

SOFTBALL BY-LAWS

I. SPORT

Softball

II. PREFACE

The softball league operates within the constitution and by-laws of the CVAC.

III. RULE BOOK

A. ASA Official Softball Rules

B. Optional rules and conditions permitted by regulation of the NYSPHAA will be considered by the Council of Athletic Directors

IV. TIME OF CONTESTS

A. Weekday contests to be played at 4:30 PM.

B. Saturday contests to be played at 11:00 AM.

NOTE: The Home team will give the visiting team use of the field twenty-five (25) minutes prior to the game starting time.

V. OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT

A. Official game balls must be specified on the “official ball” listing provided by the Council of Athletic Directors, and must meet all specifications that conform to ASA Rule Book guidelines.

B. The field markings and all other official equipment must conform to ASA Rule Book guidelines.

VI. UNIFORMS

A. As specified in the ASA Rule Book.

VII. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION

A. Athletes may move from JV to Varsity and back throughout the season as long as they do not exceed the maximum number of contests as specified by NYSPHAA.

B. Students playing in their last two (2) years of eligibility are not eligible to play on the JV team unless approved by the Council of Athletic Directors.

VIII. HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Discussion between schools regarding playability of the field must be at least two (2) hours before scheduled game time.

IX. POSTPONEMENTS & CANCELLATIONS

- A. Home schools are responsible for notifying the visiting school as early as possible before game time is a postponement is necessary.
- B. Home schools are responsible for notifying the assignor and game officials of postponements and rescheduled games.

X. OFFICIALS

- A. Officials will be assigned according to arrangements currently contracted under Section Seven.
- B. Two (2) certified officials must be used for varsity league and playoff games.
- C. JV and Modified games may be played with one certified official.

XI. TIE BREAKERS

- A. League tie breakers see CVAC general BY-Laws XXI B.

XII. DIVISIONS

- A. Teams will be divided into (2) Divisions as specified by the CVAC Council of Athletic Directors.

XIII. LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

See General By-Laws XII A.

XIV. AWARDS – Distribution

See General By-Laws XIV.

XV. ADDITIONAL

- A. GAME LINEUPS- Mandatory as specified in the ASA Rule Book.
- B. CVAC Standings: The Varsity Coach is to phone or email their team record to the sectional chairperson & CVAC chairperson.

XVI. MEETING OF COACHES

- A. A meeting will be held annually in the Spring (Mid-March) in order to review new rules, to establish scrimmage dates, and to discuss league business.
- B. The Sectional Chairperson shall be invited to attend this Spring meeting to inform the league about new state mandates in Softball.
- C. The UMPIRE ASSIGNOR AND RULES INTERPRETER shall be invited to this Spring meeting to answer any questions concerning ASA rules.
- D. A second meeting will be held postseason to review the softball season, to discuss/recommend softball business, to select CVAC All-STAR TEAM/DIVISION 1&2 to determine:
 - 1. Coach of the year

2. Ray Holmes sportsmanship team Award

XVII. METHOD OF SELECTING CVAC ALL STAR TEAMS

- A. All CVAC teams must be represented at the post season meeting to select the following:**
- 1. CVAC Outstanding pitcher, outstanding player.**
 - 2. CVAC All Star Team**
 - 3. CVAC Division I and II teams. Coaches do not vote for their own players,**
 - 4. Honorable Mention**
- NO WRITE IN VOTES ALLOWED**
- B. Each coach is allowed to nominate five (5) team players. The five (5) players will be considered for the above CVAC selections.
(WRITE-INS WILL BE ALLOWED)**
- C. All coaches will vote on the following:**
- 1. Coach of the year award.**
 - 2. Ray Holmes-Team Sportsmanship Award**
- D. The sports chairperson will forward the results to the Executive Secretary and media**

XVIII. METHOD OF REVISING BY-LAWS

See general By- Laws XVIII.