

## 2009 Class A State Baseball Coaches Meeting – Minutes

Schools Present – Mandan, Williston, Fargo South, Fargo North, Shanley, Century, Bismarck High, Jamestown, Dickinson, Minot

AD's Present – Shanley, Williston, Jamestown

NDHSAA Representative Present – Dave Carlsrud

Advisory Submissions (2)–

Justification and Rationale for Inning compliments pre region tournament –

**\*\* Each Pitcher will have a full complement of innings for post season tournaments providing there is a minimum of 4 days rest prior to any post season tournament.**

Rationale:

- This would provide post season tournaments with consistency from region to state tournaments.
- Innings would be full compliment with the previous Saturday being the end date for region play. Any innings used between Sunday and the Post Season Tourney will count in the 14 innings in a 7 day period rule. Regular season guidelines then apply.
- This would allow teams to use the last weekend of the season for conference games without penalty. This weekend is also one of the best weather related weekends of the spring season.
- This gives the same amount of rest time that a professional and college pitcher would get between starts. (4 days)
- Student athletes are stronger at the end of the season.
- With wood bat play, pitchers in ND are throwing an average of 13.39 fewer pitches than in the metal bat seasons of previous years.
- This would provide the same amount of rest for the region tournaments as the state tournament is allotted.

\*\*Elimination of the at large advisory position, and creation of a Class B west, Class B east, Class A EDC and Class A WDA rep. Rationale:

- This would allow easier and more successful coverage by the advisory member at both the Class A and B level for region tournaments and state tournaments.
- This would raise the number of positions from 3 to 4, but assign the at-large position to one class rather than both Class A and B.

Research needed and other points of discussion:

- Dave Carlsrud and Joel Swanson will research a possible bulk ordering of Diamond D1 Pro baseballs for the Class A level. Vendors within the state of ND will be contacted, as well as JK sports in Fergus Falls.
- Wood bats will remain intact. Unless a majority vote comes forward for advisory, wood bats will remain in ND HS play.
- Coaches are very happy with JK sports and their supplying of wood bats for the state of ND.