

## **ARTICLE EIGHT SOFTBALL**

8.1 There will be two teams at each school (JV and Varsity). The commissioner is to be notified if there are any exceptions to this.

8.2 Each school will play 2 games against each league opponent.

8.2-1 Number of contests will follow SacJoaquin Section bylaw.

8.3 League game days will follow the mandated league dates set by the CIF section

### **8.4 OFFICIALS:**

8.4-1 There will be two umpires assigned to varsity games. In Fr/Soph games it will be the decision of the host school to determine the number of umpires to be used.

8.4-2 In all games with only one umpire in use, he/she will remain behind the plate even with a runner on base.

8.4-3 All scheduled games should be played. If a shortage of umpires occurs, use the best option available. If only one official is available, the varsity game will be played with the umpire behind the plate even with a runner on base.

8.5 Game time will be 4:00pm for both games

8.5-1 The home team will warm up first.

8.5-2 Each team will have a minimum of ten (10) minutes of warm-ups plus ten (10) minutes of infield practice.

8.5-3 No batting practice by machine or live pitching will take place on game days in preseason, league or section playoffs in softball or baseball. The use of whiffle balls, soft toss and batting tees are acceptable for game day practice.

8.6 A league meeting of coaches will be held before the beginning of the season.

8.7 Rules will be current with the CIF fast pitch.

8.8 There will be standard team uniforms with visible numbers.

8.9 An amendment to Rule 2, Section 7 in the National Federation Rule book shall be in accordance with the fast pitch.

8.10 All game balls will be NFHS approved and optic yellow in color.

- 8.11 Make up games will be rescheduled at the earliest possible date agreed to by the two schools involved.
- 8.12 Coaches will restrain their players from chanting or harassing the opposing team during the game. Umpires will control excessive, abusive, and derogatory comments during the game, subject to forfeiture after a warning.
- 8.13 TIE-BREAKERS: For ties regarding seeding in playoffs see General Rule 1.24.
- Head-to-head competition.
  - Descending head-to-head competition within the tie.
  - Coin toss.

#### **8.14 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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