

**SIJHSAA**  
**REGIONAL HOST INFORMATION**  
**BASEBALL & SOFTBALL**  
**(Updated 7-10-25)**

**1. Financial:**

- A. **Financial Report Form:** This form is found on the SIJHSAA Website. Please complete and return the report and your check to the SIJHSAA within 10 days of the conclusion of your tournament.
  - \*This only has to be filed with the SIJHSAA Office if you charge for admission at your regional.
  - \*Most baseball & Softball regionals don't charge admission.
  - \*If you charge admission, you may not assess participating schools fees for officials.
- B. **Game Ball:** Regional hosts will receive Rawlings baseballs and softballs at no charge from your regional organizer. These balls should be divided up and used per game of your regional. Usually 3 baseballs or softballs per game.  
(baseballs - RSIJHSAABB / softballs - RSIJHSAASB)
  - \*Class L & M get one(1) dozen baseballs and one(1) dozen softballs
  - \*Class S get two (2) dozen baseballs and two(2) dozen softballs
- C. **Admission Prices:**
  - Students (K-8) \$2
  - Adults (High School Students and above) \$3
- D. **Passes:** The only passes that will be honored are SIJHSAA Board of Control Member Passes or Steering Committee Member Passes.
  - \*All other passes won't be honored.
- E. **Pass Gate List:** (Make sure participating schools players dressed in uniform, coaches, administrators, and athletic directors are admitted at no charge)

**2. TOURNAMENT PLANNING:**

- A. **Playing Dates:** Playing dates should be communicated to all participating teams. Stay within your regional window that is listed on your regional groupings page.
- B. **Brackets:** Brackets may be found on the SIJHSAA Website to formulate your tournament.
  - \*Top team of the bracket is home team.
  - \*\***The Regional Organizer is responsible to go on the SIJHSAA Website, using their school ID and Password, to enter the brackets, dates, times, and sites of their regional games. The deadline to post this information is noon the day following the conclusion of your regional seeding process.**
- C. **Official Scorer:** Make sure that an Official Scorer is designated for each game.
  - \*It is suggested that the Official Scorer for regional games be at least 16 years of age.

### **3. TOURNAMENT POLICIES:**

- A. **Banners, Signs, Noise Makers, etc.:** Please read over SIJHSAA By Law Article IV-Sec. 7. Banners, signs, shakers, noisemakers, etc. are prohibited. Such devices obstruct the view of spectators, are unsightly, and in many instances may become safety hazards.
- B. **Mercy Rules: (Short Game Rules)**
  - \*15 runs after 3 innings
  - \*12 runs after 4 innings
  - \*10 runs after 5 innings
- C. **Rawlings Advertising:** If programs are produced, the Rawlings advertisement should be included in the program.
- D. **Ejections:** If a player, coach, or fan is ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, the host of the regional game is responsible to complete the Unsportsmanlike Conduct Form. Please email it to SIJHSAA Associate Director, Tracy Lauderdale no later than 10am of the day following the ejection.  
[tlauderdale@sijhsaa.com (e-mail) / 618-920-9963 (cell)]
- E. **Baseball Pitch Count Rules:** The same pitch count rules will be used in regional's that were used in the regular season. Coaches must make sure, at the end of your game, that the Pitch Count Summary Sheet is signed by both coaches. The winning coach will present the summary sheet at their next regional game to the opposing coach. Violations of this rule could result in a forfeit. (Pitch Count Rules may be found on the SIJHSAA Website - [www.sijhsaa.com/baseball](http://www.sijhsaa.com/baseball)).
- F. **Eligibility Sheets:** Eligibility Sheets should be hand carried to your regional tournament. They may be altered up to the first game that your team participates in the regional. If your team should win the regional and advance to the State Finals - a new eligibility sheet must be hand carried to the state tournament. It can be altered from the regional eligibility. You may only dress 20 players in uniform.
- G. **Home Team:** The highest seeded team is the home team in regional play.

### **4. PA & AWARDS:**

- A. **Rawlings "Official Ball of the SIJHSAA" Announcement:** If a PA System is used, the Rawlings Ball Announcement must be read one(1) time per game.
- B. **Starting Lineup Sheet:** If a PA System is used the SIJHSAA provides a sportsmanship announcement to read previous to the starting starting lineups. (They can be found on the SIJHSAA Website per per sort)

- C. **Regional Championship Plaque:** The regional championship plaque should be presented at the conclusion of the championship game.  
\*Your Regional Organizer will have the regional plaque.

**5. OFFICIALS:**

- A. **Hiring:** It is the regional host's responsibility to contract officials.
1. Officials must be registered by the Illinois High School Association.  
\*Check IHSA licensing on the SIJHSAA Website with your school user id. and password.
  2. Make sure that the officials that you are hiring are approved by all teams in your regional.
  3. Preferably, no officials hired should have an affiliation with any of the participating schools. (ie.-children attending school, employee of the district, etc.)
  4. 2 man officiating crews will be used at the regional level.
- B. **Payment:** Regional officials should be paid \$70.00 per official per game.
- C. **Pre-Game Meeting:** Please remind your officials that it is required that a pre-game meeting be held with the head coaches, captains, and officials.

**6. REPORTING REGIONAL RESULTS:**

- A. **Posting Scores on SIJHSAA Website:** Regional host will be responsible for the posting of winners and scores on the SIJHSAA website. (Instructions are on the SIJHSAA Website -Regional Organizers Information per sport.  
\*This should be done ASAP after the conclusion of games.  
\*If any problems exist, contact:  
SIJHSAA Computer Tech.-Allyson Moisan (618-740-0518)  
[allyson@americana.com](mailto:allyson@americana.com)
- B. Once scores are posted, they will appear on the SIJHSAA Website ([www.sijhsaa.com](http://www.sijhsaa.com)).

\*Any questions – contact:

\*Wes Choate, Executive Director  
SIJHSAA  
618-201-9490 (Cell)  
[wchoate59@gmail.com](mailto:wchoate59@gmail.com)

**\*\*The following forms you will need can be found on the SIJHSAA Website per sport.**

- Regional Baseball, Softball, Basketball & Volleyball Organizers Information Sheet.**
- SIJHSAA By Laws**
- Rawlings Advertisement (For Programs)**
- Rawlings PA Announcement (announce one(1) time per game)**
- Rawlings Ball Model Numbers**
- Regional Financial Report Forms**
- Brackets (Blank)**
- Eligibility Sheets**
- Unsportsmanlike Conduct Form**
- SIJHSAA By Law Article IV – Sec. 7 (Noisemakers, shakers etc..)**
- Baseball Bat Standards**
- Baseball Bat Examples**
- Pitch Count Rules**
- Pitch Count Tally Chart**
- Arm Sleeve Clarification**
- Softball Bat Rules**
- Softball Exceptions to IHSA-NFHS Rules**
- Baseball Exceptions to IHSA-NFHS Rules**
- SIJHSAA Regional Organizers and Host Instructions for posting on the association website.**
- Regional Brackets / State Tournament Pairings**
- Regional Seeding Criteria**