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PART I - CIAC ALERTS

LAST DAY TO COUNT START TIME

NO GAMES WHICH BEGIN AFTER 4:00 P.M. ON MAY 28 WILL COUNT FOR TOURNAMENT (2.5 and 9.4 in tournament packet) AND NO GAME MAY START AND BE SUSPENDED EXCEPT FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER.

ALL SCHEDULED GAMES MUST BE PLAYED

Member schools must make every effort to complete their season as scheduled, including make-up games. Any effort to gain an advantage in tournament play by not playing a game is unacceptable and is subject to action by the CIAC board of control. Cancellation of any regular season contest / make-up to play in a league tournament will not be allowed.

NIGHT GAMES

NIGHT GAMES IN THE QUALIFYING, FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS MUST HAVE THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S PERMISSION. NIGHT GAMES DURING THE SECOND ROUND WILL NOT BE PERMITTED UNLESS THERE IS AN EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCE APPROVED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

REGULAR SEASON GAME ENDING PROCEDURE

All games in the regular season will use this game ending procedure:

- Rule 4-2-1, 2, 3 & 4 during the regular season, a "regulation game" (4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead – 5 full innings if the visiting team is ahead) called for any reason (other than a forfeit) WHERE A WINNER CANNOT BE DETERMINED (Rule 4-2-2) shall be treated as a suspended game and shall be completed at some later date.

The tournament game ending procedure is different – see rule 7.2.a

TOURNAMENT GAME ENDING PROCEDURE

Unlike regular season games – ALL TOURNAMENT GAMES MUST COMPLETE 7 INNINGS. See Rule 7.2.A. in the tournament packet.

PROFESSIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS

The CIAC Board has reaffirmed its position of not permitting CIAC athletes to practice or "try out" with any professional sports team during the defined sports season. A "work out" is interpreted as a "try out" and therefore is not an exception to the regulation.

BASEBALL OFFICIALS REGARDING POSTPONED GAMES

Weather or Emergency Related Postponements -- If a school official is unable to reach the assigned official by phone a minimum of two (2) hours before a game time, the school should contact the Commissioner assigning the official, or the individual designated to fulfill this responsibility and notify that person of the cancellation. If this is done, the school's obligation to notify officials will be fulfilled. Failure to do so will require full payment of the game fee.

Non-Emergency Related Postponements -- Games canceled for non-emergency related reasons must be done 24 hours in advance of the scheduled game time. The school should contact the Commissioner assigning the official or the individual designated to fulfill this responsibility and notify that person of the cancellation. If this is done, the school's obligation to notify officials will be fulfilled. Failure to do so will require full payment of the game fee.

CIAC PITCHING RULE

The pitcher may not pitch more than ten (10) innings in any three (3) consecutive calendar days. To determine the eligible number of innings that a pitcher may pitch on game day, total the number of innings pitched during the two previous calendar days and subtract from ten (10). Ten innings are equal to thirty outs.

Penalty for Pitching Violation -- A pitcher in violation will be ejected for the remainder of the game in which the violation occurs as well as the next entire game. The player ejected as a result of violating this rule is ejected as a player as well and may not participate in any other position until the penalty is fully served. If the violation is discovered after the conclusion of the contest, the player is suspended for the following contest.

REGULAR SEASON EXTRA HITTER RULE
(Sub Varsity Games ONLY)

The National Federation has permitted the CIAC Baseball Committee to experiment with the “Extra Hitter Rule” for the 2009 (**sub-varsity**) baseball season.

2. The Extra Hitter Rule **may** be implemented on a game to game basis at the **discretion of each coach**. If a team is unable or unwilling to use an EH the opposing coach still has the right to do so.
3. The EH (if used)
 - A. Must be declared as part of the line-up prior to the start of each game
 - B. Is considered a starting player for the purpose of substitution and re-entry.
 - C. May bat in any spot in the batting order.
 - D. May be implemented with or without a DH (designated hitter).
 - E. Cannot appear as a defensive player in the game at any time.
 - F. May not substitute (pinch hit or pinch run) for anyone else in the line-up.
 - G. May be substituted for by any player who has not participated previously.
 - H. May be dissolved at any time during the game without penalty only if there has been an injury and no other player is available to fill the spot.

Note: Participating teams are asked to keep official data on the number of times/games the EH is used. The Baseball Committee will review this data and the comments of coaches for future consideration.

2009 NATIONAL FEDERATION BASEBALL RULE CHANGES

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| 1-2-2 | Modified the criteria for using certain color material for painting the lines on the field. |
| 7-3-4 | Clarified the status of a hit batter. |
| Penalty | |
| 10-1-9 | Modified the color choice of an umpire’s slacks. |

Minor Editorial Rule Changes

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| 3-2-3 | Clarified a condition when a live ball touches a base coach in foul territory. |
| 5-1-1j1 | Clarified an exception to a dead-ball situation. |
| 5-2-2a | Clarified a dead-ball condition. |
| 5-2-2-c | Deleted an unnecessary rule reference. |
| 6-2-3 | Clarified the correct action in regard to the responsibilities of the pitcher. |

Points of Emphasis

(For a complete discussion of these points of emphasis, see page 67)

1. Team Personnel Location
2. Pace of Play
3. Coaching Staff Professionalism
4. Pitching Requirements
5. Good Sporting Behavior

PART II – TOURNAMENT PREPARATION

1.0 QUALIFYING

- 1.1 To be eligible for consideration in the tournament, a team must play a minimum of twelve (12) games AGAINST VARSITY OPPONENTS and have won 40% of its approved scheduled games played. Only the first two games played with any single opponent may be counted towards tournament qualification.
- 1.2 Only games played with Conference member schools, American School for the Deaf, or Region I out-of-state schools who are members of their state athletic association shall be considered. Games with out-of-state schools must be reported to the Executive Director not later than April 8, 2009. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the unreported out-of-state game being counted as a loss.
- 1.3 Games played with non-member Connecticut secondary schools shall not be considered in the rating of teams.

2.0 FORFEITS

- 2.1 Member schools will be required to submit regular season schedules for team sports controlled by CIAC in which member schools participate. Determination of forfeitures will be based on this schedule.

A forfeit game shall count as a victory for the team declared the winner and as a loss for the team declared a loser in determining tournament qualifications and ratings. For tournament qualifications only the following reasons for a forfeit shall be accepted.
- 2.2 A team shall forfeit a game or games if through a violation it is required to do so under the CIAC Rules of Eligibility.
- 2.3 A team shall forfeit a game if the game official declares the game a forfeit as a result of a National Federation rule violation, or a team refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the game official.
- 2.4 Forfeitures will be honored by each CIAC sports committee when there is mutual agreement between the Principals of the two schools involved in the game not played. Each Principal must submit on the official CIAC Canceled Game - Forfeiture Form his/her decision and it must be received in the CIAC office within 72 hours following the time of the scheduled contest. On the eve of a tournament when there is not sufficient time for normal administrative procedures (72 hours) if a question of team forfeiture arises the Executive Director or his designee, in consultation with the Chairman of the sports committee affected and the Principals of the two schools will make an appropriate ad hoc decision in consideration of the best interests of the tournament as a whole.
- 2.5 All games listed on the original schedule and submitted to the CIAC which are not played and have not been forfeited in accordance with this policy will be considered by each sport committee as No Contest and shall not count for tournament qualification and ratings unless it affects the minimum number of games required to qualify for tournament participation. In this instance the sport committee shall review the evidence submitted by the teams involved and may grant an exception from the minimum game number requirement. The minimum winning percentage as determined by the individual sports committee must be met under all circumstances.

3.0 DIVISIONS

- 3.1 Only institutional members of the Conference may enter this tournament which will be in four (4) divisions. Placement of schools has been based on the boy enrollment as shown in the 2007-08 CIAC Membership Directory.

LL -- 684 and over
L -- 486 - 683

M -- 315 - 485
S -- Up to 314

3.2 The 2009 Baseball Championships will be played using an Open Tournament format.

Class LL -- 684 and Over (42)

Bridgeport Central	1141
Bridgeport - Bassick	703
Bridgeport - Warren Harding	773
Bristol Central	782
Cheshire	859
Danbury	1390
East Hartford	1014
Fairfield Prep.	893
Farmington	718
Glastonbury	1022
Greenwich	1404
Groton - Fitch	684
Hamden	1119
Hartford - Bulkeley	763
Hartford Public	820
Manchester	1007
Middletown - Xavier	897
Monroe - Masuk	712
Naugatuck	755
New Britain	1616
New Haven - Wilbur Cross	891
New Milford	806
Newington	791
Newtown	857
Norwalk	808
Norwalk - Brien McMahon	852
Norwich Free Academy	1160
Ridgefield	854
Shelton	895
Simsbury	841
South Windsor	861
Southbury - Pomperaug	715
Southington	1092
Stamford	901
Stamford - Westhill	1148
Trumbull	1001
West Haven	918
West Hartford - Conard	715
West Hartford - Wm. Hall	790
Westport - Staples	908
Windsor	816
Woodbridge - Amity	816

Class L -- 486 - 683 (42)

Avon	535
Berlin	566
Bethel	511
Branford	586
Bristol Eastern	616
Brookfield	540
Colchester - Bacon Academy	522
Darien	595
East Haven	547
East Lyme	632
Enfield - Enrico Fermi	568
Fairfield Ludlowe	660
Fairfield Warde	593
Guilford	563
Hartford - Weaver	645
Hebron - RHAM	531
Ledyard	492
Madison - Daniel Hand	640
Meriden - Maloney	679
Meriden - Platt	591
Middletown	665
Milford - Jonathan Law	522
Milford - Platt Tech.	583
New Canaan	645
New Fairfield	501
New Haven - Hillhouse	619
North Haven	650
Storrs - E.O. Smith	571
Stratford - Bunnell	678
Torrington	664
Vernon - Rockville	565
Wallingford - Lyman Hall	553
Wallingford - Sheehan	496
Waterbury - Crosby	668
Waterbury - Kennedy	630
Waterbury - Wilby	613
Watertown	486
West Haven - Notre Dame	671
Wethersfield	614
Wilton	650
Windham	516
Woodstock Academy	577

Class M -- 315 - 485 (43)

Ansonia	381
Ansonia - Emmett O'Brien	354
Beacon Falls - Woodland	423
Bloomfield	321
Bridgeport - Bullard Havens	431
Burlington - Lewis Mills	389
Danbury - Abbott Tech.	395
Ellington	394
Enfield	485
Granby Memorial	416
Griswold	377
Groton - Grasso Tech.	341
Higganum - Haddam-Killingworth	376
Killingly	372
Killingly - Ellis Tech.	406
Manchester - Cheney Tech.	483
Manchester - East Catholic	394
Meriden - Wilcox Tech.	438
Middletown - Vinal Tech.	429
Milford - Foran	458
Montville	403
New London	448
North Branford	370
Plainfield	448
Plainville	480
Redding - Joel Barlow	470
Rocky Hill	385
Seymour	421
Stonington	421
Stratford	471
Suffield	390
Tolland	430
Torrington - Wolcott Tech.	415
Trumbull - St. Joseph	395
Waterbury - Holy Cross	396
Waterbury - Kaynor Tech.	443
Waterford	482
Weston	390
Windham Tech.	315
Windsor Locks	318
Winsted - N.W. Reg.	375
Wolcott	476
Woodbury - Nonnewaug	383

Class S -- Up to 314 (51)

Bolton	129
Bridgeport - Kolbe-Cathedral	124
Bristol - St. Paul	133
Canton	278
Chaplin - Parish Hill	85
Clinton - Morgan	304
Coventry	291
Cromwell	269
Danbury - Immaculate	234
Deep River - Valley Reg.	307
Derby	230
Durham - Coginchaug	290
East Granby	135
East Haddam - Hale Ray	208
East Hampton	275
East Windsor	229
Fairfield - Notre Dame Catholic	291
Falls Village - Housatonic Valley	290
Hamden - Eli Whitney Tech.	258
Hartford - Capital Prep.	62
Hartford - Classical Magnet	127
Hartford - A.I. Prince Tech.	266
Hartford - Sports & Medical Science Ac.	172
Hartford - University	205
Lebanon - Lyman Memorial	276
Litchfield	215
Litchfield - Wamogo	189
New Britain - Goodwin Tech.	265
New Haven - Career	271
New Haven - Hyde Leadership	177
No. Stonington - Wheeler	122
Norwich Tech.	294
Old Lyme	231
Old Saybrook	247
Oxford	144
Portland	180
Putnam	183
Somers	278
Stafford	259
Stamford Academy	82
Stamford - Trinity Catholic	244
Stamford - Wright Tech.	148
Terryville	304
Thomaston	205
Thompson - Tourtellotte	195
Uncasville - St. Bernard	198
Washington - Shepaug Valley	194
Waterbury - Sacred Heart	213
West Hartford - N.W. Catholic	307
Westbrook	164
Winsted - Gilbert School	202

4.0 **ENTRY PROCEDURE**

- 4.1 ***SCHEDULE*** -- Must be completed and submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by February 9, 2009. Games added after April 8, 2009 will not count for tournament qualification.
- 4.2 ***CHANGE OF DIVISION FORM*** -- Optional, if filed the deadline is April 8, 2009 (via the password-protected online eligibility center).
- 4.3 ***SITE AVAILABILITY FORM*** -- Must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by Friday, May 22, 2009.
- 4.4 ***TOURNAMENT ROSTERS*** -- Must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by **Friday, May 22, 2009**. Any request for changes after the initial roster is submitted must be made before the first CIAC tournament game on a "support ticket" via the online eligibility center.
- 4.5 ***GAME SCORES*** -- Must be submitted on a weekly basis (scores for all games through a Saturday must be entered no later than the following Monday via the password-protected online eligibility center. **LIST SCORES FOR ENTIRE SCHEDULE INCLUDING FORFEITS AND CANCELLATIONS.**

REPORTING FINAL SCORES -- Regardless of regular season postponed games, the date of **THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2009 MUST BE THE FINAL DAY TO COUNT** for the tournament. **All games played up to Thursday, May 28, must be completed, and scores reported to the CIAC office via the password-protected online eligibility center.**

GAMES WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AFTER 4:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MAY 28 WILL NOT COUNT FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY.

- 4.6 ***ENTRY FEE*** -- There is a \$75 entry fee for baseball. Entry fee is to be mailed to the CIAC, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410. If a school needs an invoice in order to pay its tournament fee, one can be downloaded by using the "Generate Tournament Invoice" link under the baseball options in the password-protected online eligibility center.
- 4.7 ***QUALIFYING RECORD*** -- Win 40% of games against member schools, eligible out-of-state schools and the American School for the Deaf.
- 4.8 **CIAC Entry Policy**
- No tournament entries will be accepted after the established deadline except those approved by the CIAC Board of Control.
 - Corrections requested by a school to an entry form that was submitted by the established deadline but prior to seeding/pairing data being published on the web site, will be assessed a fee of \$50 per correction to a maximum of \$250.
 - All requests for corrections must be submitted on a support ticket via the online eligibility center. **No phone request will be considered.**

Tournament Regulations Violation -- If a school fails to comply with tournament regulations and such requires the CIAC tournament sports committee, central office staff, or the CIAC Board of Control to redo any portion of the tournament pairings or such non-compliance adversely impacts the management of the tournament, an administrative violation fee of \$500 will be imposed upon the school before entry into the tournament will be allowed.

5.0 **RANKING/SEEDING**

- 5.1 The ranking of teams shall be determined by the percentage method: the number of games won divided by the number of games played.

5.2 In case of ties the Committee will determine the rankings in the following order:

- 1) Undefeated teams - most wins
- 2) Higher number of games played
- 3) Head-to-head
- 4) By lot.

5.3 A TEAM MAINTAINS ITS INITIAL PERCENTAGE RANKING THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT.

5.4 In case more than thirty-two (32) teams qualify, a **qualifying round game** will be held on **Saturday, May 30, 2009**.

5.5 Order of play if more than 32 teams qualify for the tournament in any division.

If 33 teams	If 34 teams	If 35 teams	If 36 teams
32 vs 33	32 vs 33	32 vs 33	32 vs 33
	31 vs 34	31 vs 34	31 vs 34
		30 vs 35	30 vs 35
			29 vs 36

5.6 In case there are not thirty-two (32) teams that qualify, byes will be awarded to the appropriate number of higher ranked teams.

5.7 **Tournament Format:**

<u>First Round</u>	<u>Second Round</u>	<u>Quarter-finals</u>	<u>Semi-finals</u>	<u>Finals</u>
1 vs 32				
16 vs 17	1 vs 16			
8 vs 25		1 vs 8		
9 vs 24	8 vs 9		1 vs 4	
4 vs 29				
13 vs 20	4 vs 13			
5 vs 28		4 vs 5		
12 vs 21	5 vs 12			
2 vs 31				1 vs 2
15 vs 18	2 vs 15			
7 vs 26		2 vs 7		
10 vs 23	7 vs 10			
3 vs 30			2 vs 3	
14 vs 19	3 vs 14			
6 vs 28		3 vs 6		
11 vs 22	6 vs 11			

5.8 ***Ranking and Pairing information will be made available via the CIAC website -- casciac.org -- on Friday, May 29, 2009***

6.0 **SITES AND DATES**

6.1 Member schools may start conditioning practice for pitchers on but not before Monday, March 16, 2009.

6.2 Member schools may start practice on but not before Monday, March 23, 2009.

6.3 Member schools may play the first game on but not before Wednesday, April 8, 2009

6.4 Scheduled Playing Dates for the 2009 Baseball Tournament

- Thursday, May 28, 2009 -- Last date to count for tournament qualification.
No games which begin after 4:00 p.m. on May 28 will count for tournament and no game may start and be suspended except for inclement weather.
- Saturday, May 30, 2009 -- Qualifying Round
- Monday, June 1, 2009 to Saturday, June 6, 2009 -- First, Second & Quarter-final Round Games
Sunday, June 7 may be used for inclement weather

Note: Night games in all rounds up to the quarter-finals must have the tournament director's permission. Night games during the second round will not be allowed unless there is an extenuating circumstance approved by the tournament director.

- Monday, June 8 to Saturday, June 13, 2009 -- Semi-final and Final Games
- 6.5 In the event of inclement weather, the site director has the authority to postpone the game. The site director must immediately notify the Tournament Director. The postponed game will be played on the next day excluding Sunday, except in the case of the quarter-final or championship final games. See rule 7.2.a. of this packet regarding postponed game procedures.
- 6.6 All qualifying, first round and second round games will be played on the field of the higher ranked team based on the ORIGINAL PERCENTAGE RANKINGS. The host school shall provide a site director who should be someone other than the coach.
- 6.7 The Tournament Director will determine the sites and times for all state quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals. Night games may be scheduled. The Tournament Director will designate the site director.
- 6.8 In the event the higher ranked team cannot provide a field that meets a minimum standard or it cannot be played on the scheduled day due to unplayable field conditions, the game shall be played on the opponent's field providing it does meet the minimum standards and it can be made ready. If neither team's field meets the minimum standards (see National Federation rule) the game may be played at a field designated by the Tournament Director.

PART III – TOURNAMENT RULES AND PROCEDURES

7.0 TOURNAMENT RULES / PROCEDURES

- 7.1 The official National Federation Baseball Rules will prevail for the tournament with the following clarifications or state option.
- 7.2 All CIAC tournament games will comply with the game ending procedure as defined by National Federation Rule 4-2-Art. 2. ALL games will be played in their entirety. **THERE IS NO LONGER A MERCY RULE.**
- a. **Any tournament games which must be halted for whatever reason will be declared suspended and the game will be continued from the point of suspension, with lineup and batting order of each team the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension.**
 - b. Extra innings will be played until a winner can be determined if a winner cannot be determined at the completion of seven full innings of play.
- 7.3 Beginning with the quarter-final games, the umpire must consult with the site director before a game is suspended because of inclement weather.

- 7.4 ***BALL -- THE FOLLOWING TOURNAMENT BALLS WILL BE USED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT: RAWLINGS CIAC***
- 7.5 Throughout the tournament, the higher ranked team shall have the choice of taking or not taking the last time at bat and choice of dugouts. In the event of a postponement or suspension of game, all conditions described herein shall prevail when the game is played or resumed.
- 7.6 For all games the site director will notify both teams of the location of the field, the time of the game and the time of batting and infield practice as well as any special ground rules. ***PRE-GAME PRACTICE WILL BE NO MORE THAN 12 MINUTES IN DURATION.***
- 7.7 The home team scorer will be considered the official scorer through the semi-finals.
- 7.8 In the event of any situation not covered in the rules, the decision of the Committee or its representatives shall be final. Selection of teams and sites by the Committee is final.
- 7.9 ***REPORTING OF TOURNAMENT GAMES***

PLEASE -- IMMEDIATELY following a tournament game the BOTH TEAM COACHES FOR ALL DIVISIONS will telephone game scores to

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Please arrange to have someone from the site call from a cell phone.

8.0 **TIME OF GAMES**

- 8.1 Whenever possible, all weekday games will start no earlier than 3:00 D.S.T. except by mutual agreement. If rain causes postponements, these games will be played on the next day, excluding Sundays, except in the case of championship finals games. The site director will have the authority to postpone games in the event of inclement weather and in case of a postponed game, the site director will immediately notify the Tournament Director prior to the team's departing.

9.0 **EXPENSES/TICKETS**

- 9.1 Expenses for all qualifying, first and second round games will be borne by the participating teams. The host team will pay all game expenses including officials and shall provide the site director who should be someone other than the coach. The visiting team will pay its own traveling expenses.
- a. It is recommended that each school provide a trainer or qualified medical personnel at all CIAC tournament games.
- 9.2 Schools will bear all traveling expenses.
- 9.3 The Baseball Committee will pay all game expenses directly associated with the staging of the state quarter-finals, semi-finals and final tournament games.
- 9.4 Charges for admission to tournament games: *
- Free – Children five (5) and under
 - \$5.00 – Senior Citizens (age 65 and older)
 - \$5.00 – Students (grades 1-12)
 - \$7.00 – Adults (all others not in the above categories)

(Price subject to change depending upon venue.)

Pre-sale tickets will be available for events which require advanced sales for proper management of the event. All pre-sale tickets will be sold at the above prices. There will be no discounting of pre-sale tickets.

- 9.5 In qualifying, first or second round play, host schools may choose to charge admission. If admission is charged the Principal and Athletic Director of the visiting school must be notified.
- 9.6 During the 2009 Tournament, the following passes will be honored at all games where an admission is charged.
- a. Official CIAC Baseball Pass (head varsity baseball coaches may request from CIAC).
 - b. Principal (or designee) of participating schools with CAS membership card.
 - c. CIAC baseball officials membership card.
 - d. Press Card.
- No other complimentary admissions will be permitted.

1.0 **OFFICIALS**

- 10.1 Each varsity head coach must electronically file the selection of official's form **via the password-protected online eligibility center** -- by May 7, 2009. From these ballots and the names submitted by each board, a list of tournament caliber officials will be developed and used for assignment purposes. You are invited to submit a maximum of eight (8) umpires from the Board that services your home games during the regular season. You are also encouraged to list a maximum of three (3) umpires from any other Board(s) that you believe are tournament caliber officials. In addition, **at this time only**, you have the option to identify no more than two (2) umpires whose services you prefer not to have, **STARTING WITH THE QUARTER-FINAL ROUND**.
- 10.2 **The Commissioner of the local board that services the higher ranked team will assign two (2) or three (3) umpires for all qualifying, first and second round games played at the site of the home team. The home team must notify the Commissioner on the day the pairings are released to confirm the details of the game and to request that umpires be assigned. Since the official's fees, prior to the quarter-finals, are the responsibility of the home team, the decision to use two or three umpires rests with the home team.**
- 10.3 From the preliminary round tournament list and based on the coaches ballots, a smaller Master List of umpires is developed which is used by the coordinator of officials in making assignments. Starting with the quarter-final games, the CIAC officials coordinator will assign the umpires, using the smaller master list as the source. Three (3) umpires will be assigned in the quarter-final and semi-final games and four (4) man crews will be used in the championship games. The local commissioners will assign two (2) or three (3) umpires for all preliminary round games as specified by the home team.
- 10.4 During tournament play no official is to work more than one game each day. Exception: an official may complete a game not already scheduled on a day he is assigned a game.
- 10.5 Identity of the umpires assigned by the coordinator of officials will not be disclosed prior to the game.
- 10.6 Coaches are reminded that open criticism of officials to the media is not appropriate. The baseball committee perceives such comments as a detriment to the tournament.

11.0 **SUPERVISION/SPORTSMANSHIP**

- 11.1 In the interest of crowd control and proper supervision the CIAC Board of Control has approved the tournament regulation requiring the principal of the participating schools or his/her designee to attend all tournament games. The school administrator should identify him/herself to the site director.
- 11.2 When a member school's coach is ejected from a game for an infraction as prescribed by the rules, the game may not continue until the member school replaces the ejected coach with a certified coach. If this cannot be accomplished within 15 minutes after the ejection, the official in charge will declare a forfeit win for the opposing team.
- 11.3 Use of tobacco products and controlled substances or possession of alcoholic beverages of any kind, including champagne, are not permitted on the field of play, including dugouts, or within the field or park

at which a tournament game is scheduled. Many towns, or fields which we use have local ordinances prohibiting use of tobacco products and controlled substances or possession of alcoholic beverages. The principal or his/her designee at the game shall see that this rule is enforced and adhered to by the teams.

11.4 **Bench and Field Conduct**

Personnel -- Only coaches, players, other team members, statisticians, managers and trainers will be allowed in the dugout or bench area.

Conduct -- The above identified personnel shall not be outside the designated dugout (bench) or bull pen area if not a batter, runner, on-deck batter, in the coach's box or one of the nine players on defense. NOTE: ONLY THE HEAD COACH MAY APPROACH THE UMPIRE ON A DISPUTED CALL.

11.5 **Disqualification and Ejections** -- When an athlete is disqualified during a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike misconduct, that athlete is ineligible to participate in any contest until withheld from the next contest at that level of play. (REFER TO CIAC DISQUALIFICATION/EJECTION RULE -- TAUNTING)

When a coach is disqualified during a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike misconduct that coach shall be prohibited by his/her school from coaching or attending a contest until withheld from the next contest at that level of play.

Whenever there is an ejection in a tournament game the schools whose player/coach is involved must submit a written report to the CIAC tournament director within 48 hours describing the incident and what steps the school has taken. It should be understood that depending upon the seriousness of the infraction and the manner in which the school has dealt with it, the CIAC Baseball Committee may recommend to the CIAC Board of Control additional sanctions.

12.0 **PROTESTS**

12.1 Each sports committee will establish a protest committee whose purpose will be to adjudicate all protests relating to the operation of the tournament, including the application and administration of tournament regulations. National Federation or CIAC game rule interpretations and game officials judgments cannot be protested. The Protest Committee for each sport shall consist of the Assistant Executive Director for CIAC, the Chairman of the Tournament Committee, an administrator member of the sports committee, the Tournament Director, and the Coaches' Chairman on the sport committee. All Protest Committee decisions are appealable to the CIAC Board of Control as provided in the CIAC By-laws.

12.2 On the eve of a tournament when there is not sufficient time for normal administrative procedures and Board of Control hearings, if a question of interpretation of tournament regulations or the operation of the tournament arises, the Chairman of the CIAC Board of Control, the Executive Director of CIAC, and the Chairman of the Tournament Committee in question will make an appropriate ad hoc decision in consideration of the best interest of the tournament as a whole.

12.3 ***DECISIONS BY GAME OFFICIALS*** -- Protests arising from the decisions, interpretations and misapplication of the National Federation or CIAC game rules by officials during the contest will not be considered. The decisions and interpretations of the rules by the officials are final.

The record of the official scorekeeper at the conclusion of the contest is final unless an error is discovered. Such error shall be corrected as covered by specific contest rules.

Any team leaving the contest area before the conclusion of the contest because of dissatisfaction with the officiating will render the school liable to disciplinary action by the Conference.

13.0 VIDEOTAPING

13.1 Videotaping and Filming

The use of electronic communication equipment, includes, but is not limited to computer, film, television and video tape.

13.2 Regular Season Contests

It is permissible for a school or a school representative to film or videotape regular season contests in which the school team is participating. Any use of tape or film for coaching purposes must comply with the National Federation rule book restrictions for each sport, individual athletic league rules, and local board of education policy.

13.3 CIAC Tournament Contests

a. Videotaping or filming by participating schools:

Videotaping or filming tournament games by participating schools is permitted, provided prior arrangements are made with the CIAC and the Site Director.

b. Videotaping or filming by spectators:

Shall be for personal use.

Shall not be used for purposes of coaching or scouting.

Shall not interfere with the view of the athletic contest by other spectators.

Equipment will not be permitted in any playing area -- only in spectator seating area.

Equipment shall not create a safety hazard.

Violations of this regulation may result in the removal of the offender(s) from the premises.

c. Videotaping or filming for commercial purposes:

Commercial enterprises must have prior approval from the Site / Tournament Director.

Refer to CIAC Handbook for Television/Broadcast/Videotape regulations. (Pages 126-127)

Fees per contest -- broadcast/videotape -- CIAC tournament contests other than finals by class or state open -- \$100 per contest. Finals by class or Open contests -- \$200 per contest.

Fees per contest -- television -- Tape delayed telecasts - round one and two -- \$200 per contest; quarter-final and semi-final contests -- \$250 per contests; Final or open contests -- \$300 per contest. Live telecasts - round one and two -- \$1,000 per contest; quarter-finals and semi-final contests -- \$1,500 per contest; final or open contests - \$2,000 per contest.

d. Videotaping or filming for commercial-free, non-profit purposes:

Non-profit commercial enterprises must have prior approval from the state tournament director.

PART IV – REGULATIONS FOR CONDITIONING WEEK – DRILLS

REGULATIONS FOR CONDITIONING WEEK FOR BASEBALL PITCHERS

1. Baseball conditioning for pitchers may be conducted for five (5) days (Monday through Friday) the week prior to the first date for baseball practice as designated by the CIAC.
2. Only one session per day is permitted; the maximum length of the session is one hour and 30 minutes (1-1/2 hours).
3. The program must be conducted indoors.
4. The conditioning program is limited to eight (8) pitchers and four (4) catchers in grades 9 through 12. This limits the number of participants to 12 per school with no substitutions for absentees or drop outs allowed. Winter sport athletes still in season are ineligible to take part in this program.
5. Balls, gloves and full catchers protective equipment are the only equipment permitted. (Bats, batting tees, fungos, batting cages, pitching machines, etc., are strictly prohibited.)
6. The program may only consist of warm-ups, stretching, calisthenics, weight training, running, other conditioning exercises and throwing. Throwing is permitted only because it is an important aspect of conditioning the arm.

NOTE: *It is not the intention of this program to work on fielding, covering bases, pick-offs or any other related fundamentals, and therefore, these type drills are strictly prohibited. Also, it cannot be used as a tryout and team cuts are not permitted.*

7. A coach must be present at all conditioning sessions.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS: Catchers should wear full protective equipment and do not use anyone to assume a batters position while pitchers are throwing, since although pitching control may be an outcome of the program, it is not a program objective.

Member schools found in violation of the above rules will be subject to disciplinary review by the CIAC Baseball Committee and could result in action by the CIAC Board of Control.

A SOUND PROGRAM FOR PITCHERS

Through the combined efforts of Dr. Norman Zlotsky, Orthopedic Surgeon and CIAC Medical Consultant and UConn Baseball Coach Andy Baylock, one of the most respected pitching instructors in the country, this information is being made available to all Connecticut High School baseball coaches. The information deals with some important facts about the arm, lead-up drills which teach the proper mechanics of pitching, a series of stretching and arm strengthening exercises designed by Dr. Frank Jobe, (LA Dodgers Team Physician) and a sample one week conditioning program for pitchers which should assist coaches in developing a sound program in their individual schools.

Important Facts About the High School Pitchers Arm

1. Their bones are not fully developed and therefore, they are more susceptible to overuse injuries.
2. Arm problems are usually caused by poor mechanics, throwing too hard too soon, throwing too many pitches too soon, throwing too many at one time or inadequate rest. The cold weather is also a contributing factor.
3. Most injuries can be prevented with adequate training, proper stretching and adequate warm-up.
4. Proper throwing mechanics will relieve stress and strain on the arm, elbow and shoulder.
5. The more overhand the person throws the less likely he is to have arm problems.
6. All pitchers must have a conditioning program and the coach should control how much the youngster throws and how often.
7. It is a good idea to ice the arm after a significant amount of throwing.

LEAD-UP DRILLS TO TEACH THE PROPER MECHANICS OF THROWING

Proper throwing involves a chain reaction of all bodily parts. The proper synchronization of these parts will allow a pitcher to throw free and easy with the least amount of stress and strain on the arm, elbow and shoulder. The lead-up drills which follow provide a step-by-step approach to teaching the necessary skills in a progressive fashion. All these drills are done in pairs with and without the ball.

STEP 1 -- POSITION -- Seated on ground with legs crossed. This position allows us to isolate the upper part of the body. The main fundamental we are working on here is closing the front shoulder and pointing it at the target. (AIM THE GUN) This will automatically rotate the hip.

Sequence -- Close front shoulder; take ball out of glove with palm down; circle the arm/shoulder; glove out - glove in; release ball and let your arm follow through across your body.

STEP 2 -- POSITION -- Kneeling on both knees with back slightly flexed. This position allows a full sweep in taking the ball out of the glove and circling the arm/shoulder. Also, it allows a little more of the body into the throw. The main fundamental we are emphasizing here is a longer arm action by making a full circle with the arm/shoulder. While emphasizing this fundamental you repeat the same sequence described in Step 1. This is a good drill for flexibility when not using the ball.

STEP 3 -- POSITION -- Kneeling on one knee while pointing the toe of your stride foot toward the target. The knee of the stride leg should be flexed. The main fundamental we are emphasizing here is that the direction of your stride foot will dictate where the pitch will go. Follow the same sequence as described in Step 1 and remember to follow through by letting your arm come across your body finishing up outside the flexed knee of the stride leg.

STEP 4 -- POSITION -- Standing sideways with your stride foot pointing toward your target and both knees flexed in a TWO POINT POSITION. The main fundamental we are teaching here is to roll your back foot completely over when making the pitch so your arm will come all the way through. By using the lower body more in making the pitch you save the arm. Again, the sequence is the same as in Step 1.

STEP 5 -- POSITION -- Your pivot foot is on the rubber, your front shoulder is closed and your stride foot is flexed and raised in the "BALANCED POSITION". This drill emphasizes proper balance and the correct timing at the release point. If your pitching motion is in 'sync' the ball will be released at the same time your flexed stride leg lands on the ground. In other words, you want to have the bottom half of your body drag the top half around in making the pitch and thereby relieve as much stress as possible from the arm, elbow and shoulder.

LET'S PUT IT ALL TOGETHER

1. Close your front shoulder aiming it at the target;
2. Take the ball out of the glove with palm down;
3. Make a full circle with your arm and shoulder which brings you to the release point;
4. As you arrive at the release point your stride foot will be landing and your glove will be out;
5. As you pull your glove in, you will be releasing the ball and you will roll your back foot completely over.

This will allow for a full range of motion from the second your arm starts to the point when you complete your follow through.

NOTE: FOR BEST RESULTS, YOU SHOULD DO THE COMPLETE SET OF LEAD-UP DRILLS WITHOUT THE BALL AND THEN DO THEM WITH THE BALL. WHEN USING THE BALL YOU SHOULD BE 20 FEET APART INCREASING TO 45 AS YOU PROGRESS.

Video Tape By Andy Baylock

A suggested five-day conditioning program for pitchers and catchers (90 minutes). Each day the work out should consist of the following:

- a. Job...to raise body temperature
- b. Stretch with a series of flexibility exercises
- c. Throwing lead-ups
- d. Throwing from full wind-up and set position
- e. Form running
- f. Running
- g. Cool down stretching
- h. Ice arm if needed and shower

DAY 1

Lead-up -- no ball
10 reps each step
Lead-up -- with ball
5 reps each step

DAY 2

Lead-up -- no ball
10 reps each step
Lead-up with ball
5 reps each step
Regular throwing
From wind-up 15 pitches at 40 feet

DAY 3

Lead-up -- no ball
10 reps each step
Lead-up -- with ball
10 reps each step
From wind-up 15 pitches at 45 feet

DAY 4

Lead-up -- no ball
5 reps each step
Lead-up with ball
12 reps each step
From wind-up 15 pitches at 50 feet
From set position 10 pitches at 50 feet

DAY 5

Lead-up -- with ball
15 reps each step
From wind-up 15 pitches at 60 feet
From set position 10 pitches at 60 feet

NOTE: When beginning the lead-up you should be 10 to 15 Feet apart. You should increase the distance as you progress Through the steps. Beginning with Step 4, one player should Be the pitcher and the other should get down like a catcher.