

Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

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1978 BASEBALL SEASON: The 1978 baseball season is in full swing with most teams in the middle of their conference play and looking forward to state tournament play. A large number of coaches are sending in their results to the Des Moines Register and local papers. I would like to see all the games called into the Register so the coaches and people can see the scores and who is winning. Register phone number 1-800-362-1830. You owe it to your conference and players to call in yours scores.

MEMBERSHIP: The Association membership again went over the goal. We have achieved our goals every year for the past 10 years. If there is a new coach in your league or area who is not a member, mention the Association to him and explain what we are trying to do for baseball in the State of Iowa. Remind him of the District Meetings which will be held the week-ends of July 15-16 and July 22-23. Mentioned the All-Star Games in Iowa City August 12-13.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN: President Al Seabrook, Valley of Elgin appointed the District Chairmen for the All District Team selection and conducting the District business meetings that will be held in the five districts throughout Iowa. They are: Northeast District: Al Seabrooke, Valley of Elgin 319-426-5678; Southeast District: Class A, Ron Welch, Eddyville, 5-5-969-4780; Class AA, Steve Duncan, Muscatine, 319-264-2445; Central District: Dave Posegate, Ames, 515-292-4519; Northwest District: Class A & AA, Stu McCord, Box 12, Lawton, 712-944-5202; Southwest District: Joel Franken, Denison, 712-263-3864.

THE FOLLOWING DATES HAVE BEEN SET FOR THE MEETINGS:

NORTHWEST DISTRICT: Sat. July 15, 10:00 a.m. Storm Lake, St. Mary's
Class AA Sat. July 22, 10:00 a.m. Storm Lake High School

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT: Sat. July 15, 10:00 a.m. Avoca High School
Class AA Sat. July 22, 10:00 a.m. Avoca High School

CENTRAL DISTRICT: Sun. July 16, 2:00 p.m. Ames High School
Class AA Sat. July 22, 10:00 a.m. Ames High School

NOTHEAST DISTRICT: Sun. July 16, 1:00 p.m. Valley of Elgin High School
Class AA Sun. July 23, 1:00 p.m. Valley of Elgin High School

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT: Sun. July 16, 1:00 p.m. Washington High School
Class AA Sun. July 23, 1:00 p.m. Washington High School

DISTRICT MEETING AGENDA: The following topics will be discussed at your district meetings. Please make every effort to attend.

- (1) District Coach of the Year Nominations--Nominate Five
- (2) All District Teams selection Two A Teams & Two AA Teams
- (3) Media Person Nomination (One from each District)
- (4) Three Classes for summer baseball
- (5) Recommendations for Board of Directors to consider at the Fall Meeting.

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES: Would the conference representatives please send in the results of the league standing at the close of your conference play. Also send in the name of the conference champs coach. I would appreciate the games won and lost by all teams in your conference. The conference representative should also represent his conference in the District Meetings. We need your input, please take the time to fulfill this obligation.

FOR SALE: The Association has a number of items for sale to coaches. 1/ Folders set \$13.00; 2/ Bumper stickers 50¢ each; 3/ Plaques for certificates \$13.00; 4/ Pen's with logo \$ 3.50; 5/ Coffee Mugs with logo, \$ 1.50. 6/ Clinic tapes \$ 3.00 each.

SCHEDULE FOR ALL DISTRICT TEAMS SELECTION: 1/ Ballots out to coaches by July 1; 2/ Ballots back to Executive Secretary by July 11 Class A and July 18 Class AA; 3/ District teams selection Class A July 15-16 and Class AA July 22-23; 4/ District teams released to press August 2ed at 12:00 noon.

ALL DISTRICT BALLOT: Enclosed you will find your All District Ballot. Please fill it out and send it back before July 11 the Class A Ballot and July 18 for the Class AA Ballot. You may vote for any boy who you feel is deserving of All District and All Star Game. If your team plays in more than one district, vote for the boys on the back of the ballot who are not in your district. Their names will be forwarded to the District in which they belong. Please give as much information as possible on any boy you nominate. This will be very much appreciated by the selection committee.

All District Priorities: This is the list of priorities that the committees will follow in selection of All District Teams.

- 1/ Number of votes for nominated candidates (total)
- 2/ Nomination of player by own coach
- 3/ Degree of difficulty of schedule
- 4/ Any previous All-State recognition
- 5/ Any previous All-District recognition
- 6/ Nomination from floor by nomination committee
- 7/ Year in school by the player
- 8/ Coach is member of Baseball Association.

Four other suggestions for District Chairman to follow.

- 1/ Majority vote of committee members present for each position chosen at All-District meeting.
- 2/ Use seasonal batting averages only--not conference averages.'
- 3/ All District Chairman contact coach of player nominated 5 times and ask why player was not nominated by own coach.
- 4/ Conference Representatives attend All District meeting.
- 5/ Each school gets'1 vote at District meeting.

DISTRICT COACH OF YEAR NOMINATION: We would like for all to nominate a District Coach from your district. He should be a coach who is deserving of the honor for his work on and off the field of baseball. He must be a coach with a least two years at his present school. Each District nominates five!

HALL OF FAME NOMINATION: Check over the rules you must follow to nominate someone you feel is deserving of Hall of Fame honors. Please read these rules over and nominate according to the guidelines set forth by the Hall of Fame Committee. Enclosed you can find a Hall of Fame nomination sheet. Please fill out and return to Bill Freese, Chairman of Hall of Fame Committee, Davenport Central High School, Davenport, Iowa.

BASEBALL RATING POLL: The Des Moines Register is conducting a rating of the baseball teams in Iowa once again. This is the fifth year for the rating poll. This rating is getting the backing of the Association. Call your scores in so the coaches doing the rating can get a good look at the scores across the state. The coaches doing the rating are listed in the news letter. Call any of the committee if you feel your team deserves a vote.

School Coaches doing the rating: Northwest District: Emmetsburg, Algona, Remsen, St. Mary's, Galva; Southwest District: Lewis Central, Denison, Jefferson, Interstate 35; Central District: Neavda, Johnson, D.M. Hoover, Ackley-Geneva; Northeast District: Charles City; Frederickburg; Norway, Hempstead; Southeast District: Burlington, Eddyville, Muscatine, Tipton. Thanks to the above committee for their time and responsibility.

1979 ELEVENTH ANNUAL CLINIC: The Eleventh Annual Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Clinic will be held March 9 and 10th, at Washington High School, Cedar Rapids. Some outstanding speakers have already been lined up.

MEL DIDIER: Director of Minor League Clubs and Scouting for the Seattle Mariners will be one of the outstanding speakers at next year clinic. Mel is one of the nations outstanding clinic speakers! Has many years of teaching baseball. It's a great honor to get Mr. Didier to Iowa for our 1979 clinic.

SUMMER BASEBALL PLANS

There will be one change in the State Summer Baseball Tourney structure this year. First-round State Tourney games will be played at different areas around the state rather than having all at one site.

Eight teams will still gain State Meet berths in each class but by playing closer to home, more local fans will be able to attend at least those first-round State games.

The State Semifinals and Finals for both classes 2-A and 1-A will again be held at Marshalltown High. Dates for the State are July 31 and August 1-3.

The largest 128 member schools with summer teams, determined by their current enrollment as of the second Friday of last September, will be assigned to Class 2-A and the remaining 300 plus schools will be Class 1-A representatives.

Class 2-A schools will not be required to play Sectional games but, instead, will open play with sixteen District Meets on Thursday, July 20. District Class 2-A games are also scheduled for July 21, 22, 24 and 25. Eight Class 2-A teams will be assigned to each of the District Meets and the sixteen District winners will advance to eight Substate Tournaments on July 27. Those eight Substate winners will comprise the Class 2-A State Meet field.

In the Class 1-A division, 10 or 12 teams will be assigned to each of the 32 Sectionals which will begin on Monday, July 10, and should terminate by July 19. Eight Class 1-A District Tournneys will then be held with the winners advancing to the Class 1-A State Meet.

Press - Radio - TV Information

SPECIAL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS RELEASE.....FOR THURSDAY NOON, JUNE 1, 1978

BURLINGTON, IOWA - - -

The Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association will sponsor their 2nd annual high school all-star baseball game on the weekend of August 12-13 at Iowa City.

The University of Iowa will host this year's tournament that will consist of two Class AA and A teams. Team boundaries will be altered slightly this year with the northeast and northwest districts designated to compete on the north squad and the southeast and southwest districts assigned to play on the south team. The central district will be split between both north and south camps with Highway 30 serving as the boundary line.

Each of the four teams will consist of 15 players and 3 coaches. Opening games on Saturday will pit the Class A north and south teams against each other with the second game being played between the Class AA north and south teams.

Sunday's games will pit the two winners and losers playing each other. Last year, the Class A north squad won both of its games with the smaller schools division winning 3 of the 4 games played.

Chairman of the 1978 tournament committee is Iowa assistant baseball coach Jim Ellwanger. Other committee members are high school coaches Dave Posegate (Ames), Jim Mahoney (Johnston), Ron Welsch (Eddyville), and Steve Duncan (Muscatine). Publicity and public relations will be handled by Dick Wagner of Burlington, and Iowa Hawkeye baseball coach Duane Banks will serve as advisor for the entire affair.

Press - Radio - TV Information

SPECIAL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS RELEASE.....FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1978

BURLINGTON, IOWA - - -

The Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association announced today that the Bandag corporation has agreed to co-sponsor the high school all-star baseball series to be played August 12-13 at the University of Iowa diamond.

A company spokesman for the Muscatine, Iowa, based firm indicated that they would financially aid the 2nd annual tournament because of the opportunity to "support excellence through education as well as athletics" and were particularly pleased to honor "those Iowa high school players who have worked to excel."

Tournament chairman Jim Ellwanger also announced the all-star team coaches.

They are:

CLASS AA (NORTH) - Harold "Pinky" Primrose of Cedar Rapids Washington, head coach; Keith Christie (Algona) and Lowell Thomson (Mason City) assistants.

CLASS AA (SOUTH) - Jim Jagin of Valley of West Des Moines, head coach; Steve Duncan (Muscatine) and Joel Franken (Denison) assistants.

CLASS A (NORTH) - Alan Seabrooke of Valley of Elgin, head coach; Byron Rhodes (BCL-Conrad) and Marvin Thelen (Rensen, St. Mary) assistants.

CLASS A (SOUTH) - Steve Reinert of Durant, head coach; John Harris (Corning) and James Kloewer (Stuart Menlo) assistants.

Games on Saturday, August 12 will feature the north teams playing the south teams in each class. The winners and losers of these games will play each other on Sunday, August 13. Starting times for each doubleheader will be 1:00 with a 4:00 time set for the second game.

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GUIDELINES

2ND ANNUAL IOWA ALL-STAR SERIES

PURPOSE

1. To promote Iowa high school baseball
2. To give recognition to Iowa's top athletes and coaches

COMPETITION

Games play at University of Iowa diamond

August 12 and 13, 1978

4 games- North vs. South A and AA, losers and winners

Highway 30 dividing line separating North and South by schools

Friday, August 11 - Practice 12:00, 2:00, 4:00 P.M. and 10:00 A.M.

Game times 1:00 and 4:00 Saturday and Sunday.

Rain date- Sunday, play 4 games 9, 11, 1, and 3. All seven (7) innings

Finance

Donation of \$3500.00 from Bandag, Muscatine.

Also will provide free travel bag to each player

\$3,500 donation

Bandag

Roy Carter?

Squad Regulations

Each squad will consist of 15 players

2-Catchers

4-Pitchers

5- Infielders

4- Outfielders

Player selection - 1st priority All District; 2nd priority Coach Recommendation.

Coach Selection- by Steering Committee at clinic. Coaches must be members of association. Committee will select Head Coach and 2 Assistants for each team.

Special Rules- Pitchers must play minimum of 3 innings

Non-Pitchers must play minimum of 6 innings

9 Inning Games unless rain

All other rules are those followed by IHSAA rule book

Umpires

Selected by All Star Committee, 4 per game.

Coach Assistance

Newsletters this spring and summer will ask members to send in player profile of possible All-Star selections and black and white photo in uniform to Pinky.

Selected Coaches

Responsible to send their selections to Jim Ellwanger no later than:

Class A - July 20th

Class AA - July 27th

District Meetings

Balloting for All District will be:

Class A - July 15 or 16th

Class AA - July 22 or 23rd

District Chairman of each district is to call Coaches of All Star teams immediately after meetings are held to speed selection process.

Banquet

To be held at Highlander, Iowa City, 7:30 Friday, August 11, 1978.
Capacity of 700 people. Speaker to be announced later.
Johnson County "I" Club will run pre-banquet ticket sales.

Ticket Sales

\$10.00 - includes Banquet and games
At Gate - \$2.00 Adults; \$1.00 Students

Programs

To be compiled by University of Iowa staff. Sell for \$1.00.

Publicity

Dick Wagner in charge of press releases and stories

Housing and Food

Iowa Memorial Union

Certificates

Same as last year to be awarded to players, coaches, and umpires.

Gift

Association to give each player a T-shirt and baseball cap for
being selected

All-Star Committee

Jim Ellwanger, Chairman - Iowa City
Dave Posegate, Ames High School
Jim Mahoney, Johnston High School
Ron Welsch, Eddyville High School
Steve Duncan, Muscatine High School

Duane Banks, University of Iowa

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