

## **SOFTBALL**

### 7.0 GOVERNING RULES

The National Federation rules shall govern all play except whereas modified by CIF or Sac-Joaquin Section.

### 7.01 CONTACTS

The CIF Sac-Joaquin Section will determine the number of maximum allowable contacts.

### 7.02 START DATE

The start and end dates will be determined by the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section.

### 7.03 START TIME

Start time will be 3:45 pm; PST and 4:15 DST for all games.

### 7.04 PLAYER CLASSIFICATION

An athlete may, during practice games, move from one athletic classification to another but may not compete in more than one classification in one day. In league and section playoff games, the athlete shall only compete at the higher classification where he/she will remain for the duration of the season.

### 7.05 RULES OF THE SPORT

- A. The home team is responsible for reporting the final results to the Sacramento Bee.
- B. All games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- C. All game balls must be leather and bear the National Federation authenticating mark.
- D. There will be two officials for the varsity contest and one for the JV or Frosh contest, who will be behind home plate at all times.
- E. Coaches may coach bases.
- F. In case of inclement weather, which prohibits play on the home field, the home team coach or athletic director must contact their opponent no later than 11:30 am. Home team must also notify the officials.
- G. Make up league games must be arranged at the first available date in order of cancellation. Saturdays are optional. Next date open on the calendar of both schools, with an administrative veto permissible only in cases of exceptional difficulties.
- H. For Ties refer to Section By-law.

### 7.06 ALL LEAGUE AWARDS AND SELECTION PROCESS

Coaches are to meet during the week following the last league game to select the All-Conference team and the Coach of the Year with procedures to be developed by the coaches at the first meeting of the year. Sixteen (16) All Conference players will be selected, which includes player of the year.

#### 7.07 POST-SEASON QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE

All league varsity games ending in a tie and played off will be recorded as a tie in league records and a win or loss for the Sac-Joaquin Section purposes.

In case league representation to the playoffs ends in a tie, seeding will be determined by head to head competition. If the tie still exist, a single game playoff will be held at a neutral site to be determined by the league president. There must be at least one day of rest between the playoff game and the section tournament.

If this does not resolve it, the head coach and administrator from the schools involved will meet at a mutual determined meeting site, names will be placed in a "hat" and the name pulled from the "hat" will be the playoff representative.

When there are more than two teams involved, the same will happen and the names pulled from the hat will be representatives of the Metro Conference.