

ARTICLE XLI - SOFTBALL

Section A - Season

1. The start date will be determined each year by CCS.

Section B - Teams, Start of Games, and Length of Periods

1. The official teams will be Varsity and Junior Varsity.
2. Day games will start at 4:30 p.m. Night games will start at 7:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. for JV (only if these are single games).
3. The Varsity will play seven (7) innings.
 - a. All levels, Varsity, JV, and Frosh, will go a full seven (7) innings unless one team is ahead by ten (10) runs or more after five (5) innings have elapsed. At this time the game will be ended by NFHS Rule #4, Section 2, Article 2.

Section C - Contests, Scrimmages, and Tournaments

1. Contest limits, scrimmages, and tournament requirements will follow CCS guidelines and regulations.
2. We will use the League scheduling matrix and will have a 2 year cycle.
3. All postponed games will follow Article XXII, Section B:
 - a. All makeups will be played on the next available date, unless mutually agreed upon by both schools.
4. Scrimmages shall not count in the team's maximum number of contests. Teams are allowed a total of two scrimmages per season. For all other scrimmage policies, see CCS Bylaw, Article V.
5. Suspended games will follow CCS Tie-Breaker & Game Suspension Policies for Baseball:
 - a. All games called or suspended prior to 5 innings will be resumed from that exact point.
 - b. Any game called or suspended after a full five innings has been completed shall be considered a regulation contest (unless tied, then see CCS policy above).

Section D - Eligibility and Movement of Players

1. We will adhere to Article XIII of the SCCAL Constitution.
2. Article XIII, Section C & D:
 - a. Athletes can move up and down between JV and varsity the entire year, including playing against the same opponent on the same day at both levels, but with the following guidelines:
 - i. No individual athlete may exceed the CCS maximum contests allowed, understanding that playing in a JV and varsity match on the same day counts as two contacts.
 - ii. Coaches must track their student-athletes who move between JV and varsity to ensure that they do not exceed the CCS max contest limit.

- iii. Seniors may play on sub-varsity teams.

Section E - Championships and Individual Champions

1. The league champion is the team with the best record in SCCAL play.
 - a. If two teams are tied after the SCCAL regular season, and the head-to-head matchup between the tied teams cannot break the tie, then they will be declared co-champions.
 - b. If three teams are tied, they will be declared tri-champs.
2. For CCS seeding purposes, see SCCAL Automatic Qualifiers in the SCCAL Policy Section.

Section F - Officials

1. Officials from an accredited association are preferred, but not required.

Section G - Equipment and Facilities

1. The official ball will be the ball selected by CCS for the CCS playoffs.
 - a. For SCCAL contests, an NFHS approved ball must be used.
2. The field will be properly and safely groomed and lined 1 hour before the 1st pitch.

Section H - Order of Events and Scoring

1. The home team is the official book and will also be responsible for reporting scores to the media.

Section I - Medical Attention

1. See Article XXIV:
 - a. The coach of every team must have in his/her possession, or in the possession of the school's Athletic Trainer if in attendance, school-district approved medical care permits for every member of his/her team which allows for emergency medical care. This permit must be signed by the appropriate parent or guardian.

Section J - Miscellaneous

1. Current NFHS Softball Rules will be used.