**SIJHSAA**

**REGIONAL HOST INFORMATION**

**BASEBALL & SOFTBALL**

**(Updated 8-15-23)**

**1. Financial:**

**A. Financial Report Form: This form is found on the SIJHSAA Website.**

**Please complete and return the report and your check to the SIJHSAA**

**within 10 days of the conclusion of your tournament.**

**\*This only has to be filed with the SIJHSAA Office if you charge for**

**admission at your regional.**

**\*Most baseball & Softball regionals don’t charge admission.**

**\*If you charge admission, you may not assess participating schools**

**fees for officials.**

**B. Game Ball: Regional hosts will receive Rawlings baseballs and**

**softballs at no charge from your regional organizer. These balls**

**should be divided up and used per game of your regional.**

**Usually 3 baseballs or softballs per game.**

**(baseballs – RSIJHSAABB / softballs – RSIJHSAASB)**

**\*Class L & M get one(1) dozen baseballs and one(1) dozen softballs**

**\*Class S get two (2) dozen baseballs and two(2) dozen softballs**

**C. Admission Prices:**

**Students (K-8) $2**

**Adults (High School Students and above) $3**

**D. Passes: The only passes that will be honored are SIJHSAA Board of**

**Control Member Passes or Steering Committee Member Passes.**

**\*All other passes won’t be honored.**

**E. Pass Gate List: (Make sure participating schools players dressed**

**in uniform, coaches, administrators, and athletic directors are**

**admitted at no charge)**

**2. TOURNAMENT PLANNING:**

**A. Playing Dates: Playing dates should be communicated to all**

**participating teams. Stay within your regional window that**

**is listed on your regional groupings page.**

**B. Brackets: Brackets may be found on the SIJHSAA Website to**

**formulate your tournament.**

**\*Top team of the bracket is home team.**

**\*\*The Regional Organizer is responsible to go on the SIJHSAA Website, using their school ID and Password, to enter the brackets, dates, times, and sites of their regional games.**

**The deadline to post this information is noon the day following**

**the conclusion of your regional seeding process.**

**C. Official Scorer: Make sure that an Official Scorer is designated for**

**each game.**

**\*It is suggested that the Official Scorer for regional games**

**be at least 16 years of age.**

**3. TOURNAMENT POLICIES:**

**A. Banners, Signs, Noise Makers, etc.: Please read over SIJHSAA By Law**

**Article IV-Sec. 7. Banners, signs, shakers, noisemakers, etc. are**

**prohibited. Such devices obstruct the view of spectators, are**

**unsightly, and in many instances may become safety hazards.**

**B. Mercy Rules: (Short Game Rules)**

**\*15 runs after 3 innings**

**\*12 runs after 4 innings**

**\*10 runs after 5 innings**

**C. Rawlings Advertising: If programs are produced, the Rawlings**

**advertisement should be included in the program.**

**D. Ejections: If a player, coach, or fan is ejected from a contest for**

**unsportsmanlike conduct, the host of the regional game is responsible to complete the Unsportsmanlike Conduct Form.**

**Please email it to SIJHSAA Administrative Assistant – Wes Choate**

**no later than 10am of the day following the ejection.**

**[wchoate59@gmail.com (e-mail) / 618-2021-9490 (cell)]**

**E. Baseball Pitch Count Rules: The same pitch count rules will be used**

**in regional’s that were used in the regular season. Coaches**

**must make sure, at the end of your game, that the Pitch Count**

**Summary Sheet is signed by both coaches. The winning coach will**

**present the summary sheet at their next regional game to the**

**opposing coach. Violations of this rule could result in a forfeit.**

**(Pitch Count Rules may be found on the SIJHSAA Website –**

[**www.sijhsaa.com**](http://www.sijhsaa.com) **/ administrative / sport rules / baseball).**

**F. Eligibility Sheets: Eligibility Sheets should be hand carried to your**

**regional tournament. They may be altered up to the first game that**

**your team participates in the regional. If your team should win the**

**regional and advance to the State Finals – a new eligibility sheet**

**must be hand carried to the state tournament. It can be altered**

**from the regional eligibility. You may only dress 20 players in**

**uniform.**

**G. Home Team: The highest seeded team is the home team in regional**

**play.**

**4. PA & AWARDS:**

**A. Rawlings “Official Ball of the SIJHSAA” Announcement: If a PA**

**System is used, the Rawlings Ball Announcement must be read**

**one(1) time per game.**

**B. Starting Lineup Sheet: If a PA System is used the SIJHSAA provides a**

**sportsmanship announcement to read previous to the starting**

**starting lineups. (They can be found on the SIJHSAA Website)**

**(**[**www.sijhsaa.com**](http://www.sijhsaa.com)**) (go to administrative/regional org. & hosting)**

**C. Regional Championship Plaque: The regional championship plaque**

**should be presented at the conclusion of the championship game.**

**\*Your Regional Organizer will have the regional plaque.**

**5. OFFICIALS:**

**A. Hiring: It is the regional host’s responsibility to contract officials.**

**1. Officials must be registered by the Illinois High School**

**Association.**

**\*Check IHSA licensing on the SIJHSAA Website with your school user id. and password.**

**2. Make sure that the officials that you are hiring are approved by**

**all teams in your regional.**

**3. Preferably, no officials hired should have an affiliation with any**

**of the participating schools. (ie.-children attending school,**

**employee of the district, etc.)**

**4. 2 man officiating crews will be used at the regional level.**

**B. Payment: Regional officials should be paid $65.00 per official**

**per game.**

**C. Pre-Game Meeting: Please remind your officials that it is required**

**that a pre-game meeting be held with the head coaches, captains,**

**and officials.**

**6. REPORTING REGIONAL RESULTS:**

**A. Posting Scores on SIJHSAA Website: Regional host will**

**be responsible for the posting of winners and scores on the SIJHSAA**

**website. (Instructions are on the SIJHSAA Website)**

**\*This should be done ASAP after the conclusion of games.**

**\*If any problems exist, contact:**

**SIJHSAA Computer Tech.-Geff Pursell(**[**geff@americana.com**](mailto:geff@americana.com)**)**

**(618-267-9009)**

**B. Once scores are posted, they will appear on the SIJHSAA**

**Website (**[**www.sijhsaa.com**](http://www.sijhsaa.com)**).**

**\*Any questions – contact:**

**\*Greg Hale, Executive Director**

**SIJHSAA**

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**618-357-2987 (Fax)**

[**sijhsaa@gmail.com**](mailto:sijhsaa@gmail.com) **(E-Mail)**

**\*\*The following forms you will need can be found on the SIJHSAA Website.**

**(www.sijhsaa.com/administrative))**

**-Regional Baseball, Softball, Basketball & Volleyball Organizers**

**Information Sheet.**

**-SIJHSAA By Laws**

**-Rawlings Advertisement (For Programs)**

**-Rawlings PA Announcement (announce one(1) time per game)**

**-Rawlings Ball Model Numbers**

**-Regional Financial Report Forms**

**-Brackets (Blank)**

**-Eligibility Sheets**

**-Unsportsmanlike Conduct Form**

**-SIJHSAA By Law Article IV – Sec. 7 (Noisemakers, shakers etc..)**

**-Baseball Bat Standards**

**-Baseball Bat Examples**

**-Pitch Count Rules**

**-Pitch Count Tally Chart**

**-Arm Sleeve Clarification**

**-Softball Bat Rules**

**-Softball Exceptions to IHSA-NFHS Rules**

**-Baseball Exceptions to IHSA-NFHS Rules**

**-SIJHSAA Regional Organizers and Host Instructions for posting on**

**the association website.**

**-Regional Brackets / State Tournament Pairings**

**-Regional Seeding Criteria**