

## Baseball Advisory Committee

Held June 6, 2024

- 1. Recommend any pitcher unavailable to pitch in a state series round or district round shall not be eligible for said round if the contest is rescheduled for a later date. Once the district tournament schedule is set by the tournament committee, that's the schedule that will determine a pitcher's availability. (Motion passed 6-0)

### **Rationale:**

Extend the state series pitching limitation based on weather delays to the district tournament. The district tournament is an extension of the state series and should follow the same pitching limitations as the state series.

- \* 2.

Recommend turning ALL Classes into a modified double elimination postseason format. District Tournaments shall be single elimination until the Championship game. The Championship will be a best two out of three format over the course of two days. The lower seed (worse) will host Game 1 and the higher (better) seed will host game 2 (and if needed game 3) on Day 2. (See proposed Calendar)

Sectionals shall be a best two out of three format over the course of two days. The team on top of the bracket will get to host game 2 (and if needed 3) on day 2 in odd years, the team on the bottom of the bracket will get to host game 2 (and if needed 3) in even years.

Quarterfinals shall be a best two out of three format over the course of two days. The same hosting rules as years previous will apply. (Motion 4-1)

### **Rationale:**

Baseball is unique compared to any other team sport in regards to postseason due to pitching restrictions. In an effort to ensure the best most complete teams make it to Ozark, double elimination is warranted as a true measure of the best team out of their Region in the state for a particular class. In a survey of the SEMO Board District Coaches: 80% of coaches want SOME or ANY form of double elimination postseason baseball. 77% of coaches in Classes 1 – 4 want a best two out of three Sectional and Quarterfinal. 77% of Coaches want some form of double elimination District Tournament

- \* 3. Recommend the daily maximum pitch count be the same between grades 9-12. Adjusting the freshman / sophomore daily max pitches to 105 pitches from the current maximum of 95 pitches. Manual section 2. L. 2 (Motion 5-0)

### **Rationale:**

After several years of this procedure, the baseball advisory committee feels that the daily pitch count needs to be uniform across all grades 9-12.

- \* Denied
- \*\* Tabled
- \*\*\* Approved as Amended
- \*\*\*\* No Action
- All Others Approved