

2016 ND State A Baseball Coaches Meeting
June 3, 2016
Jamestown High School

Present: Dewitt Mack, Jeff Fiechtner, Kelly Kessler, Jim Patton, Donn Bryant, Kent Schweigert, Mike Gustavsson, Brett Peterson, Pete Dobitz, Joel Swanson, Hans Anderson, Aaron Finders

1. Discussed by East coaches that when the state tournament is in the Fargo area that they recommend the tournament be played at West Fargo's field rather than Newman field. Coaches were in consensus.
2. Jeff F. encouraged coach to present at NDHSCA convention and also attend convention.
3. Discussed wood vs. metal bats
 - west favors wood 5-4
 - East favors wood 6-3
 - Coaches recommend wood bats for 2017 season.
4. Discussed the idea of pitch count
 - coaches felt there isn't or hasn't been any problems with current pitching limits
 - No need to explore this any further at this time
5. Discussed umpire accountability
 - no method for coaches to evaluate umpires to help them improve
 - some umpires need more training and experience before they are allowed to umpire varsity games
 - encourage NDHSAA to come up with a better way to evaluate umpires
 - Donn Bryant will continue to explore more possibilities
6. Jim Roaldson inquired about coaches feelings concerning combined class A baseball and softball in same city at same time
 - baseball coaches had no opinion