



RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SOFTBALL

I. COMPETITION

- A. The recommended starting times for games will be 4:30 P.M. and DH's at 4:00 P.M.
- B. The home team gets the infield from 3:30 - 3:45 and the visitors from 3:45 - 4:00. If the visiting team is late they will be allowed 30 minutes to warm-up with no more than the last 15 minutes of that time on the infield.
- C. In accordance with MAC Athletic By-Laws, Article XI, Letter E., seniors may not participate on a JV team unless previously approved by a vote of all member schools.
- D. The home team will supply umpires and balls.
- E. A differential of 15 runs after 3 innings or 10 runs after five innings will result in the termination of such game.
- F. Sub-Varsity Time Limit: In addition to following MHSAA game ending regulations (7 inning game or Mercy Rule), a two hour time limit will be imposed. The time for the start of the game begins immediately after the pre game coaches meeting and should be recorded in the home scorebook. In the event the game is tied and the two hour time limit has been imposed, one final inning will be played. The score at the end of the extra inning will be final.
- G. A new inning will begin immediately after the third out.

II. SCHEDULING

- A. Conference games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday for the Red, White, Blue, and Gold Divisions, and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for the Silver Division.
- B. Each school will play a round robin, home-and-home schedule in its division. No crossover games will be scheduled.
- C. A 2-year schedule will be established. In the second year of the 2-year schedule, the home and away contests will be opposite those in the first.
- D. Where the facility permits, varsity and junior varsity teams will play at the same site.
- E. If a varsity game is rained out, it will be made up on the next available date. Schools are not to schedule non-conference games on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the regular conference schedule.
- F. Junior varsity games may be made up at the discretion of the competing teams.
- G. If a game is suspended while in progress, and is not a regulation game as defined in the NFHS Rule Book, it must be continued from its point of suspension on another day. (Regulation II, Section 11J, of the MHSAA handbook)
- H. No conference games will be scheduled during the spring break.
- I. A two-year schedule will be established.

III. AWARDS

- A. Division champions will be determined by percentages. The team with the Best won/lost record percentage in its division will be champion and will receive a plaque. In case of ties, all teams tied will be considered champions and will receive plaques,
- B. There will not be a conference champion.
- C. Each division will select all-conference players and they will receive a medal.



The number of selections from each school will be determined by the order of finish in the division. One player in each division will be named Most Valuable Player and will receive a medal. The MVP must be a member of the MAC All Conference Team.

- D. The number of medals to be distributed in each division will be determined by the following formula:

The number of starting positions on a team, times .25, times the number of teams in the division. e.g., in an eight team division: $10 \times .25 \times 8 = 20$

- E. Tie-breakers for positions and awards will be:

1. head-to-head competition
2. least amount of runs allowed between the teams involved
3. least amount of runs allowed overall in conference play
4. teams involved with the tie for medals will each nominate one player and then give the stats for such player. The members of that division will then vote (either by hand or secret ballot) for the player they feel is most deserving of the medal. Repeated ties will result in repeated voting until 1 winner for such medal is determined.

- F. Certificates will not be handed out by the Conference but can be found on the Conference website.

- G. The “coach of the year” in each division will be decided by a vote of the member schools in that division.

Refer to the Athletic Commission By-laws for clarification of the following topics:

1. Pre and post-season coaches’ meetings
2. Division alignments

BE ADVISED: The Macomb Area Conference By-Laws supersede any Sport Specific Rule and Regulation presented on this document.