

Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

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Reimders For Coaches: Several important items to remember:

1. All-District nomination meetings on Sunday, July 13 and July 20 at 1:00 p.m. (Time and locations are listed below.)
a/ You must be a member to vote and attend.
2. Enclosed you will find an All-Star nomination form for your best players. Reminder, they must be filled out. (This is the #1 priority).
3. Also fill out the academic form and get it in on time. The meeting is soon after the deadline.

The top players chosen are on the All Academic Team. The next 20 players chosen will receive Honorable Mention.

All District Meetings In Your Area: **Put These Dates On Your Calendar**

Northwest District:

Sun. July 13, 1997 1:00 p.m. Spencer
Chairman, 1A Tom Elsbecker (North Kossuth)
2A Ken Bahrke (Sioux Center)

Southwest District:

Sun. July 13, 1997 1:00 p.m. Creston
Chairman, 1A Steve Westphal (Lenox)
2A Ken Schrieber (C.B. St. Albert)

West District: 3A & 4A

Sun. July 20, 1997 1:00 p.m. Carroll
Chairman, 3A Tony Weiler (Winterset)
4A Lee Toole (C.B. Tee Jay)

Northeast District:

Sun. July 13, 1997 1:00 p.m. Waterloo West
Chairman, 1A Steve Fish (Central City)
2A Gary Nyhus (Mason City Newman)
Sun. July 20, 1997 1:00 p.m. Manchester
3A Terry Heald (Marion)
4A Rick Netolicky (C.R. Washington)

Central District:

Sun. July 13, 1997 1:00 p.m. Gilbert
Chairman, 1A Steve Roskens (Ackley-Geneva)
2A Dick Smith, (Ogden)
Sun. July 20, 1997 1:00 p.m. Ames
Chairman, 3A Rick Davis (Boone)
4A Mel Murken (Ankeny)

Southeast District:

Sun. July 13, 1997 1:00 p.m. Washington
Chairman, 1A Rick Varney (Bennett)
2A Don Taylor (West Branch)
Sun. July 20, 1997 1:00 p.m. Washington
Chairman, 3A Mike Davis (Central DeWitt)
Sun. July 20, 1997 1:00 p.m. Muscatine
Chairman 4A Dan Reid (Burlington) & Tom Souhrada (West)

District Chairman will conduct the meeting. The chairman is the person elected for two years in each district unless otherwise indicated. Check the new roster of officers and directors in the last newsletter.

All-Star Coaches: The following coaches will coach in the 21st Annual All-Star Series.

Large Schools (East) Joel Johnson (Knoxville), Head Coach; Dick Core (Dubuque Hempstead); Dan Reid (Burlington) and Honorary Ass't, Don Miller (Dubuque Wahlert)

Large Schools (West) Rick Powell (Des Moines East), Head Coach; Brad Rose (Ottumwa); and Nick Archer (Sioux City Heelan)

Small Schools (East) Vic Veren (East Marshall), Head Coach; Tom Jenk, Jr. (Dyersville Beckman); Rick Varney (Bennett) and Honorary Ass't. Tom Jenk, Sr. (Dyersville Beckman)

Small Schools (West) Steve Westphal (Lenox), Head Coach; Rich Collison (Algona) and Jim Kobus (Dallas Center-Grimes)

Schools That Will Play In The Large School Classification: Taken From The May Bulletin Of The IHSAA, Beds Document Of State Department.

Large Schools East: Bettendorf; Burlington; Cedar Falls; Cedar Rapids (3); Cedar Rapids Prairie; Centerville; Charles City; Clinton; Davenport (3); Decorah; Dubuque (3); Epworth West Dubuque; Fairfield; Fort Madison; Iowa City (2); Keokuk; Knoxville; Linn Mar of Marion; Manchester, West Delaware; Mount Pleasant; Muscatine; North Scott; Oskaloosa; Pleasant Valley; Vinton-Washington; Waterloo (3); Waverly-Shell Rock (36)

Large Schools West: Ames; Ankeny; Atlantic; Boone; Carroll Kuemper; Council Bluffs (2); Denison; Des Moines (5); Fort Dodge; Glenwood; Harlan; Indianola; Johnston; LeMars; Lewis Central-C.B.; Marshalltown; Mason City; Newton; Norwalk; Ottumwa; Pella; Sioux City (4); Southeast Polk; Spencer; Urbandale; Webster City; West Des Moines Dowling; West Des Moines Valley (36)

Medals Donated For The 1997 All-Star Series:

The Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association would like to thank Mr. Ed Winger, of Awards Gallery, Des Moines for a generous donation of medals for all participants in the 1997 IHSBCA All-Star Series, to be held Aug. 7-8-9-10 in Council Bluffs/Omaha. Each participant in the All-Star Series will receive a medal as was the custom in previous years. The donation was arranged by Jim Gebhart, Head Coach of Saydel High School of the Saylor Township. Thanks to Mr. Winger for his very generous donation to the High School Baseball Players of Iowa.

All-State Selection Committee: President Gary Nyhus will select the coaches who informed us of their availability to help select the All-State Teams. You will be informed by letter if you have been chosen to participate in this process. A large number volunteer each year. We thank you.

COLLEGE RECORDS FOR 1997 SEASON THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED:

Iowa State University	21-31
Univ. of Iowa	19-30
Univ. of Northern Iowa	32-23
Upper Iowa University	30-14
Grand View College	29-22
Cornell College	10-23
Univ. of Dubuque	18-16
Kirkwood Comm. College	28-18
Southwestern Comm. College	15-33
Iowa Lakes	17-24
Wartburg College	30-16

Cornell College set five school records. The 33 games played were the most in school history. Eric Kulbe with 29 stolen bases and 28 runs scored, and senior Aaron Truitt (Iowa City West) with 28 RBI's.

Grand View College won 1st ever Midwest Classic Conference Title. Coach Yacinich won his 700th game this past year.

Iowa Lakes Coach John Walz felt their team made a big jump from past years becoming a competitive team. Justin Gripp (Indianola) was All Region DH. They beat Waldorf 8-3, first time in many years that Iowa Lakes has beaten a Waldorf team.

Wartburg College Joel Holst won the Iowa Conference Championship and went to the NCAA playoff in the Central Region. They set a record in wins for a season. It was Wartburg's first championship in 18 years. Coach Holst won his 250th game this year.

Rick Heller of Upper Iowa University finished 3rd in Conference. They had back to back 30 win seasons. Iowa Conference tournament champions for the third year in a row. Coach Heller won his 200th game this year.

Duane Banks of University of Iowa won his 900th game this year.

Dave Schrage of U.N.I. came in second in the tough Missouri Valley Conference. They beat Wichita State this year and beat Iowa a pair.

Coach Banks Retires: Coach Duane Banks, long-time baseball coach at the University of Iowa ends his coaching career after 28 seasons and 800 victories at the University. Coach Banks said, "The time is right" to retire from coaching. Banks has been head baseball coach at the University of Iowa since 1970, coming from Parsons College to assist Coach Dick Schultz. His career record at Iowa is an impressive 810-575-4 and includes three Big Ten Conference titles, and an appearance in the NCAA College World Series in 1972. 57 student-athletes have signed professional contracts, five All-Americans and several Major Leaguers.

Duane Banks has done so much for the Iowa Baseball Coaches Association over the 28 years. His guidance and work has helped make the IHSBCA one of the best in the country. Iowa has hosted many All-Star Series and fall meetings. Coach Banks help set up the clinic for many years and also hosted the Sunday portion in the Iowa Bubble.

Banks was named to the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the American Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, and after serving on the ABCA Board of Directors for many years, becoming the President of the largest baseball organization in the country.

A native of Grand Junction, Colo., Banks played baseball and basketball at the University of Northern Colorado. He played one season of professional baseball with the Atlanta Braves Organization. He received a bachelor's degree from Northern Colorado and a master's degree from Colorado State.

He will continue with the University Athletic Department in another capacity. The Coaches Association wants to thank Duane and wish him many happy years ahead.

All Star Games Schedule: The players, aches, umpires and staff will be staying at the Best Western Crossroads of the Bluffs Motel in Council Bluffs. The Honors Brunch will take place at the Best Western Crossroads of the Bluffs Motel, Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m.

1/ Players will come in Thursday, August 7th. Individual pictures for inclusion in the program will be taken after check in.

2/ Large Schools West will report by 10:00 a.m. Small Schools West will report at 10:15 a.m.

3/ Players from Large Schools East will report at 10:30 a.m., and players from Small Schools East will report at 10:45 a.m..

4/ Practice for all teams will start at 11:15 a.m. Practice sites: Large East--Abe Lincoln Diamond; Large West--Tee Jay High Diamond; Small West--St. Albert High Diamond; Small East--Western Community College Diamond.

5/ First 7-inning games will be at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, Creighton Stadium- Small Schools West vs Large School West, followed by Large Schools East vs Small Schools East.

6/ Second-7 inning games will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday, Creighton University Stadium--Small Schools East vs Large Schools West, followed by Large Schools East vs Small Schools West.

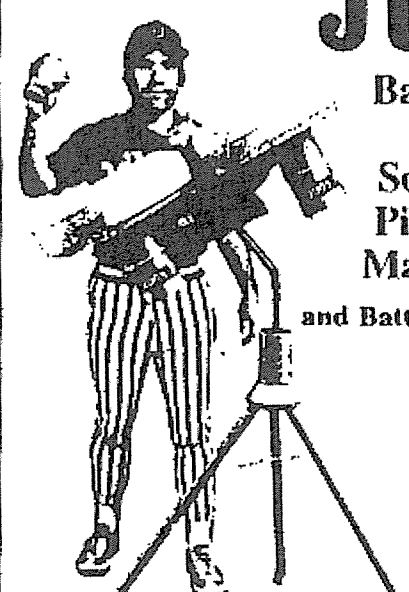
7/ At 10:00 a.m. Saturday, The Honors Brunch will be held at the Best Western Crossroads of the Bluffs Motel in Council Bluffs.

8/ Saturday games will begin at 5:30 p.m., Rosenblatt Stadium--Small Schools West vs. Small Schools East followed by Large Schools West vs. Large Schools East.

9/ Church services will be provided at the Motel on Sunday.

10/ Sunday at 12:00 noon, the two teams with the poorest records will play for 3rd and 4th place, followed by the two teams with the best records will play for 1st and 2nd place.

11/ M.V.P. players will be announced after each game on Sunday.



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What Are Some of the Rules:

- 1/ All players chosen must play
- 2/ The pitchers can pitch a full game. Each pitcher will start one game.
- 3/ All games will be 7 innings in length unless extra innings are necessary. (We will play the 10-run rule)
- 4/ Tie breaker system will be announced in advance for who will play for 1st and 2nd place. Example: Head to Head competition, most runs scored, least runs given up. All of the examples can be given points. The two teams with the most points will play for 1st place.

This system will give more boys an opportunity to play and show what they can do. We will not restrict a pitcher on amount of innings he can pitch.

If a coach fills out a player profile from that is found in this newsletter and sends it in, this player will have the same opportunity as a player on the All-District Team. This system was necessary because of a number of good ball players being left off the All-Star Squad because a coach could not get enough votes for his player at the All-District Selection meetings. A reminder that each player must have \$125.00 worth of sponsor fees in order to play in the All-Star Series.

All-Star Squad Regulations:

Each squad will consist of 16 players (2 catchers, 4 pitchers, 5 infielders, 4 outfielders and 1 utility).

Player Selection:

- First priority: Coach's recommendation form.
- Second priority: All District Team.
- Third priority: Coach a member of the Association.

Future All-Star Series: The following locations have been set for future Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star series. 1998 series will be held in Cedar Rapids/Iowa City, the 1999 series will be held in Sioux City, and the 2000 series will be held in Davenport.

Former Iowa Players in Major Leagues:

- Cal Eldred (Urbana) (Brewers)
- Jon Lieber (Council Bluffs Abe Lincoln)(Pirates)
- Scott Pose (West D.M. Dowling)(Yankees)
- Kevin Ritz (Bloomfield) (Rockies)
- Matt Ruebel (Ames)(Pirates)
- Don Wengert (Sioux City Heelan)(Oakland)
- Matt Wagner (Cedar Falls) Expos

Triple A players are: Mike Busch (North Scott)(Indians); Steve Dreyer (Ames)(Twins);Chris Hatcher (Council Bluffs Tee Jay)(Royals); Jarod Juelsgaard (Elk Horn)(Marlins);

Double A players are: Bartt Carney (Williamsburg)(Orioles); Marcus Hostette (Kalona); Jeremy Lewis (Cedar Rapids Jefferson)(Cubs); Mike Mahoney(West D.M. Dowling)(Braves); Bejn Sampson (Bondurant)(Twins); Steve Eddie (Albert City-Truesdale)(Reds); Sean Runyan (Urbandale)(Padres); Brad Kaufman (North Tama)(Padres)

Class A players are: Ed Acosta (Muscatine); Brett Elam (Council Bluffs Lewis Central)(Rockies); Andy Ford (Cedar Rapids Washington)(Yankees); T.J. Thielke (Iowa City High)(Twins); Quinn Murphy (Davenport Assumption)(Indians); Terry Vaske (Dyersville Beckman)(Braves); Dan Kopriva (North Tama)(Padres); Darrel Einertson (Urbandale)(Yankees); Paul Meade (Urbandale)(Indians); Mike Irvine (Waterloo West)(Padres); Tom Wegmann (Dyersville Beckman)(Orioles); Casey Blake (Indianola)(Blue Jays); Jason Flach (Davenport Assumption (Braves); Nate Manning (Keosauqua)(Cubs); Tom Owen (North Polk)(Marlins); Marcus Hostetler (Kalona)(Orioles); Jeff Johannsen (North Scott)(Marlins); Jeff Sebring (Boone)(Rockies); Richard Grife (Montezuma) Independent)

Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

Nomination form for Harold "Pinky" Primrose Award

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Work _____ Fax _____

The nominee must have played high school baseball and then gone on to distinguish himself in his community, district, state or nation outside of baseball.

Your reasons for nominating candidate:

Where did this nominee play his high school baseball? _____

What years did he play his high school baseball? _____

What honors has nominee gained outside of baseball? _____

Nominating Person: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____



MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED STARTING TIME CHANGE FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMER BASEBALL GAMES. The Board, at their October 16th meeting, reviewed correspondence as it pertains to the starting and ending times of the state championship games in each of the respective four classes of the summer high school baseball program. Discussion centered around a possible earlier starting time for the championship times so teams and fans will finish earlier Saturday and be able to return home without it being too late. The Board directed the administrative staff to poll the participating schools in the championship games in each class over the last three years as to their thinking with regards to an earlier starting time for the championship games. Example: 5:00 and 7:00 championship games versus the 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. starting times as is the current policy. The administration polled the participating schools over the last five years as to their thinking regarding the early starting time and presented responses to the Board of Control for review. The majority of the responses favored an earlier starting time such as 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.; some suggested earlier afternoon games; and a few schools indicated it didn't matter what time the games were played. Following review of the responses and the fact the championship games are played at two different sites with doubleheader games 6:00 and 8:00 at each of the two facilities, the earlier starting times seem practical. In addition, it was pointed out that prior to going to two separate sites it was not possible for an earlier start because all championship games were played at one site with a 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. starts for each of the four games thus the schedule had to be different when playing at one site. Now with playing two championship games at two different sites and the fact they are played on Saturday, it was the thinking that an earlier start in the day would be the best approach in getting fans and teams home at an earlier time than playing in the evening on Saturday.

Depending on the distance a, number of teams playing in the championship game will have stayed over the night prior following the semifinal games and the need to check out of the motel early on Saturday. In addition, it is the belief of the Board that in the event there is a necessary rain delay on the championship date, there would be time to ready the field for play in the evening. If necessary to postpone, move to the following Monday evening. Following discussion (MM-S) Rentschler-Douma that the time schedule for the doubleheader championship games, two at each site Marshalltown and Carroll, be scheduled for 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, and if necessary to postpone, the games to be played the following Monday evening with a 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. start. Motion carried unanimously.

EIGHTH-GRADE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY IN SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL. (MM-S) Douma-Van Hecke to approve the recommendation that would allow a graduated eighth-grade student to participate in summer high school baseball when the eighth-grader completes the eighth grade, the school year ends on the original final date of the school year. Example: If school is scheduled to end May 29, an eighth grader becomes eligible for summer baseball, at 4:00 p.m. May 29, even though the end of the school year may be delayed due to bad weather. Motion carried unanimously.

RATIONALE FOR USE OF CURRENT CLASS 4-A SUBSTATE BASEBALL PAIRING FORMAT. The baseball classification is: 4-A-48 schools; 3-A-64 schools; 2-A-128 schools, and 1-A-remaining schools. The Baseball Coaches Advisory Committee recommended that format change, that is 48 in the 4-A same as is the case in basketball. The tournament format is one similar to that of basketball, with the exception in baseball the pitching limitations come into the picture. Keep in mind, 48 schools in Class 4-A means 8 districts, 6 teams to a district, which, of course, is an even number of schools but does not fit neatly into an 8-team bracket. In an 8-team bracket there are going to be two byes, one in each half bracket such as was the case in 1993, and it was felt to be a little bit of inequity in the pitching rotations with two teams having a bye, and then playing the next date. The Advisory Committee recommended the bracketing procedure we currently use. The philosophy behind that is everybody plays on the opening date and the two teams that win in a given bracket met in the following game, with the same rest for pitchers, etc. The winner of the two teams that played in the other half bracket receives a bye in the second round game. The winner of the semifinal game and the team that received that bye don't meet again until Thursday, having played on Monday, thus the rest and rotation for the pitching staff remain the same for all schools involved and no one has a greater advantage than anyone else as it relates to the pitching core. That is the basic rationale for adopting that type of format.

In an effort to eliminate some inequity on pitching rotations and as per the recommendation of the advisory committee, it was predetermined that all 4-A schools would play in a first-round game without a bye. That began in the summer of 1994. All six teams played the opening date (Saturday) and then the opposite half bracket that did not receive a bye, the winners played the following Monday with the winner of the top bracket receiving a bye and playing the championship game on Wednesday. Thus from a pitching rotation standpoint everyone had an opportunity to use their front line pitcher, should they so desire and not have the problem of certain amount of rest in favor of one over another, etc. This past summer, 1995, the same situation. The format change started in 1994. The pairing procedure enclosed from the *September Bulletin* annually dictates who will receive the bye after the first round game. That all depends upon what schools are assigned to a given tournament, and alphabetically how it shakes out as to who plays who. This is all predetermined prior to the season getting underway thus schools know well in advance not only who they are going to play but when and where. This has been the desire of the membership for some time. We have been doing this method of pairing for the last 30 to 35 years.

CIML, AD'S REQUEST TO SEED CLASS 4-A SUMMER BASEBALL TEAMS AT THE SUBSTATE LEVEL "THE TEAMS WITH THE BEST RECORD WOULD RECEIVE THE HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE AND BYE IN 2ND ROUND OF TOURNAMENT"

If the IHSAA were to do this there would be some real disadvantages and some pitfalls that are not in the current format. In fact, rationale for the current format is that which was recommended by the baseball coaches advisory committee. If we were to do as requested by the CIML's AD's

1. Quite an advantage for the seeded team in the top bracket as it relates to pitching, and even some advantage for the team seeded in the bottom bracket.
2. Not all 4-A schools have good baseball facilities and even if they should have, they don't necessarily have lights and we predicate most of our tournament assignments on that of having lights.
3. It really would be a "cake walk" to the finals for the top seed.
4. You would lose the gate receipts in the second game with good teams being idle and not playing. The first game would be most likely a game with little interest, thus no fan appeal.
5. Schools are not in session during the summer months and correspondence is, at best, difficult when trying to get information and/or contact individuals.
6. We would not be able to determine the sites until late in the season. It has always been the experience of the association that schools like to know where they are going to be playing well ahead of that time.
7. Mail is real tough during that time of the year to count on insofar as getting things done on a proper schedule, etc.

SUMMARY

- A. Mechanics as it relates to the time constraints prior to the tournament series would be difficult.
- B. Communication during the summer months is difficult.
- C. Schools are desirous of knowing in advance who they will play.

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