message from the dugout:

A few reminders as the baseball regular season comes to an end and we gear up for the post season, all-district selection meetings, and the all-star series:

1) Check the schedule for the time and place of your All-District meetings in each class.

2) The 2017 All-Star Series will be held in Des Moines on August 3-6. Games during the four day series will be played at Johnston and Waukee High Schools home fields. Please attend and enjoy!

3) Reminder - coaches are needed for the All-State player selection meetings, which take place during the All-Star Series in Des Moines on Friday, August 4th at 7:00 pm. The All-State player selection meetings will be held at Principal Park. You can sign-up for the All-State selection meetings at your All-District meetings. We will need two coaches per district.

4) We have had another great response towards our 8th annual Junior Showcase. A big "Thank you" to everyone involved with the showcase. Registration deadline was June 31. Contact Devin Schwiesow if you have questions. This years showcase will again be held at SE Polk High School baseball field on Sunday, July 30th, starting at 9:00 am.

5) Don’t forget! To attend your All-District meeting, you must be a current 2017 association member. If you have not yet renewed your membership for this year, you still have time to do so. If you decide to pay at your all-district meeting, you will need to pay for not only this current membership year, but also for next years membership. So, it will cost you $60 at the meeting for this year and the next year’s membership. This is an association policy.

6) FYI - the guidelines used for selecting players at the All-District meetings are found on the next page in this newsletter.
All-District priorities to follow during your July meetings:

Dates: 1A and 2A meetings - July 9th at 1:00 pm
3A and 4A meetings - July 16th at 1:00 pm

Nomination priorities to follow while selecting your All-District teams:

1) Nomination of a player must be made by his coach (Head, Assistant, AD)
2) Coach/school must be a current member of the IHSBCA
3) Coach/AD must be in attendance at the district meeting to nominate player
4) Year in school of player
5) Previous All-District and/or All-State honors
6) Look at the “degree of difficulty” of the players team schedule/record
7) Player must have played in 65% of regular season to be nominated (take into account injuries and if player is MLB Drafted and leaves)

Other suggestions to keep in mind:

1) Nominations will be taken from the floor for each position. A player must have over 50% of the votes to be selected for each team. (Approved March 11, 1989).
2) Use regular season stats only! No post-season tournament stats.
3) Each school gets one vote, per position/player. Coaches should be prepared to show 2016-2017 membership card or school should be checked-off the membership list in order to vote. If coach is not a member of the Association, coach must join immediately before meeting begins and pay for this remaining year and next year’s dues; which will be $60.00, (2016-2017 and 2017-2018). Annual dues for membership are $30 for one year, (September thru August).
4) Majority vote rule in place for each position chosen at All-District meeting.
5) A Utility player must have played at more than one position. Example: Pitcher/SS, SS/Catcher, Outfielder/Pitcher, Catcher/First baseman. (Player must have played in at least 20% of those games at that second position!)
6) Make sure a third/second baseman has played those positions for the majority of the season! (Don’t allow a shortstop, who has played very little third or second, move over and take that position away from a regular third or second baseman because they did not make it at “SS” when voting was completed for that position.)
7) There are NO ties. Only select the number of players as there are lines for on the roster sheets according to the % of schools attending the meeting. Continue voting until all ties are resolved, (Approved February 2006.) Consider the above priorities if a tie continues to occur after a number of voting sessions.
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ALL-DISTRICT MEETING SITES:

**Northwest District:**
- Sunday, July 9, 2017 – 1:00pm
  - 1A @ Cherokee HS – Rob Meister
  - 2A @ Cherokee HS - Dan Wendel

**Southwest District:**
- Sunday, July 9, 2017 – 1:00pm
  - 1A @ M-St. M HS – Jon Fitzpatrick
  - 2A @ Underwood HS - Andy VanFossan

**Central District:**
- Sunday, July 9, 2017 – 1:00pm
  - 1A @ Granger Elem. – Dan Kopriva
  - 2A @ Granger Elem. – Eric Evans

- Sunday, July 16, 2017 – 1:00pm
  - 3A @ Saydel HS – JR Gebhart
  - 4A N @ Ankeny HS – Steve Hanson
  - 4A S @ Ankeny HS – Scott Belger

**West District:**
- Sunday, July 16, 2017 – 1:00pm
  - 3ANW @ LeMars HS- Trent Eckstaine
  - 3ASW @ ADM HS – Chad Wiedmann
  - 4A @ Lewis Central MS - Lee Toole

**Northeast District:**
- Sunday, July 9, 2017 – 1:00pm
  - 1A @ Jesup HS – Aaron Hamann
  - 2A @ Jesup HS – Bruce Wall

- Sunday, July 16, 2017 – 1:00pm
  - 3A @ Manchester HS – Nate Lahr
  - Thursday, July 13, 2017 - 11:00am
  - 4A @ CR Jefferson HS – Bret Hoyer

**Southeast District:**
- Sunday, July 9, 2017 – 1:00pm
  - 1A @ Sigourney HS – Kevin Kelderman
  - 2A @ West Branch HS – Jake Souhrada

- Sunday, July 16, 2017 – 1:00pm
  - 3A @ Washington HS – Keith McSweeney
  - 4A @ Muscatine HS - Jay Fitzgerald

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**ALL-STAR SERIES INFO**

**August 3 thru 6 - Des Moines**

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**2017 ALL-STAR COACHES:**

Congratulations to these 12 coaches who have been selected to coach in the 41st Annual All-Star Series this August in Mason City:

- Large Schools East:
  - Chad Ledner - Linn-Mar (Head Coach)
  - Kevin Cunningham - Clinton
  - Tyler Downing - Charles City

- Small Schools East:
  - Dan Hovden - North Fayette Valley (Head Coach)
  - Kory Tucsher - Wahlert
  - Dan Kopriva - North Tama

- Large Schools West:
  - Chris Miller - DM Roosevelt (Head Coach)
  - Mark Roering - Dowling
  - Brett Elam - CB Lincoln

- Small Schools West:
  - JR Gebhart - Saydel (Head Coach)
  - Frank Sefrit - Bedford
  - Dan Wendel - Alta-Aurelia

Coaches are selected by the Steering Committee. If interested, nomination forms can be found on the website. Coaches needed for the 2018 All-Star Series will be selected at the 2018 January clinic in Cedar Rapids.

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**FUTURE ALL-STAR SERIES:**

The following locations have been set for future Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star series. In 2018, the series will be in Iowa City and in 2018, we will be in Carroll.

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**ALL-STATE SELECTION COMMITTEE:**

The All-State Selection Committee will be chosen at the District Meetings. If you are interested, please volunteer at your District Meeting.

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**ALL-STAR SQUAD REGULATIONS:**

Each squad will consist of 16 players:

- (2 catchers, 4 pitchers, 5 infielders, 4 outfielders and 1 utility).

**PLAYER SELECTION:**

First priority:
- Coach's recommendation

Second priority:
- All District Team

Third priority:
- Coach is a member of the association.

**RULES:**

1. All players chosen must play.
2. The pitchers can pitch a full game.
3. Saturday’s games will be 9 innings. All other games will be 7 inning games, unless extra innings are needed.
4. If needed, a tie breaker system is in place for the Sunday Championship games. Will be announced before Sunday’s games.

Example: Head to Head competition, most runs scored, least runs given up, most hits, least hits given up. All of the examples can be given points. The two teams with the most points will play for 1st place. This system will give more boys an opportunity to play and show what they can do. We will not restrict a pitcher on amount of innings he can pitch in one day.

*Players who do not make the All-District Teams will still be eligible to play in the Series.

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**2017 ALL-STAR SERIES IN DES MOINES, AUGUST 3-6:**

The 41st Annual All-Star Series games will be held in Des Moines this summer. Games will be played at Johnston and Waukee HS baseball fields. Coaches need to nominate their deserving senior players by filling out an All-Star Series form found in this newsletter or on the website. Please enclose a photo of your player, along with as much information as possible to give those coaches selecting the teams the best opportunity to select our best high school players.

The Board of Directors passed a policy that any player or coach selected to participate in the All-Star Series must have a minimum sponsorship fee of $225.00. More always helps defray the cost of the series. It will be the high school coach’s responsibility to help their players get sponsorships for the All-Star Series. This policy is necessary in order to offset the cost of putting on the All-Star Series. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your district representative or an officer for further explanation. Please have sponsorship fees paid and sponsorship names turned into the Executive Director no later than August 2nd if your player is selected.

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**REVISED CLASSIFICATION FOR LARGE SCHOOL SQUADS**

(School enrollment figures were taken from the IHSAA website, 2015-2016 BEDS document, for the 2016-2017 school year classifications)


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