

500 BASEBALL

510 Dates/Divisions (2023-24 is the second year of the new draw)

- 511 Earliest Day for Practice: March 18, 2024
- 512 Earliest Day for First Game: March 26, 2024
- 513 Regionals (DI): May 28 & 30, 2024
- 514 Sectionals: June 4, 2024
- 515 State: June 10, 11, 12 & 13, 2024
- 516 End of Season Meeting: Sunday, June 2, 2024 @ 6pm (BEHS)
- 517 GMC Conference Tournament: No Tournament for the 2024 season

520 Schedules

- 521 All Baseball schedules shall be drawn up by the person or persons appointed by the Athletic Director assigned to Baseball and must be approved by the Athletic Directors.
 - 521.1 GMC season will consist of double round robin regular conference season.
 - 521.2 Beginning in the 2025 Varsity GMC Baseball season, the GMC schedule will consist of a weekly 2-game series (home/home) against the same opponent.
- 522 Starting times for games will be:
 - Varsity – 4:30pm prior to 5/1; 5:00pm 5/1 and after
 - JV – 4:30pm prior to 5/1; 5:00pm 5/1 and after
 - JV2 – 4:30pm prior to 5/1; 5:00pm 5/1 and after
- 523 The Varsity shall play a maximum of 26 games.
- 524 In the event that a game is to be cancelled, the home team should notify the visiting team and the assigned umpires as soon as possible. The umpires should be asked if they are available to work the make-up. Then for Varsity games, notify Brian Henson (414-525-1028 or commish@greatermetroconference.com) of the rainout, date rescheduled and availability of umpires for the makeup game.

525 Postponed varsity games are to be rescheduled for the next mutually available weekday date. If no mutually available weekday date exists, two options are available 1) mutually agreed upon Saturday date or, 2) conference games will take priority over non-conference games. If the home team cannot host, the visiting team has the option of hosting on the makeup date.

525.1 Make-up games may be schedule as doubleheaders. (Non-varsity doubleheaders may be 5 innings each).

526 All Varsity/JV conference games must be played and/or made-up.

527 Any cancellations and/or mix-ups in schedules that affect the conference standings will be decided by the executive committee.

528 Conference schedules should be adhered to, however, when other school events interfere, games may be changed by mutual consent.

530 Regulations

531 Baseball shall be played under the rules and regulations of the sport as listed in the current WIAA Handbook and Spring Sports Regulations, except as stated in these By-Laws.

532 JV2 teams are to be made up of 9th/10th graders only. Junior Varsity teams are to be made up of 9th, 10th or 11th graders. Varsity teams may consist of 9th -12th graders.

533 A student may not participate in more than 26 games, but a student who participates at multiple levels on the same day playing in one inning of a varsity game or three innings of a sub-varsity game does not count toward the maximum number of games.

534 As a general policy, undue emphasis shall not be placed upon JV2 or JV competition.

540 Contest Guidelines

541 The visiting team shall get the field **25 minutes** prior to game time.

542 The home team shall furnish two (2) WIAA certified umpires.

543 The home score book is the official book. At the conclusion of the game, both coaches should check to make sure the books agree. After each contest, the winning team will phone in the results of the game to the Journal-Sentinel.

- 544 The first and third base coaches at the Varsity level must be in team uniform.
- 545 The home team shall provide four (4) new "Top Line" baseballs at the Varsity level. (Varsity: Diamond D1 Pro NFHS, any NFHS certified baseball for sub-varsity).
- 546 The WIAA ten-run rule will be followed at all conference levels.
- 547 If the home team needs to travel to the opponent's field, there will NOT be a home / away flip for the following match-up; the next scheduled match-up will remain as is on the schedule. The HOME team shall pay the officials and provide the baseballs (NOT the HOST). For JV & JV2 Saturday triangulars, the host school will pay for the umpires and provide all the game balls.
- 548 JV and JV2 games will have a maximum two-hour time limit. No new inning may be started once the two-hour time limit for sub-varsity games has elapsed, regardless of the number of innings played. If the score is a tie, that will be a final score.

550 Awards

- 551 A Conference Tournament Championship Bar, a Conference Championship Bar, and individual awards shall be made in accordance with the Awards By-Laws. The All-Conference Awards will be 15 gold medals, 15 silver medals, Honorable Mention Certificates and one Athlete of the Year plaque.

560 All-Conference Selection Process

- 561 The Baseball end of season meeting is held after the conference tournament. The Athletic Director in charge of Baseball will chair the end of season meeting. Voting is to be done by each school's Varsity head coach or his/her designee.
- 562 The All-Conference Baseball Team shall consist of a First and Second Team each comprised of (numbers represent the minimum number that must be awarded all-conference at each position with 4 Flex positions):
- 2 pitchers
 - 1 catcher
 - 4 infielders
 - 3 outfielders
 - 1 utility player
 - (4 Flex position)

562.1 If 75% of all coaches present agree to adjust positions for a given year, it may be done, keeping the All-Conference Teams total at 15 each.

563 A utility player is defined as a player nominated for playing two defensive positions.

564 The "Flex position" category for voting is for a player that does not meet the utility player definition but allows for when there are many deserving players at one position, **that** did not make the All-GMC team.

564.1 Coaches can decide to nominate players under the utility and/or Flex position, or save the vote until all the other categories have been selected. This allows for voting of players at either position who did not make First or Second team under the main positions of pitcher, catcher, infield, or outfield.

565 Each team will pre-nominate its players, by position. Players who have been designated by their teams, are eligible to be put up for nomination.

566 All-Conference Voting Procedure:

1. Each head coach must fill out an all-conference ballot.
2. Coaches may not nominate their own players.
3. After all ballots are collected, the results are posted for all coaches to see.
4. First- and second-team All-Conference players are selected from the total number of votes a player receives.
5. Each position is done separately. For example, the results of the voting for pitcher are done first, then catcher, etc.
6. There is no need for discussion of players. However, if a coach feels that one of his players was omitted from the nominations, he then must plead his case by presenting evidence why his player should have been nominated. This must be done before the votes for the next position are counted.
7. If the majority of coaches vote to add the player, the player will be added and a revote would be done. It must be noted, however, that although it is possible, it is not likely that an all-conference caliber player would not be nominated by at least one coach.
8. Players not selected to either the First- or Second-Team All-Conference teams are honorable mention as they received two or more votes when their name was listed on a ballot.

Notes on this All-Conference Voting Procedure:

1. Saves time. The meeting should take less than half the time it has in the past.
2. This gives us the best chance to select those players deserving of all-conference honors. Coaches know who the best players in the league are after playing each team twice, and some teams more than that. If you have an all-conference player, he should be included on the coaches' ballots.
3. Parents can't accuse you of not nominating their son.
4. It should mean more to the players knowing that they were nominated by opposing coaches.
5. This format of not nominating or voting for your own players is used by the Big Ten and other college conferences.

567 Coaches would mark a 3 for First Team on their tally sheet, and a 1 for the Second Team. These scores are combined for each position player, and utility / discretionary if nominated.

Discussion, if needed, will follow the final tally for each position. In the case of ties, there will be a vote taken with the coaches of the players involved not voting.

568 An "Athlete of the Year" will be selected from the All-Conference Baseball Team choices, by a simple majority vote. If coaches are unable to select one Athlete of the Year after three voting attempts, ties will be broken by the Athletic Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting. Any Athletic code violation of an athlete in that school year makes an athlete ineligible for the award.

569 Coaches will nominate and select a "Coach of the Year" and an "Assistant Coach of the Year" at the end of season meeting. The selections will be by a simple majority vote. If the coaches are unable to select one "Coach of the Year" and one "Assistant Coach of the Year," ties will be broken by the Athletic Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting.