

SECTION 401

Baseball

1. All baseball competition in the CVAL shall be conducted in accordance with CIF Guideline/National Federation rulebook (to include all equipment and footwear).
2. There will be no changes in the league schedule or site unless agreed upon by the respective AD/League Representative of the schools involved.
3. Postponed/suspended games shall be played according to CIF/National Federation Rule at the same site as originally scheduled. If the field where the game is scheduled still is unplayable, the contest, by mutual agreement of the teams involved, may be moved to another site with no more than 3 league games to be played in any one week.
4. The top four teams for playoffs will be determined by win/loss record at the end of the regular season. 1st seed will host the 4th seed, 2nd seed will host the 3rd seed. The highest seed will host the game.
 1. Tie breaker will be head to head.
 2. Record against next common opponent until schedule is exhausted
 3. Coin flip by the league president or AD/League Representative
5. Championship games
 - A. No time limit
 - B. In case of a tie extra innings will be played until there is a winner.
 - C. Two umpires shall be assigned for the game.
 - D. In an event that the championship game may be hindered by daylight or the time extends beyond 2 ½ hours, at the start of the next inning, both ADs may mutually agree to implement the International tiebreaker, where a runner is placed on 2nd base at the start of each half inning.
6. All games are 7 innings or no new inning starts after the two-hour limit, which ever comes first. At the conclusion of 7 innings, if the score is tied, teams will continue to play until the 2-hour rule is in effect. Start time will be 3:30 unless the official is late or the team is late due to transportation issues. (See By-Law 200, Article III, 3.2)
7. A tie will stand at the conclusion of the 2-hour time limit rule.
8. An eighth (8th) grade team and a seventh (7th) grade team will play baseball.
9. A pitcher in baseball will be allowed to throw up to 10 innings in one calendar week either for their own school or a non-school team. The pitcher may not be able to pitch after throwing 10 innings during that week. With the start of a new week, all innings pitched will be cleared. The week begins on Sunday and ends on Saturday. Any violation of this ruling will result in a player sitting out the very next game.
10. All bats must be stamped either BBCOR -3 or USA Baseball -5. This applies to all one piece, two piece, and full composite bats. No USSSA bats allowed.

11. 10 run rule will be in effect only after the trailing team has had at least 5 at bats, monitored every half (1/2) inning thereafter. 15 run rule after 4th inning.
12. Coaches will be allowed to wear school approved shorts. Baseball pants are encouraged but not required.
13. Coaching helmets must be worn in order to coach from coaching boxes.
14. Coaches may request a “everyone hits” or “5-run rule” to limit the runs scored on their team per inning. Once requested, that team will take a forfeit.

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