

## **ECIC BASEBALL SPORTS STANDARDS:**

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### **Baseball Official Rule Book**

The National Federation Rule Book shall be the official rules of baseball followed by all ECIC and Section VI teams. The conference is to abide by the NYSPHSAA Handbook regarding substitution under the National Federation Rule Book, both in ECIC and Sectional play.

#### **I. Scheduling:**

- a. All divisional baseball games, on the next available day, shall take precedence over non-divisional games starting with the first game of the season.
- b. Starting times are 4:30, 4:45, or 5:00pm. (Times are dependent on each individual school's end of day dismissal schedule and/ also distance to be traveled to away competitions) Schools starting at any other time must notify opponent and the umpire's association in writing. ECIC office must be notified by 2:00pm for postponements on the day of a game.
- c. Night games- The home school may schedule a night contest under artificial light at its home field any Friday or when agreed upon by both schools. No games are to be scheduled at night during the regular school day week without the consent of both schools, except on Fridays.
- d. 24-hour notice of a game to be played should be given for any team that is scheduled for a play-off for a sectional position that the team involved should be prepared to play on Monday. Notification for a game may come on that Monday.

#### **II. Procedures:**

- a. **All suspended games shall be completely replayed from the start at the next available date. (League games will take precedence and replace non-league games if the next available date has a scheduled non-league game).**
- b. Light failures for teams using artificial lights shall mean that the game is suspended and to be completed from that point of suspension at a date to be determined, all things being the same.
- c. Visiting teams shall have the field for 20 minutes for warm-up arrival, within the confines of the ball park (bench area).

- d. Teams being transported by bus to game sites must, if possible, notify the host authority by phone or by local police if due to breakdown, accidents, traffic problems, or the traveling team will possibly arrive late.
- e. Umpires shall complete the game at hand (high school) despite their own commitments.
- f. The Rawlings or its' equivalent is the official ball and must be NFHS approved with their seal.
- g. ECIC Rule- Any time a team whose coach is expelled and cannot be replaced by a licensed school personnel (teacher, coach, administrator) shall forfeit said game. The coach must be in the immediate confines of the ball field to continue in supervision.
- h. Protests- All protests must be filed within 24 hours of said game through regulated ECIC procedures. The umpire must be told before the next pitch that the game is being played under protest. The situation and reason for the protests must be noted and signed by the umpire in both scorebooks. Protests may be lodged only on the rule interpretation and not on judgment rulings.
- i. Junior Varsity schedules are the reverse of Varsity schedules unless schools with two (2) available diamonds agree to play both games at the designated fields of the home school.
- j. Modified Baseball- There is unlimited substitution. A player may return to the game if he re-enters in his original batting order.
- k. Forfeit Policy- an ECIC league baseball game, which is postponed, must be rescheduled on the next available school day, which neither team has a league contest scheduled. If a team refuses to reschedule a game as directed above, the school refusing to reschedule must forfeit the game. In the event of multiple postponements, the above policy still applies. Schools must reschedule league contests on the next school day on which neither team has a league contest scheduled. A league contest scheduled between two schools should be played if either school has a baseball diamond available. If school "A" is scheduled to play at school "B" and B's site is unplayable, then the contest must be switched to school A's site if it is playable. The Athletic Directors of the schools involved must have the right to refuse to switch if the switch is not feasible. Failure to switch game sites in this situation cannot lead to forfeit; however, the spirit of cooperation should ensure that each school will make a sincere effort to play the game that day. On the final weekend of the baseball season before play-offs start, schools must play baseball on Saturday if that

school has a league contest(s) to compete. A refusal to play on this day must result in a forfeit.

1. Junior Varsity teams may bat 10 batters.