

GOLDEN VALLEY CONFERENCE BASEBALL RULES & REGULATIONS

2007

I. LEAGUE BALL- Rawlings R 100-CCC (Must have COA logo)

II. STARTING TIME

12:00pm double-header. The second game will begin promptly 25-minutes after the conclusion of the first game. 2:00pm start for single games.

III. SCHEDULE

- A. 25 conference games, home and double-header. One single game of Friday preceding the first double-header. The single game shall be nine innings. First game of the double-header nine innings, the second game shall be seven innings (except second round will be two nine innings.)
- B. All conference games must be played. Request to change conference game dates other than rain-outs must be approved by all the coaches and athletic directors in the conference.
- C. All officially tied games will be replayed from the point that the game was called or ended. The site will be the original site unless no scheduled games remain at the site of the remaining scheduled contest. In both cases, the game will be completed before the start of the regularly scheduled contest.
- D. Halted game rule is in effect, to be completed to its scheduled completion, unless it is the last game scheduled between the two teams, then the game shall be considered complete as long as said game completes provisions of NCAA(Rule 5 – 8) and it's not a tied game. Tied game must be completed if it has bearing on playoffs.

IV. RAIN OUTS

- A. Rainouts must be made up on the very next day in order until made up before the next conference game. In the first half, three game series can be flipped to the next round. The next day rule is Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday. If weather doesn't permit, it goes to the Athletic Director based on a mutual agreement.
- B. Conference games have precedence over practice games.

V. PROTEST

If a game is protested, the umpire must be notified immediately and a written protest must be filed by the coach with the conference commissioner within 48 hours.

Exception to the 48-hour end on a Saturday or Sunday. In that case, the protest must be filed with the conference commissioner by 12:00 noon on the following Monday. All Protests will be considered by a three-person protest committee composed of the three conference athletic directors whose schools are not involved with the protest. The commissioner must call the protest committee together immediately following the submission of the written protest and a decision must be made within a week. The procedure for filing a protest during and after a game is covered in the NCAA Baseball Rule Book. This procedure must be followed.

VI. UMPIRES

- A. The Golden Valley Conference baseball coaches will select an official's association to provide umpires for all league games.
- B. Umpires for any playoff are to be agreed upon by both colleges involved.

VII. OFFICIAL SCORERS

All teams are to provide an official score keeper at home games. One who will be introduced to the umpires and is not an official player or coach and shall sit, if weather conditions permit, behind the backstop.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPRESENTATIVE

All schools are to provide an administrative representative for home games as called for by NCAA rules.

IX. DETERMINING THE CONFERENCE CHAMPION

Whoever wins or ties for the conference title will be declared the conference champion or co-champion.

X. THE TIE-BREAKER SYSTEM

- A. For purposes of identifying first and second place teams for State Tournament Completion.

B. Head to Head competition is the first criteria:

Example: Two-way tie (team who won season series gets nod)

1. If this does not break the tie, go the record against the next highest team in the final standings until the tie is broken. (For the second place, compare record against first place team and work down.)

Example: Three-way tie (same as above)

2. If one of the teams has won the series against the other two, then the two remaining teams use head to head as determining factor. If this will not break the tie, then use record against each team directly below in order of finish, until it is broken. 3 way tie for 2nd goes as above.

Example: Four-way tie

3. Head to head first, then if not applicable, use the four teams record against the team finishing next highest in the standings.
4. If there is a four-way tie for second, use head to head then compare tie record against first place team.
5. If the above rules do not break the tie, the winner of the 5 game series played between the two teams will be used as the final tie breaker.

XI. UNIFORMS

All coaches are to adhere to NCAA rules of wearing dark or gray tops on the road, white preferred at home. Coaches are to make sure colors don't conflict.

XII. BULL PENS

All colleges shall have two mounds with rubbers and two home plates for visiting pitches to warm up, comparable to the home team's bullpen.

XIII. PROTECTIVE SCREENS

All colleges are to provide a protective screen for the visiting batting practice pitcher, first base, second base, and ball tagger. (Revised 06/08/98)

XIV. BATTING PRACTICE

- A. Pre-game batting is optional.
- B. Both teams will take batting practice in the same area.

- C. Batting practice is held on the main diamond field unless field conditions do not permit this. This means hitting at home plate.
- D. Hitting in cages is not allowed from the start of the game until end of competition.

XV. PRE-GAME SCHEDULE

Home Team Hitting	COMPLETED	10:45AM
Visiting Team Hitting	10:45AM	11:15AM
Home Team Infield	11:20AM	11:30AM
Visiting Team Infield	11:30AM	11:40AM
Field Prep	11:40AM	11:55AM
Home Plate Meeting	11:55AM	NOON

For 2:00PM game Home team finishes BP by 12:45 and the scheduled breakdown remains the same.

XVII. COACH OF THE YEAR

Golden Valley Conference shall select a Coach of the Year. This shall not necessarily be championship teams coach.

XVIII. ALL GOLDEN VALLEY CONFERENCE AWARDS

- A. Only league statistics will be used for eligibility.
- B. Any player academically ineligible for any GVC game shall not be considered.
- C. A *maximum* of 16 all GVC medals will be awarded.

XIX. DECORUM

Golden Valley Conference, Commission on Athletics Decorum Policies and the NCAA Baseball Rule Book will be in effect including those affecting post conference competition.

A. The disqualification rule in baseball no longer applies. If anyone is removed from the contest by an umpire, that person is out for the remainder of that contest and sits out the next contest.

B. The decorum report will be filed as per current practices.

C. The conference commissioner and baseball representatives will review the decorum report and determine is the ejection counts as strike one according to the COA Decorum Policy.

GVC DECORUM INTERPRETATIONS

ARTICLE 9.3.1.1.1...First offence: In addition to the immediate ejection from the contest, the individual will be suspended from the following game.

INTERPRETATION- Following game will be the next scheduled game printed on the schedule.

ARTICLE 9.3.1.3.1...Bench clearing: Coaches or participants entering the field of play from the bench area in reaction to a confrontation shall be ejected and punished as outlined in Article 9.3.1.1 or 9.3.1.2

INTERPRITATION- The field of play in the GVC will be the foul lines.

ARTICLE 9.3.1.5.2...Coaches or team attendants penalized by any of the above rules are prohibited from participation during a game only, not from carrying out non game responsibilities.

INTERPRETATION- Coaches may participate in pre-game activities, but when the game begins the ejected coach is prohibited from any participation with the team members or officials. A coach who is ejected may sit in the stands provided he/she does not have a college uniform on and does not participate with team members, officials, or spectators.

XX. OTHER RULES and REGULATIONS

The Golden Valley Conference rules and regulations stated above will be the official governing document for the conference play. Any rule or regulation not covered will fall under those by the California Community College Athletic and Official NCAA Baseball Guide.

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