

WISCONSIN VALLEY CONFERENCE BASEBALL BYLAWS

AD IN CHARGE: Stevens Point

ANNUAL MEETING DATE: The annual meeting will be at the DC Everest IMC on the Wednesday after the conference season is completed- 6:30pm (Week #48). If a team is playing on that Wednesday, the meeting will be moved to the following Monday. 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 round-robin conference schedule will be played with sites reversed each year. (12/05) Beginning with the 2015 schedule, teams will be scheduled on Tuesdays/Thursdays, Home and Away against the same opponent. Provided sites are available, cancelled Tuesday games will be played as double-headers on Thursday (12/13). Before May 1, cancelled Thursday games will be played on the next 2 available dates; after May 1, a double-header will be scheduled on the next available date. (12/17) Note: non-conference games scheduled for a Friday may get bumped by postponed WVC games. If double-headers are needed on Thursday, the Tuesday umpires will lose a game because the Thursday umps will be asked to ref the double-header; if on a Friday, the Thursday then Tuesday umps will be offered the game(s).

When games need to be re-scheduled because of weather related issues, schools should: (12/08)

a. Flip-flop Home & Away sites if weather and/or the playing field is acceptable at the Away location.

b. 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 5:00pm. (12/23) 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)

LINEUP CARDS: Shall be exchanged by coaches prior to the Home team taking infield (except for 2nd game of DH) (6/22)

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 and pitch counts following the game. The home team's scorebook will be the official scorebook and will be used for the conference statistics. WVC stats on the conference website will be password protected. (12/12)

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.

Conference Stats Leaderboard To be eligible, the Plate Appearances (PA) per game will be 2.0 for each player. (6/22)

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 baseball teams will be chosen annually:

a. Nominations are due one week prior to the respective coaches meeting. The commissioner will then send out a composite ballot containing all nominees.

Nominees will be separated into two categories:

(1) **Position player** (includes utility, catcher and designated hitter)

(2) **Pitcher**

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- Nominees can be deleted from ballot at meeting, but no nominees added at meeting.
- *A player may be nominated as both a position player and a pitcher.*
- Any player receiving points that is not on 1st or 2nd team, shall be awarded Honorable Mention. If a school did not receive any all conference players, they may select one HM player from their list of nominees.(12/23)

POSITION PLAYER VOTING:

- There will be nine (9) first-team all-conference position players selected.
- There will be nine (9) second-team all-conference position players selected.

Voting will be on a 16 points to 1 point value for position players. A coach may not vote for own players. Coaches will rank nominees from opposing schools from 16 to 1 with 16 points being awarded to player they feel is best position player in conference.

Coaches will have a couple of minutes to talk about each of their nominated position players.

Coaches will read their point value ranking for players aloud to the AD/admin leading the meeting and a composite total will be kept for each nominee.

1st team All-Conference will be Top 9 highest point totals.

If a tie for 9th spot, first tiebreaker is the highest single point value awarded. Second tiebreaker is number of times that highest point value is awarded. Third tiebreaker is next highest single point value awarded. Any player earning 8+ pts from all coaches is unanimous.

2nd team All-Conference will be 2nd 9 highest point totals.

If a tie for 9th spot, first tiebreaker is the highest single point value awarded. Second tiebreaker is number of times that highest point value is awarded. Third tiebreaker is next highest single point value awarded.

PITCHER VOTING:

- There will be two (2) first-team all-conference pitchers selected.
- There will be two (2) second-team all-conference pitchers selected.

Voting will be 5 points to 1 point value for pitchers. A coach may not vote for own players. Coaches will rank nominees from opposing schools from 5 to 1 with 5 points being awarded to pitcher they feel is the best pitcher in the conference. Any players earning 4+ pts from all coaches is unanimous.

Coaches will have a couple of minutes to talk about their nominated pitcher(s).

Coaches will read their awarded point values aloud to the AD/admin leading the meeting and a composite total will be kept for each nominee.

1st team All-Conference will be Top two highest point totals. If a tie for 2nd spot, first tiebreaker is the highest single point value awarded. Second tiebreaker is number of times that highest point value is awarded. Third tiebreaker is next highest single point value awarded. Any pitcher earning 4+ pts from all coaches is unanimous.

2nd team All-Conference will be 2nd two highest point totals. If a tie for 4th spot, first tiebreaker is the highest single point value awarded. Second tiebreaker is number of times that highest point value is awarded. Third tiebreaker is next highest single point value awarded.

PLAYER/COACH OF THE YEAR:

From the 1st Team All-Conference players, a coach may nominate a player or players individually for Conference Player of the Year. A single vote by each coach (one vote per school) will determine the Player of the Year. Coaches may not vote for their own players. Recommended criteria for Player of the Year nomination include athletic performance (honors, statistics, contributions to team's success) and character (sportsmanship, leadership, conduct). Player of the Year is a separate ballot after all other all-conference selections have been completed.

Coach of nominated player(s) will have a minute to talk about nominated player(s).

Coaches will vote via paper ballot or by vocal vote. If choosing a paper ballot, they will read their vote aloud for Player of the Year.

If a tie for Conference Player of the Year votes, then Co-Players of the Year will be awarded.

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)