

# Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association June-July-August Newsletter 2004

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**Reminders For Coaches:** Several important items to remember:

1. All-District nomination meetings on Sunday, July 11 and July 18 at 1:00 p.m. (Time and locations are listed below.)

**You must be a member to vote and attend.**

2. Enclosed you will find an All-Star nomination form for your best players. Return before deadline.

3. Also fill out the academic form and get it in on time. The meeting is soon after the deadline. Remember to include extra-curricular activities. The top 20 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 11, 2004 1:00 p.m. @ **Cherokee Washington**

Chairman, 1A Ryan Berg (Storm Lake St. Marys)

2A Jeff Scharn (Sioux Center)

## **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT:**

Sun. July 11, 2004 1:00 p.m. @ **Creston and Avoca**

Chairman, 1A Steve Westphal (Lenox) @ **Creston**

2A Larry Rhamy (AHST) @ **Avoca**

## **WEST DISTRICT: 3A & 4A**

Sun. July 18, 2004 1:00 p.m. @ **Kuemper and Lewis Central**

Chairman, 3A Jerry Spieler (Carroll Kuemper) @ **Kuemper**

4A Lee Toole (Lewis Central) @ **Lewis Central**

## **NORTHEAST DISTRICT:**

Sun. July 11, 2004 1:00 p.m. @ **Waterloo West**

Chairman, 1A Steve Staker (Fredericksburg)

2A Jerry Roling. (Cascade)

Sun. July 18, 2004 1:00 p.m. @ **Manchester**

Chairman, 3A Mike Morrison (West Delaware)

4A Bret Hoyer (Cedar Rapids Kennedy)

## **CENTRAL DISTRICT:**

Sun. July 11, 2004 1:00 p.m. @ **Roland-Story**

Chairman, 1A Matt Zoske (North Tama)

2A Dave Middleton (North Polk)

Sun. July 18, 2004 1:00 pm. @ **Ankeny Northview Middle School**

Chairman, 3A Al Lammers (Norwalk)

4A Denny Barton (Urbandale) South Central

4A Steve Hanson (Marshalltown) North Central

## **SOUTHEAST DISTRICT:**

Sun. July 11, 2004 1:00 p.m. @ **Iowa City Regina**

Chairman, 1A Dave Rock (Calamus-Wheatland)

2A Jake Souhrada (Wilton)

Sun. July 18, 2004 1:00 p.m. @ **Muscatine and Washington**

Chairman, 3A Mike Davis (DeWitt Central) @ **Washington**

4A Jay Fitzgerald, (Bettendorf) @ **Muscatine Holiday Inn**

The District Chairman will conduct the meeting. The chairman is the person elected for two years in each district unless other wise indicated. Check the new roster of officers and directors in this newsletter for that information. **Make sure you bring your 2003-2004 Membership Card!**

## **All-Star Coaches Announced:**

The following coaches will coach in the 27th Annual All-Star Series.

**Large Schools (East)** Jay Fitzgerald, Bettendorf (Head Coach); assisted by Brett Buttjer, North Scott and Stan Schmidt, Fort Madison

**Large Schools (West)** Steve Mohr, Valley West Des Moines (Head Coach); assisted by Cory Loffswold, East Sioux City and Monte Friestad, Waukee

**Small Schools (West)** Mike Taylor, Hubbard-Radcliff (Head Coach); assisted by Brandon Ruffridge, Pocahontas Area and Brian Herman, Underwood and Honorary Coach Jeff Douglas of Interstate 35

**Small Schools (East)** Jerry Roling, Cascade (Head Coach); assisted by Seth Koch, South Tama and Jerry Alden, East Buchanan

Coaches were picked by the Steering committee! They filled out an application that was found in the last newsletter or on the web.

## **Schools That Will Play In The Large School Classification\*\*\*\*\***

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

**Large Schools West:** Ames; Ankeny; Boone; Council Bluffs (2); Council Bluffs Lewis Central; Denison; Des Moines (5); Fort Dodge; Glenwood; Harlan; Indianola; Johnston; LeMars; Marshalltown; Mason City; Newton; Norwalk; Ottumwa; Perry; Sioux City (4); Southeast Polk; Spencer; Storm Lake; Urbandale; Webster City; West Des Moines Dowling; West Des Moines Valley; Waukee (36)

This information was taken from the Beds document, page 18 of the IHSAA May Bulletin, 2003.

## **Medals Donated For The 2004 All-Star Series:**

The Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association would like to thank George Long Co., Inc. of Des Moines for a generous donation of medals for the 2004 IHSBCA All-Star Series, to be held Aug. 5-6-7-8 in Iowa City. Each player in the All-Star Series will receive a medal as was the custom in previous years. The donation was arranged by Jim Gebhart, Athletic Director of Saydel High School of the Saylor Township.

**Web Site**

**[www.iowahsbca.com](http://www.iowahsbca.com)**

**All-Star Games Schedule:** The players, coaches, umpires and staff will be staying at the Sheraton Hotel in Iowa City. The Honors Banquet will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Saturday night at 6:00 p.m. All games will be played at Univ. of Iowa diamond.

1/ Players will arrive Thursday, August 5th. Individual pictures for inclusion in the program will be taken after check in.

2/ Players from Small Schools East will report by 10:30 a.m. Large Schools East players will report at 10:45 a.m.

3/ Players from Small Schools West will report at 11:00 a.m. and players from Large Schools West will report at 11:15 a.m.

4/ Practice for all teams will be 12:15 p.m.--2:45 p.m. Practice sites: Large East-West High Diamond; Large West-Mercer Diamond; Small West-University of Iowa Diamond; Small East-Regina High Diamond.

5/ First 7-inning games will be at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 5, Small Schools West vs. Large Schools West, followed by Small Schools East vs. Large Schools East.

6/ Second 7-inning games will be at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Aug 6, Small Schools West vs. Large Schools East, followed by Small Schools East vs. Large Schools West.

7/ Saturday, Aug. 7, games will begin at 10:30 a.m., Small Schools West vs. Small Schools East followed by Large Schools West vs. Large Schools East.

8/ At 6:00 p.m. Saturday, the Honors Banquet will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Iowa City.

9/ Sunday morning Church services may be provided at the Hotel.

10/ Sunday, Aug. 8, at 10:30 a.m., the two teams with poorest records will play for 3rd and 4th place. The two teams with best records will play for 1st and 2nd place following the first game.

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

### All Star Squad Regulations:

1. 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.

#### Rules:

1/ All players chosen must play.

2/ The pitchers can pitch a full game.

3/ All games will be 7 innings in length unless extra innings are necessary.

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, most hits, least hits 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 players an opportunity to play and show what they can do. We will not restrict a pitcher on amount of innings he can pitch in one day.

**\*\*\*\*\*Players who do not make the All District Team will still be eligible to play in the All-Star Series. \*\*\*\***

**Future All-Star Series:** The following locations have been set for future Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star series. 2005 will be held in Cedar Rapids Memorial Stadium. 2006 will be held in Davenport.

**All-State Selection Committee:** The All-State Selection Committee will be chosen at the District Meetings! If you are interested, please volunteer at the District Meeting.

### College Records For 2004 Season That Have Been Reported:

Briar Cliff	27-29	Iowa Wesleyan	21-32
Buena Vista	18-21	Loras	15-21
Central	20-24	Luther	26-15
Clarke	13-27	Mount Mercy	41-28
Coe	28-20	Morningside	27-27
Cornell	18-24	Muscatine Comm College	29-25
DMACC	34-23	NIAC	33-23
Dordt	8-30	Northwestern	10-34
Dubuque	12-26	St. Ambrose	26-25
Ellsworth	15-35	Simpson	32-14
Francisian Univ.	11-39	Southeastern	26-24
Graceland	19-35	Southwestern C.C.	15-40
Grand View College	42-15	Univ. of Iowa	20-35
Grinnell College	15-17	Univ. of Northern Iowa	22-29
Indian Hills	28-34	Upper Iowa Univ.	24-32
Iowa Central Comm	47-12	Waldorf	18-27
Iowa Lakes	33-23	Wartburg	32-17
Iowa Western	43- 8		

Upper Iowa moved from NCAA III to NCAA Division II.

Simpson won the Iowa Conference tournament.

Grand View tied school record with 42 wins!

Central's coach Mike Laird won his 500th game this past season.

Mount Mercy appeared in their 5th Regional Tournament in 6 years. Coach Schulte won his 200th game this year.

William Penn won MCC Title, NAIA Region VII Championship. advanced to NAIA World Series in Lewiston, ID

Clarke College Jerry Zieser of Vinton was named to the 20-player All Conference team. Zieser hit .331 this past year, team-high 17 doubles, 25 RBIs.

Luther finished 2nd in Conference after being picked for 8th. One win shy of school record for wins.

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**College coaches who support IHSBCA through paid up membership for 2003-2004:**

This year we have 22 college coaches who became members of the IHSBCA. We thank them for supporting high school baseball in Iowa. Listed below are those coaches who joined the Association.

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Jack Dahm, Univ. of Iowa           | Todd Huckabone, IA Wesleyan |
| Mike Cook, Southwestern            | Mike Laird, Wm Penn         |
| Mark Danker, Upper Iowa            | John Lewis, Kirkwood        |
| John Davis, DMACC                  | Brody McKillip, Graceland   |
| Desi Druschel, Franciscan Univ.    | Rick Pederson, ICCA         |
| Steve Eddie, Buena Vista           | Todd Rima, NIACC            |
| Eric Frese, Clarke                 | Jim Scholten, Morningside   |
| Frank Fishler, Cornell             | Justin Schulte, Mount Mercy |
| Brian Gilligly, Luther             | John Sirianni, Simpson      |
| Rick Heller-Univ. of Northern Iowa | John Smith, DMACC           |
| Tim Hollibaugh, Grinnell           | Cam Walker, Indian Hills    |
| Joel Holst, Wartburg               | Lou Yacinich, Grand View    |

**Plaques and Certificates need to be picked up!** We have many plaques that were not picked up at the previous Award's banquet. If you wish to have the plaque sent to you, please remit \$10.00 for handling and postage. The following plaques are being held at my office: Larry Rhamy 400-Win Club; Jeff Scharn 400-Win Club; Bill Argo, District Coach and Dennis Schroeder, District Ump.

**Pro-Line Caps for All-Star Series:** The Pro-Line Cap company will provide the IHSBCA caps for the 2004 All-Star Series. The caps are of high quality and their support will help finance our annual event. Be sure you give Pro-Line a strong look when ordering your caps for 2004.

**Former Iowa Players in Major Leagues:**

Casey Blake (Indianola) Cleveland Indians; Cal Eldred, (Cedar Rapids) St. Louis Cardinals; Ben Ford (Cedar Rapids Washington) Brewers; Jon Lieber (Council Bluffs Abe Lincoln) New York Yankees; Wes Obermuller (Vinton-Shellsburg) Brewers.

**Triple A** players are: Joel Hanrahan (Norwalk) Dodgers; Jim Magrane (Ottumwa) Tampa Bay, Mike Mahoney (West D.M.Dowling) Cardinals, Todd Sears (Ankeny) Padres, Shawn Sedlacek (Cedar Rapids Kennedy) Cubs, Mitch Wylie (Princeton) White Sox.

**Double A** players are: Jason Cromer (Des Moines Lincoln) Tampa Bay, Joshua Habel (Dubuque Hempstead) Giants, Tim McClaskey (Wilton) Marlins, Brad Nelson (Algona) Milwaukee, Nic Ungs (Dyersville-Beckman) Florida.

**Class A** players are: Nathan Cromer (Des Moines Lincoln) Tampa Bay, Ryan Fitzgerald (West Des Moines Valley) White Sox, Cory Harris (Davenport Assumption) Mets, Zach Hammes (Iowa City High) Dodgers, Ryan Prahm (C.R. Kennedy) Cleveland, Ryan Sweeney (Cedar Rapids Xavier) White Sox, Greg Thissen (Davenport Assumption) Montreal, Chris Tritle (Center Point) Oakland.

**Catching Up Column:** A number of Iowans have dropped out of Pro baseball. Check the updated list with the last newsletter list. Don't forget to nominate a Media person or Contributor for outstanding contributions to baseball in your District. You can pick up the nomination forms at the All-District Meetings or in the last newsletter or on the web site. Check out the 3A District Rebalancing.

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**Iowa to be part of Summer Baseball Rankings by BCA :**  
 Iowa's baseball teams will be included in the Top 10 ranking of the three states playing high school summer baseball.

The top 10 poll will be conducted by the National High School Baseball Coaches Association. The Top 10 will be included in the BCA's newspaper EXTRA INNINGS. A pre-season Top 10 will be in the May 31 issue followed by regular season rankings in the June 12 and 27 issues and the final Top 10 in the August 7 publication.

"We believe the Top 10 rankings will give additional coverage of the outstanding baseball played during the summer in Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois," said BCA national Ranking Committee Chair George Brumfield of Wayne (WV) High.

Lee Toole, Lewis Central High Coach, is the Iowa representative for the Top 10 summer rankings.

**Rating Poll:** Check our website weekly for the rating poll. Thanks to Lee Toole of Lewis Central, Chairman, and his committee for the excellent job they do each week. We are getting a lot of hits on the website. Make sure you go to [www.iowahsbca.com](http://www.iowahsbca.com)

**Diamond and Wilson Baseballs:** Baseballs will be donated once again for this years All-Star games, practice and olympics. Thanks to Diamond and Wilson for donating baseballs for the series.

**Meeting Minutes  
 Officers and Steering committee  
 April 20, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Keitel at the Cedar Rapids Kernels Ballpark at 4:00 pm.

The purpose of the spring meeting is to review the entire past year's events. The steering committee is comprised of dues paying past presidents whose function is to oversee the organization and to review the executive secretary.

The 2003 All-Star series was reviewed as followed. It was decided that the information packet mailed to the chosen players has all the needed information.

Any dealings with the photographer will be left up to the players, parents and photographer. New in 2004 will be that the coaches will hand the photographer's packet to the players at the coaches/players meeting Thursday.

The length of the All-Star banquet was discussed and was considered to be adequate. New in 2004 will be a form distributed to All-Star coaches addressing player profiles. This will provide for more consistency in player introductions. A similar form will be provided for the Academic All-Star introductions.

Next on the agenda was review of the 2004 Clinic. It was decided that a little more time in between the end of the Saturday's clinic and the banquet was needed. The last session on Saturday will now end at 4:30pm.

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