**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****)**

 **(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** **(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**