

**ARTICLE SEVEN
BASEBALL**

- 7.1 OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK: Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball.
- 7.2 The league schedule will be a double round robin schedule in which a school will play the other MEL schools twice. Games to be played on Wednesday and Friday and alternating to Tuesday and Thursday, two years, per Sac-Jaquin Section guidelines.
- 7.3 The team with the best overall record shall be declared league champion. In the case of a tie, teams will be declared co-champions
- 7.4 The number of contests will follow Sac-Joaquin Section guidelines.
- 7.5 Games which have been rained out or suspended shall be resumed as stated in Rule 4 in the NFHS. Replay of suspended games is mandatory. The format for rescheduling games is as follows:
- 7.7-1 At the first available date agreed to by both coaches.
- 7.7-2 The league will follow National Federation Rules on suspended play.
- 7.6 Starting dates for practice will be in accordance with dates published each year by the Sac-Jaquin section

7.7 GAME ADMINISTRATION

- 7.7-1 All league games played on school days shall start at 3:30. After daylight savings games will start at 4:00. These times may be changed by mutual agreement.
- 7.8 Batting practice: At home site playoff games may be allowed if equal access for visiting and home teams is provided. The home team must provide the visiting team with a schedule for time in cages/tunnels and infield/outfield (fielding) practice at least 24 hours prior to the game. No batting practice is allowed on the field of play. No batting practice shall be held at the site of a neutral site playoff game during the scheduled date of the playoff game. Whiffle ball batting practice is acceptable
- 7.8-1 The home team shall relinquish the field to the visiting team for warmup at least fifteen minutes prior to the starting time of any league contest.

7.9 OFFICIALS:

- 7.9-1 There will be at least two officials assigned to all varsity games. In Fr/Soph games it is the decision of the individual schools as to the number of officials.
- 7.9-2 If one official is used in a Fr/Soph game he must remain behind the plate even with a runner on base.
- 7.10 The playing field shall be in accordance with the National Federation Rule Book.

7.11 EQUIPMENT:

7.11-1 All league games must be played using one of the following baseballs: Wilson A1010 or Diamond D-I, or the equivalent.

7.11-2 Coaches may wear a uniform if they so desire.

7.11-3 Two coaches may coach the bases if they are in uniform.

7.12 TIE-BREAKER: The tiebreaker for Playoff seeding purposes will be as described in General Rule 1.24

- Head-to-head competition
- Descending head-to-head competition within the tie
- Coin toss

7.13 ALL League Awards

All-League players, for MEL Sports, will be selected by a process approved by the Board of Managers (BOM) and conducted by the Athletic Director in charge of each sport.

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