



SOFTBALL PRE-SEASON MINUTES

JANUARY 23, 2018

The softball advisory meeting took place on January 23, 2018, 4:00 p.m., at the CIFSDS office.

League representatives not present from City Conference and the Coastal Conference.

COACHES CONCERNS AND COMMENTS:

None expressed at this time clarification questions were asked on rulings concerning hit batters

Question raised concerning glitter on the head bands- it was agreed that there would be no glitter allowed.

OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION REPORT:

- Reminder if your game is rained out you need to reschedule through the assigner not simply say you are going to play.
- Please make sure your field is ready to play and meets all of the NFHS standards for safety and dimensions.
- **MONDAY IS THE BEST DAY TO SCHEDULE MAKE-UP GAMES**
- Officials spoke on the continuing problem of retaining and recruiting softball officials. They struggled to get all games covered. San Diego County feels they are ok and the North County expressed concerns about their numbers.

CIF INFORMATION:

NFHS rules handout was given to advisory members and addressed the new rule changes with the coaches and officials. Included in this discussion was the fact umpires will not check equipment before the game and the intentional walk rule where a batter may be intentionally walked at any time in the count.

- Finals to stay at UCSD on Friday and Saturday. Recommendation to outfield stands as we continue to attract larger crowds
- The seeding will continue to be done via power rankings after a vote of the advisory group. We will revisit this at the conclusion of the season to see if they want to change.
- Discussion about the ALL CIF selection process and how that will change for this year. After the conclusion of the post season meeting the advisory group will stay and select the ALL CIFSDFS team.
- Section office complimented the 2 associations for their ability to work together seamlessly to keep games moving at the sports parks by mixing crews.

Important Dates for 2018 Season:

March 31 schedules and scores need to be updated on Home- Penalty will be \$100.00 fine and loss of Home Playoff game if not completed by then

February 17, First day of organized practice

February 26, Frist Scrimmage

February 27, First game allowed

May 11, Final Day of the Season

May 12, Seeding at the section office