

ORANGE EMPIRE CONFERENCE BASEBALL SUPPLEMENT

Section 4.11 – Baseball

4.11 Playing Rules: The starting time for games ~~scheduled prior to daylight savings for a regular college day~~ shall be 2:00 p.m. Saturday games shall start at 12:00 noon and any game played at night will start at 7:00 p.m.

- A. The home team is to take ten (10) minutes in-field practice starting 30 minutes before game time. The visiting team is to take ten (10) minutes in-field practice followed by a ten (10) minute period for discussing ground rules.
- B. The home team is to take batting practice until one hour and fifteen minutes before game time. The visiting team is to take 30 minutes batting practice followed by the same field practice plan used in college day games. Batting practice is to take place on the diamond.
- C. In any afternoon game on a field with lights, the lights shall be turned on and used, if needed, to save the expense of rescheduling another game. *The lights shall be turned on at the beginning of the inning.*
- D. When a doubleheader is to be played, games are to be nine (9) inning contests. All doubleheaders are to start at 12:00 noon unless otherwise agreed. The same pre-game as described above is to be followed before doubleheaders. A twenty (20) minute intermission will follow the conclusion of the first game, unless otherwise agreed. No batting practice or field practice is to be allowed between games. The home team is to bat last both games of all doubleheaders. The home team will furnish balls. The methods, dates and times for replaying of rained-out or tied games shall be as per the conference schedule.

4.12 Protests/Tie Games/Halted Games

- A. All tie games will be considered as halted games.
- B. Protested games and halted games that occur early enough in the season to be made up at the original site on a regularly scheduled conference contest will be played prior to that contest. If a protested or halted game cannot be made up at the original site, it should be made up at the next regularly scheduled contest between the two teams. If no regularly scheduled contests remain between the two teams, the contest will not be played unless it has an affect on the conference final standings. Protested and halted games will be played relative to their time of occurrence.
- C. If a game is protested, the umpire-in-chief and the head coaches shall notify the Commissioner in writing and postmarked within forty-eight hours of the protest, setting forth the situation in detail with the code and rule books provision notes. Protests will be lodged to the Conference Commissioner who will consult with a higher authority and the Commissioner will make an appropriate decision. If a protest is allowed, the game will be replayed from the point where the protest was entered.

4.13 Baseball Season

- A. Maximum number of contests is 36 for 2009 only cost containment. We will go back ~~The number of contests played will return~~ to 44 when the COA lifts the cost-containment sanction. The season begins as prescribed in SAC 9.02.
- B. Maximum contests do not include Sectional, Regional and State playoffs.
- C. No non-league games may be scheduled on dates reserved for rescheduling of rained-out conference games.

4.14 **The official baseball shall be Rawlings 100 CCC or Rawlings 1 CCC.**

4.15 Rainout Procedure

- A. Rained-out games shall be played using the following schedule:
 - a. Tuesday – play Wednesdays
 - b. Thursday – Friday if umpires are available, and Monday if they are not
 - c. Saturday – play Sunday **Monday**

If make-up days are rained-out, the game shall be played on the next available day.
- B. When scheduled games are also rained-out, the earliest regularly scheduled game shall have priority on the rainout day.
- C. If the field of the home team is not available playable, the site may be switched.
- D. In case of a rainout, the officials are to be contacted immediately by the home team to determine if they can work the next date of the rainout schedule. If one can work, the game will go on and a 2nd official will be sought by the assigner. If neither can work, replacements will be sought by the assigner. If there are none available, the game will be played at the next available date the officials can be located. **THE COACH IS TO CALL THE ASSIGNER IMMEDIATELY AFTER A CALLED OR POSTPONED GAME IN ORDER TO GIVE THE ASSIGNER SOME LEAD TIME TO LOCATE OFFICIALS.**

4.16 Regional Playoff Representation

- A. Conference representative to Regional/State playoffs will be determined by the final conference standings. Where a tie exists the following criteria will be used to break a tie and determine regional representatives by Orange Empire teams.
 - 1. The individual conference series between the teams.
 - 2. If three or more teams tie, used combined wins against tied teams (~~Do not use mini tourney~~)
 - 3. Should a tie still remain, and it is not for the championship, the win-loss record against the championship team will be the determining factor.
 - 4. Should a tie still remain, the individual teams win-loss record against the next highest finishing team is considered until the tie is broken.