

**CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE  
2005 BOYS BASEBALL TOURNAMENT MEMORANDUM**

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To: Baseball Umpires  
From: Joe Tonelli

Congratulations on being selected for the Master List of Umpires for the CIAC Baseball tournament. The Master List includes umpires from the 9 State Boards and will be used in making assignments, starting with the quarter-final round. Prior to the quarter-finals, assignments will be made by the Board Commissioners from a longer list of tournament caliber umpires.

Please be advised that the Master List must be large enough to accommodate postponements and all possible tournament scenarios, yet it is obvious that not every umpire will be guaranteed an assignment from the quarterfinals through the finals. To be considered for an assignment in the final three rounds of the tournament, you must complete the form **ONLINE** via <http://www.casciac.org/umpireinfo/>

It is important that you use all lower case letters in the address. Be sure to put a forward slash after org and after umpireinfo, although the slash at the end may not be needed. Simply click on your name; then click continue and provide the information requested. Be sure to proof read the info, especially addresses and telephone numbers before submitting it. If it is impossible for you to respond in the preferred manner, you can fax the hard copy to me at 203-933-2474, or at last resort, mail it to me at 15 Dolphin Drive, Milford, CT 06460.

I need your reply ASAP and no later than Thursday, May 26th. If you respond by fax or U.S. mail please clearly circle any of the dates you are not available to officiate. Please type or print the form clearly.

**If you DO NOT want to be considered for an assignment in the final three rounds, please contact me immediately.**

## UMPIRE RESPONSE FORM

June 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 (Indicated dates **not** available)

Board (s) \_\_\_\_\_

If dual member list both Boards

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Telephone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Pager \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please include your e-mail

### Tentative Schedule :

Quarters - June 4 (Sat)

Semi's - June 7 (Tues)

Finals - June 10,11 (Fri, Sat)

### Established Fees

Playdown & Quarters \$78.23

Semi-Finals \$85.71

Finals \$94.08

The quarters require 48 assignments – 3 man crews – your availability is appreciated!!!

Note: If you are called upon to officiate from the quarters thru the finals, I will submit the necessary data for the payment of all umpires.

Due to a business or personal conflict of interest, I should not be assigned to games involving the following school(s)

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\_\_\_\_\_

## **UMPIRES INFORMATION GAME MANAGEMENT/TOURNAMENT RULES**

If you are assigned to umpire a CIAC Tournament game from the quarterfinals through the finals, please follow these procedures to ensure that all the bases are covered.

After receiving the assignment, call your partners for travel and planning purposes, and to make sure that you are on the same page regarding the time and the site of the game, directions, arrival time, uniform etc. Umpires should dress in accordance with the official dress code distributed by Paul Swords to all Board secretaries. Three (3) umpires will work the quarterfinal and semi-final games; four (4) umpires will work the finals. The plate umpire is responsible for reviewing the system being used with his crew.

Plan to arrive at least 45 minutes before game time. Be ready to begin the ground rules 10 minutes before the game and make every effort to start on time.

If the weather on the day of the game is questionable, you should either call Fred Balsamo, the site director or me before leaving for the game.

The decision to start a game rests with the site director. Once the line-ups are exchanged, the game is in the hands of the umpires and rain delays are under your control. However, a decision to stop play for the day can only be made with the approval of the site director. I am sure you realize that suspended games are a nightmare for all concerned. Therefore, it is important to do everything in your power to get the game completed, including waiting as long as possible before you and the site director make a final decision. Please call my cell phone if you are in a rain delay and it appears doubtful that you will be able to resume play. In the CIAC Tournament, ALL GAMES MUST BE PLAYED TO COMPLETION (7 INNINGS). IF A GAME IN PROGRESS MUST BE SUSPENDED, IT WILL BE CONTINUED FROM THE POINT OF PLAY, REGARDLESS OF THE INNING. If you are the plate umpire in a suspended game, you should save the line-up cards and mark the official scorebook. Also, you should call me as soon as possible to let me know the particulars.

## GAME MANAGEMENT

Tournament rules state that:

1. The home team may choose to bat first or last (Please refer to the other tournament rules on the next page).
2. No protests are allowed in CIAC Tournament games regardless if it involves a judgment call or a rule interpretation. Umpires decisions are final. Therefore, if you are uncertain about a rule, you should take the time to research it before play is continued. Umpires should have a Rule Book with them in case it is needed, I am sure that you would agree that the most important thing is to “GET IT RIGHT”
3. Keep the games moving? Umpires should set the tone by hustling at all times and encouraging the teams to hustle in and out. Umpires should not talk to each other or anyone else between innings, unless there is an important reason for a brief conference.
4. Keep the pitchers pitching and the hitters swinging. Everyone involved in high school baseball would agree that it is a much better game when the hitters are up there swinging. Most coaches appreciate the plate umpire with a good strike zone, providing you are consistent.
5. Ejection for unsportsmanlike behavior should be used as a last resort. When possible, give the coach an opportunity to handle the situation. When a confrontation occurs, other members of the crew should assist.
6. Umpires must make an incident report to me no later than 9:00 am the day after the game, if any of the following situations occur:
  - a) An ejection of a player, coach or spectator;
  - b) Spectator behavior that disrupts the game or threatens the safety of the participants;
  - c) A serious injury requiring immediate medical attention;
  - d) Unacceptable behavior by school personnel associated with either school;
  - e) A controversial play involving a rule interpretation which I will likely hear about from the coaches; and
  - f) Any other incident of a serious nature which you deem worthy of reporting.
7. At the conclusion of all quarter-final and semi-final games, the plate umpire should call in the score to me @ (203) 641-9829. **PLEASE CALL IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE GAME.**

**We continue to receive many positive comments about the CIAC Baseball Tournament. I am confident that the umpires will once again, do their part to enhance the quality of the event by providing the highest caliber of officiating and professionalism in all games.**

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.

## 11.0 **TIME OF GAMES**

- 11.1 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.

## 12.0 **TOURNAMENT RULES / PROCEDURES**

- 12.1 The official National Federation Baseball Rules will prevail for the tournament with the following clarifications or state option.
- 12.2 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. Games which must be called 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.
- 12.3 Beginning with the quarter-final games, the umpire must consult with the site director before a game is called because of inclement weather.
- 12.4 **Suspended Regular Season Games** -- Any regular season game which is called after playing 4.5 or 5 innings and a winner cannot be determined is a suspended game. If the game is to be completed it must be resumed from the exact point of suspension with the score, batting order and outs the same as at the time of suspension. Any regular season game called after playing 4.5 or 5 innings where a winner can be determined is a completed game.

**A REGULAR SEASON GAME WHICH IS CALLED FOR WHATEVER REASON AFTER FIVE INNINGS HAVE BEEN PLAYED AND A WINNER CANNOT BE DETERMINED IT WILL BE A SUSPENDED GAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL FEDERATION RULE 4, SECTION 3, ARTICLE 1. LESS THAN AN OFFICIAL GAME (4.5 OR 5 INNINGS) IS A "NO GAME."**

- 12.5 **BALL** -- ***THE FOLLOWING TOURNAMENT BALLS WILL BE USED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT: RAWLINGS CIAC***
- 12.6 **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 other 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.

- 12.7 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.
- 12.8 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.***
- 12.9 The home team scorer will be considered the official scorer through the semi-finals.
- 12.10 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.
- 12.11 **Tournament Regulations Violation** -- If a school fails to comply with tournament regulations, including deadlines, accurate information and/or any other procedure which requires the CIAC tournament sports committee, central office staff, or Board of Control to redo any portion of the tournament pairings or which adversely impacts the management of the tournament, an administrative violations fee of \$250 will be imposed upon the school before entry into the tournament will be allowed.
- 12.12 ***REPORTING OF TOURNAMENT GAMES***

**IMMEDIATELY** following a tournament game the **BOTH TEAM COACHES**  
**FOR ALL DIVISIONS** will telephone game scores to  
FRED BALSAMO -- Home (203) 265-3053  
Please arrange to have someone from the site call from a cell phone.