



New York State Public High School Athletic Association
Executive Committee Meeting – January 29, 2013

**MODIFIED BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL
SUBSTITUTION GAME RULE**

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director on behalf of the modified committee

Proposal:

“With sectional/league approval, a new substitution game rule may be used to maximize modified players’ participation in their baseball/softball games. The official lineup card will list all players on the team in a designated batting order, allowing any of the players listed in a slot to bat when that spot occurs.”

Rationale:

The current economic challenges of modified athletics at this time have resulted in fewer modified teams, the elimination of second teams in many schools, and larger modified rosters. Many coaches are trying to maximize the participation of players while staying within the sometime confining game rules of sports. The current substitution rules of baseball and softball allow only a limited re entry of players into games. This proposal gives our modified athletes more opportunities for participation, and guides our coaches with an orderly method to do so.

Proposal Originated:

Modified Committee from Section III

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

The Modified Committee has discussed this at the last two meetings and the reps were asked to go back to their sections for further discussion. The Modified Committee would like action taken so that if a league/Section wanted to have this in place for the 2013 baseball/softball season that could be accomplished. The Modified Committee voted 17-1-2 in favor of this recommendation. The HS Softball Committee was not in favor of this recommendation but they did not have the supporting documents to look at before discussing the recommendation. A league and or section would have to approve this concept in order to implement during the baseball/softball season.

Attachments:

Please see the three attachments from the Modified Committee.