

WISCONSIN VALLEY CONFERENCE SOFTBALL BYLAWS

- AD IN CHARGE:** Wisconsin Rapids
- ANNUAL MEETING DATE:** The annual meeting will take place at the DC Everest IMC- 7:00pm on the Monday prior to the start of Regionals (Week #46), except in the years where Monday is Memorial Day. In that case the meeting will take place on the Wednesday after Memorial Day (12/19). If there is a need to change this meeting, the AD in charge will notify all coaches and ADs.
- PARTICIPATING TEAMS:** DC Everest, Marshfield, Merrill, Stevens Point, Wausau East, Wausau West, Wisconsin Rapids
- SCHEDULE FORMAT:** A double-round robin conference schedule will be played. (12/11)
- When games need to be re-scheduled because of weather related issues, schools should: (12/08)
- Flip-flop Home & Away sites if weather and/or the playing field is acceptable at the Away location.
 - Contests should be made up on the next available date. Note- 'next available date' means the first date when no conflicting school events i.e. concerts, awards program, other WVC games in that sport... are scheduled.
- TIME(S)** Varsity games begin at 4:30. (12/13) Home team (15 minute) warm-up at 35 minutes before the game, followed by visiting team (15 min) and 5 minutes before the national anthem, line-ups, etc. (12/03)
- Exceptions for double-headers, field conditions, lights, non-school diamonds... may require earlier or later starting times. (12/12)
- SITE DETAILS:** NA
- UNIFORM/ EQUIPMENT:** NA
- GAME RESULTS:** The home team shall: a) contact local paper and area TV media (7, 9, 12) following the game b), send all game results to the conference statistician. *Note it is required that the coaches or team statisticians go over the scorebook following the game. The home team's scorebook will be the official scorebook and will be used for the conference statistics.
- OFFICIALS:** The conference commissioner contracts the umpires and notifies the schools of the officiating assignments for the approved schedule as of the prior year June 1.
- ROSTERS:** Each coach/school is to send out a team roster to all W.V.C. schools or post their current roster in rSchool.
- TOURNAMENT DETAILS:** NA
- CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP:** Each school to be eligible for championship consideration must play the schedule as adopted. Conference Champions shall be determined by the final WVC win-loss record.
- ALL CONFERENCE SELECTION** All-conference softball teams will be chosen annually:
- Nominations for ALL (except VFA football) sports are due one week prior to the respective coaches meeting. A player may only be nominated a one position. (12/13) The commissioner will then send out a composite ballot containing all nominees.
 - Coaches have the flexibility to move a nominated player to another position on the ballot prior to any voting. (12/16)
 - At the meeting each coach will discuss their own nominees; may delete but not add players.
 - Utility Player is a separate position, as defined by the All-State criteria of playing at least 25% of innings at a position other than their primary position or be a 'Designated Player'. (12/12)
 - Coaches will fill out a ballot after all discussions are complete
 - The AD or group facilitator will read aloud each school's 1st and 2nd team selections openly.
 - Ties, if they exist, for the 1st and 2nd team broken by the greater number of 1st Place votes received. If a tie still remains, additional medals will be awarded. Unbroken ties for 1st team will appropriately reduce the number of 2nd Team selections.
 - Any nominee receiving 2+ votes but not enough points for 1st or 2nd Team, shall be awarded Honorable Mention After the voting results are tabulated, each coach may add one Honorable Mention player provided that nominee has received less than two votes. (12/13) If the coach has no nominees left on the ballot, that coach may add one player to the HM list. (12/15)
 - Any individual conference award is subject to the school's discretion.
- PLAYER/COACH OF THE YEAR:** A Player and/or Coach of the Year award may be chosen by the coaches using any agreed upon criteria. The Player of the Year must be a 1st Team selection.
- FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF WVC:** Awards- Team trophy (ies), All-Conference medals (1st and 2nd Team) and All-Conference Certificates (1st/2nd team plus Honorable Mention).
- PERTINENT INFO:** W.I.A.A. rules and regulations will govern competition. (See W.I.A.A. Handbook)