. Both teams will play on the next day that neither team has a game scheduled, which includes Saturday. If transportation is a factor, the principals and/or Athletic Directors of the competing schools will resolve the issue.

10.2.1 Failure of either team to play will result in a forfeit. 10.2.2 If the original site for a game is unplayable, the contest will be switched to the opponents field, providing that field is playable.

10.2.2 If sites are switched before the final round, the site of the final round game shall also be switched.

10.3 Suspended games shall be completed the next time the two teams meet. The suspended game shall be played first. If it is the last regularly scheduled game or if there are no remaining games between the schools, the game will be completed only if it has a bearing on the league

championship or playoff berths.

10.3.1 Only players on the roster at the time a game was suspended may participate in the completion of that game.

10.3.1.1 Players who were on the roster but are not academically eligible at the time of the make up may not participate.

10.4 Tied games shall be considered suspended games.

## **Section 11 - Miscellaneous - Activity Specific**

11.1 Unless inclement weather or a safety hazard exists, regularly scheduled games must be played on the date scheduled.

11.2 There will be at least two (2) umpires for varsity games and one (1) umpire for Frosh/Soph games.

11.2.1 In the event only one umpire is available for a varsity game, the game may be played if both coaches agree.