
SECTION IX SOFTBALL

TO: SECTION IX ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
SECTION IX EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: STATE SOFTBALL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

DATE: 11/28/2011

The following are items of interest from the NY State Softball Committee teleconference held on November 9, 2011:

1. The NY State Softball Committee voted in favor of the Class D Regional Realignment proposal detailed on page 2. It will be presented to the Championship Advisory Committee on 1/12/12 and possibly to the Executive Committee on 1/24/12. It could go into effect as early as the 2012 State Tournament.
2. In May 2011 the Executive Committee approved a proposal to allow the Modified softball pitching distance to be 43 feet *with Section approval* (it is currently 40 feet). An alternate scoring procedure for innings 1-6 (5 runs or 3 outs, whichever occurs first) and a regulation 7th inning can also be played *with Section approval*. I recommend that we survey our softball coaches, discuss the changes on the League level, and then vote on each as a Section prior to the start of the 2012 Modified season.
3. There was much discussion about the improvement of bat technology and how it impacts the safety of the players. Please have your coaches fill out the survey on the Section IX website concerning facemasks and mouthpieces.

Proposed Class D Regional Format Realignment - submitted by Ralph Cross
(Section 7)

2012

Day 1

Section 1 vs. Section 8 (played @ Section 9)

Section 9 vs. Section 11 (played @ Section 9)

Section 1/8 winner vs. Section 9/11 winner (played @ Section 9)

Day 2

Section 1/8/9/11 winner @ Section 4

Section 3 @ Section 10

Section 2 @ Section 7

Section 6 @ Section 5

Objective: Eliminating the automatic bye to the state tournament that has been occurring for Section 9.

Sections 1/8/9/11 currently play a doubleheader system for regionals in Class B and C.

Recently there have been 0 teams participating in Class D in Sections 1,8,and 11 so the need for the day one doubleheader has not been there. This would basically just set up a 4 vs. 9 regional. The result is 4 two team regionals instead of the current 1,2,and 3 team set-up.

According to data from NYSPHSSA website the number of schools in the proposed regional match-ups:

1/4/8/9/11 = 27, 3/10 = 26, 2/7 = 23, 5/6 = 34 a nice balance

I chose Sections 4,6,7, and 10 as hosts for 2012 because they did not host regional finals in 2011. *****

In subsequent years the host for the 1/8/9/11 (Day 1) would rotate among the four sections. The day 2 hosts would rotate each year.

Additional rationale and information from Cathy

After asking for any D's in 1-8-11- Tony and Jim have indicated there were none- therefore just the 4-9 bracket would be necessary. We could make a sub-regional bracket to have in place in the event one of these sections should have a D in the future.

Geographically this makes sense- since most of the D schools in 4 and 9 border each other in their respective sections. Also, since 4 and 9 already play each other in the AA and A classes having the same set up for the D's is logical.

****If agreed upon the actual rotation could be adjusted to fit existing regional schedules so there isn't an over load. Sections 5 and 6 already play each other and the schedule is set so we will not have to adjust that one.