

# BAY VALLEY CONFERENCE BASEBALL SUPPLEMENT

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## ARTICLE I

### CONFERENCE ELIGIBILITY

It is the responsibility of the head coach, athletic director, college administrator and Bay Valley Conference Commissioner's office.

- All participants must have eligibility forms on file (Form 1 & Form 3) in the Bay Valley Conference Commissioner's office postmarked prior to their participation in their first contest, or they are not eligible to participate. Form 3's are also required to be submitted electronically to the CCCAA office prior to participation.
- The season participation list (Form 3) shall be filed in the BVC Commissioner's office IMMEDIATELY after the season.

## ARTICLE II

### SPORT CHAIRPERSON

- The baseball coaches shall elect the sport chairperson - for a period of two years. If the chair leaves his coaching position, a new chair shall be elected for the remainder of the term. Any changes in chairperson will be reported to the conference baseball administrative representative. Scott Stover (Solano College) will be the conference sport chairperson **(2010 & 2011)**.
- The chairperson shall be responsible for setting two conference meetings. One in the fall that would address concerns for the upcoming season and one in the spring at the end of the season before the Nor-Cal regional playoffs. The conference administrative representative should be notified before these meetings to discuss the agenda and assist in notifying all baseball coaches and athletic directors and officials of the meeting dates.
- The sport chairperson shall be responsible for collection of conference win/loss records, game statistics and for sending those statistics out to all conference coaches on a weekly basis using Stat Crew.
- The chairperson is the conference official representative to the Nor-Cal seeding meeting.

## ARTICLE III

### RULES OF COMPETITION

#### A) RULES

- Current NCAA rules will be followed except for changes stated in these policies.

#### B) STARTING DATES

- Practice or scrimmages may begin no earlier than **January 15, 2011**.
- The first game will be scheduled no earlier than **February 3, 2011**.
- The Bay Valley Conference is responsible for **24** conference games in their schedule. **State cost containment legislation has reduced the total number of games in the sport of baseball to 36 effective in the 2010-2012 season.**

### C) COMPETITION SCHEDULE

- The Bay Valley Conference has **24** conference games --champion to be determined by the team with the best conference record. **The final three games (games 22, 23, 24) of the conference schedule will be determined by the top four teams (after game 21) against the bottom four teams – the higher seed being the host team. All games will be included in the conference final standings. #8 @ #1, #5 @ #4, #7 @ #2, #6 @ #3**
- All games will be 9 inning games.
- Any game that is deliberately forfeited before the start of the game may result in the team forfeiting their entire conference season, pending prompt review by the conference assembly. (Intent is to prevent no-shows)

### D) STARTING TIMES

- Weekday games will begin at **2:00 pm. MWF make-up games will begin at 2:30 pm.**
  - Saturday games at 1:00pm. Saturday games can be moved to Friday by the host college if necessitated by cost containment restraints.
  - Game times/dates may only be changed by constitutional rules and approval by athletic directors involved.
1. Pre-game Schedule – (see attached pre-game hitting schedule)
    - It is the home team's option to decide on status (T-TH-SA-SU). On field or cage hitting (M-W-F) is by mutual consent of the coaches/athletic directors. If one coach/athletic director declines, neither team can hit on the field. ½ hour is the maximum time allowed for the visiting team.
    - Visiting teams will receive a minimum of ten minutes for pre-game infield/outfield in accordance with the approved format (page 8).
    - No batting practice, etc., to be done by either team while games are in progress. (In cages, etc.)
    - It is recommended that all pre-game drills be conducted on the game field.
    - Field maintenance is the responsibility of the home team. Pitcher's mound & Bull Pen mounds, home plate and the infield should be prepared before pre-game batting practice and infield/outfield and then prepared again after pre-game infield practice is completed.

### E) RAIN OUTS

- Make-up games are to be played on the next open date (M-W-F or Sunday by mutual consent of both coaches involved). Make-up games must be made up in the order they are rained out. EXCEPTION: When make-up games are rained out, they must be re-scheduled as soon as possible (next available M,W,F, or Sunday if agreed – The last two Sundays of the regular season are NOT optional as all rained out games must be completed in a timely manner). These games will not take precedence over another scheduled make-up of a rainout. Once a date is set for the make-up of a rainout between two teams, both teams are obligated to honor that date. Therefore, it is conceivable that games might not be made up in the order they were originally rained out. Switching sites in order to play games is acceptable. The conference administrative representative must verify transportation problems.
- Conference (make-up) games take precedence over non-conference games. EXCEPTION -- when tournaments are involved.
- No team will be required to play more than (4) scheduled conference games per week unless by mutual consent of the coaches. Week is defined as Monday-Sunday (Sunday is optional).

- All rain outs, make-ups, protested games, etc., must be completed by midnight on Saturday, **April 30, 2011**. Only exception is Sunday, **May 1, 2011**, if allowed by the existing COA code (Intent is to finish all conference games).

#### F) GAMES NOT COMPLETED

- All conference games must be played to their completion (9 innings, 8 1/2 if the home team is ahead), except as it is explained below as it relates to the **3rd** round contests.
- HALTED GAME RULE IS IN EFFECT. **All halted** games will be completed from the point they were halted, regardless of the inning. All halted games will be completed immediately prior to the start of the next regularly scheduled contest between the two teams involved – regardless of the site. **Third round & final 3 games that are halted games will be continued at the host site on the next available date if less than 4 ½ or 5 innings is completed.**
- **Third round & final 3** contests - If one team is ahead by 10 or more runs after 7 innings and the game is suspended, they will be declared the winner. (6 1/2 innings if the home team is leading)
- **Third round & final 3** contests - If 4 1/2 innings of the game have been completed with the home team ahead or 5 innings with the visitors ahead, the final score will be posted.

(Completion of halted games would impact a team's RPI, overall record, etc. and should be completed prior to PC seeding meeting.)

#### G) EQUIPMENT

- Balls used in conference play shall be the Rawlings R100-CCC.
- The host team will provide the game balls.
- Bases must be installed securely. All pitching mounds must meet NCAA specifications.

NOTE - It is mandatory that protective batting helmets be worn by players during pre-game batting practice – both on the field and in the batting cages.

#### H) SCORING

- The home book is the official scorebook. It is the visitor's responsibility to check with the home scorebook. Home team shall provide an official scorer. Stat Crew is the official software program used by all CCC baseball programs.

#### I) OFFICIALS

- The home team will provide two umpires from the approved umpire association. Bill Speck (CVUA) The association will contract with the BVC. The Official Association representative will be invited to pre-season and post-season coaches meetings.
- In the event that only one official is available to officiate a contest, both coaches must be in agreement before the contest begins. If one umpire is used to officiate a contest the umpire must work the game from behind the plate.

#### J) STATISTICS

- The conference baseball **Statistician** will compile all game reports sent in by host schools. The winning school will be required to phone in all scores to the sport **statistician** following each contest (same day).

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### A) HOST SCHOOL

- Host school shall have choice of dugout.
- Host school shall provide balls for the game. See Article III, section F.
- A trainer with medical kit, ice, water, and plastic bags must be available, supplied by the host school for all contests. Water and drinking cups or a water fountain must be in the dugouts.
- Host school is the official book **and is responsible to communicate with the visiting team in reporting all contests to the BVC statistician using Stat Crew.**
- The home team is responsible for **sending** the results of the contest to the conference **statistician** immediately after all conference games.
- Each college shall provide, before the first conference game to each schools athletic director and head baseball coach:
  1. A complete copy of their schedule
  2. Locations and directions to their playing field.
- The host school must have an official NCAA baseball rulebook in the dugout for all home games.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **CONFERENCE CHAMPION**

#### A) PROCEDURE

- There will be no post-conference playoffs. The champion will be determined by overall conference finish. If two or more teams tie for first place, they will be declared co-champions.
- The following tie breaker formula will be used for post-conference seeding purposes only:
  1. First place tie with two teams
  - Head to Head Competition - results of best of four conference games. If there is a second place tie with two teams that have split the four conference games, head to head record against the first place team will be used to break the tie.
    2. First or second place tie with two or more teams when a tie cannot be broken by head To head competition:
      - Add the total number of wins against the other teams tied with.
      - Head to head competition in the conference at the top of the standings and going down in the standings until the tie can be broken. For example, three-way ties for first place not broken by number 1 above. Record vs. fourth place team, if necessary vs. fifth place team, etc....
      - Fewest runs allowed head to head.
      - Fewest runs allowed from the top of the standings down.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**ALL CONFERENCE AWARDS**

Conference champion shall receive a trophy and:

- There will be a total of 26 all-conference awards divided between first and second team selections as designated by the coaches, plus (1) MVP and (1) Pitcher of the Year per division.

1. Certificates by position:

A) Awards Distribution ( 26 Total Awards )

1st Team (15 Members)

- 1 Catcher
- 3 Pitchers
- 1 First Baseman
- 3 Infielders
- 3 Outfielders
- 1 Designated Hitter
- 1 Utility Player

2nd Team (11 Members)

- 1 Catcher
- 3 Pitchers
- 1 First Baseman
- 3 Infielders
- 2 Outfielders
- 1 DH / Utility Player

2 TBA = 1 spot will be filled by the MVP and the other spot will be filled by the next best available player.

- MVP will be determined first. Each school may nominate one player. The MVP will then be included for first team awards. MVP Pitcher will be the top vote getter for first team in the pitching category. All ties must be broken.
- All schools must submit by fax their final nominations for All-BVC awards to the sport chairperson on **Wednesday** before the conference meeting. The sport chairperson will then compile the official ballot and fax/e-mail to all conference coaches by Wednesday, the week before the scheduled meeting. The voting will take place at the spring coaches meeting **Sunday, May 1, 2011** at 2:00pm at Solano College.
- The voting will be done for first team first, then the second team. Only players on the official ballot may receive votes. No additions to the ballot will be accepted at the meeting. Coaches cannot vote for their own players.
- Coaches will bring their ballots to the meeting with their final conference stats for nominated players filled out. Coaches should also bring final overall stats for nominated players.
- Any player nominated for All-Conference consideration must be eligible and in good academic standing at the conclusion of the conference season.
- Conference academic awards are to be granted to student-athletes who have completed their second season of participation in the same sport and who have a cumulative 3.0 GPA. This shall include any transfer work done since first participation.
- The Bay Valley Conference will select a "Coach of the Year". Head coaches will vote. The selected coach will be presented an award at no cost to the conference.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT & DECORUM POLICY**

A) COACHING ETHICS

- It is the duty of the coach to be in control of his players at all times in order to prevent any unsportsmanlike act toward opponents, officials, or spectators.
- Coaches are expected to comply wholeheartedly with the intent and spirit of the rules. the deliberate teaching of players to violate the rules is indefensible.
- Coaches should teach their players to respect the dignity of the game, officials, opponents and the institutions they represent.
- Coaches should confine their discussion with the game officials to interpretations of the rules and not constantly challenge umpire decisions involving judgment.
- "Bench Jockeying" will not be allowed. Coaches are to prohibit bench jockeying, which would include personal or malicious remarks, cursing or obscene language towards opponents, umpires, and spectators.
- Coaches should refrain from any personal action that might arouse players or spectators to unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Coaches should expect from the umpires a courteous and dignified attitude toward players and themselves.
- During each conference game the opposing team is limited to stretching on their own dugout side of the field. The home team will adhere to this policy as well.
- Coaches shall have players dressed prior to arrival at a site (Baseball field). Intent: No dressing or undressing in the dugout.
- Coaches shall have players leave the visiting dugout and the facility in the same condition after the completion of the game.

#### B) DECORUM POLICY (Refer to COA Constitution – Decorum 4.3)

Governed by the NCAA Rulebook and Article 7.3 of the COA Constitution (additional sections are described) of which includes the following:

Rule 3-6-C - Any umpire shall remove from the game any player, coach, manager or trainer for violation of the Coaches' and Players' Code of Ethics.

A.R.1. - The umpire first may warn any violator before removing the individual(s) from the game.

A.R.2, 3, 4- After a player, coach, manager, trainer or scorekeeper has been removed from the game, the individual shall leave the field immediately. A removed person may not remain in the dugout, bullpen or press box during the remainder of the game. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the forfeiture of the game.

Rule 3-6-D - The NCAA Baseball Rules Committee believes there is no place in college baseball for the physical abuse of officials or fighting among opposing players. A fight rule is in effect that will penalize offending team representatives (e.g. players, coaches, and trainers) for physical abuse or fighting. However, coaches must understand that they are responsible for the actions of their players. Cooperation is needed from players, coaches, administrators and game officials to prevent fighting and physical abuse.

- **FIGHTING** - Any physical abuse of an opposing player, including attempting to strike with the arms, hands, legs, feet or equipment in a combative manner.

- PITCHER INTENTIONALLY THROWING AT A BATTER - If a pitcher is ejected by an umpire for throwing at a batter, the fight rule penalty shall be enforced. If the coach has been previously warned during the contest, the coach shall also be ejected. Note- For this type of ejection, only the coach will not have been deemed as ejected for fighting.
- PHYSICAL ABUSE OF GAME OFFICIALS (UMPIRES) - Any threat of physical intimidation or harm to include pushing, shoving, kicking, throwing at or attempting to make physical contact.

PENALTY -- If a game participant (team member, player, coach, team attendant, official or college staff member) is ejected from a contest because of fighting an opposing participant, bench clearing, violation of the tobacco and substance abuse policy or intentionally throwing at a hitter the following shall be enforced Note: When the NCAA Baseball Rule Book penalty is more stringent than the COA Decorum Rule, the NCAA Rule Book will take precedence.

- For the first offense by the individual, ejection plus suspension from the team's next contest. Note: The NCAA Baseball Rule Book – Rule 5 Section 16 “Fight Rule”.
- For a second offense by an individual during the same season, ejection and suspension for the remainder of the season including post-season competition.
  - If a participant (player, coach, team attendant, official, or other college staff member) leave their position, bench, bull pen, or other designated area and participate in a fight, the individual will be suspended for the next three (3) contests.

PENALTY -- If a game participant physically abuses a game official the following shall be enforced:

- The game participant shall be ejected immediately and shall be disqualified from participating in California community college activities for 60 months.
- REPORTING -- Within 24 hours after a contest where a participant has been ejected as described above, the coach of the team shall report the names and circumstances to the athletic director who, in turn, shall immediately inform the conference commissioner & the baseball Administrative Representative for the BVC. Failure to report by a coach will result in the penalties described above. Failure to report by the athletic director may result in team forfeitures.
- After ejection, the offending individual must leave the field and dugout area immediately and is not allowed to communicate with his team or the umpires. Failure to abide by this ruling will result in the forfeiture of the game.
- Suspended personnel shall not be in uniform, allowed in any team area or perform any team duty before or during the contest.
- It is the responsibility of the institution's head coach and director of athletics to administer and enforce the suspension penalty. If a suspended player or coach is found to have participated in a game for which he was suspended, the offending team will forfeit the game.
- If the penalty occurs during the team's last game of the season, a one game suspension will be assessed at the beginning of the next official NCAA spring season.

#### Rule 3-7J - Unsportsmanlike Conduct

No coach, player or team representative shall at any time, whether from the bench, the coaches' box, on the playing field or elsewhere:

- Incite or attempt to incite, by word or sign, a demonstration by spectators;
- Call "time" or employ any other word or phrase or commit any act while the ball is in play for the obvious purpose of trying to make the pitcher balk. If a balk is committed, it shall be nullified;
- No fielder shall take a position in the batter's line of vision, and with deliberate and unsportsmanlike intent, act in a manner to distract the batter.

PENALTY -- The offender shall be ejected from the game. Each officials association will be given decorum forms to report ejections to the appropriate person in their association who will then forward these forms to the involved participants and athletic director, the administrative representative, and the conference commissioner.

NOTE:

- If there is any problem regarding this code of conduct which does not have a penalty phase, the proper protocol shall be followed:
  1. Coach to Coach
  2. Athletic Director to Athletic Director
  3. Conference Commissioner to Athletic Directors
  4. College President(s) to Conference Commissioner

**BAY VALLEY CONFERENCE**

**BASEBALL PRE-GAME SCHEDULE**

<u>GAMES</u>	<u>2:30 pm Start</u>	<u>1:00 pm Start</u>
Home Team BP	up to 1:10 pm	up to 11:40 am
Visiting Team BP	1:15-1:45 pm	11:45-12:15 pm
Home Team infield	1:50-2:05 pm	12:20-12:35 pm
Visiting Team infield	2:05-2:20 pm	12:35-12:50 pm
Field Prep/Ground Rules	2:20-2:30 pm	12:50-1:00 pm

**2:00 pm Start**

**Up to 12:40 pm  
 12:40-1:10 pm  
 1:10-1:30 pm  
 1:30-1:50 pm  
 1:50-2:00 pm**