

2014 State Baseball Coaches meeting minutes

5-31-2014

Mandan Memorial Field

Coaches present: Mike Gustavsson(Bismarck Century), Kent Schweigert(Bismarck Century), Brett Peterson(West Fargo), Jim Patton(Bismarck), Jeff Fiechtner(Fargo North), Pete Dobitz(Dickinson), Reid Flaagen(St. Mary's), Mark Varriano(Grand Forks Red River), Kyle Beckstead(Grand Forks Central), Dewitt Mack(Mandan)

- discussed East and West JV tourney
 - shared ideas about how tourney's are run
- discussed wood bats/metal bats
 - consensus that wood bats are good for the game
- discussed game time temperature cancellations
 - East is cancelling games if wind chill is below 40°F
- discussed game times for state tourney
 - **recommendation – rearrange the brackets for the state tourney so the teams that plays the last game of Thursday evening will not have to play the first game on Friday.**
 - **rationale – last game could be very late due to delays(extra innings, weather, ...).**
 - **rationale – teams traveling to tourney site each day could end up with very little rest due to delays**
 - **rationale – safety of athletes if last game ends late**
 - **rationale – easy to adjust schedule/game times prior to the tourney in order to ensure teams playing last game Thursday will not play first game on Friday. Host team would still play last game on Thursday evening.**
- discussed selection process for choosing umpires for state tourney
 - **recommendation - umpires must have worked at least two varsity double headers during the regular season in order to work state tourney games.**
 - **rationale – ensures that umpires that are working state tourney games are accustomed to the level of play.**
 - **rationale – rewards the umpires that are working the regular season games.**

- rationale – allows for collaboration/learning to take place between umpires, coaches and athletes.

- recommendation – umpires will be selected during the state coaches meeting for the following years state tourney.

- rationale – umpires selected for state tourney not being recommended by majority of coaches.

- rationale – allows for coaches to collaborate rather than pick from a list.