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Baseball Association

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Association**

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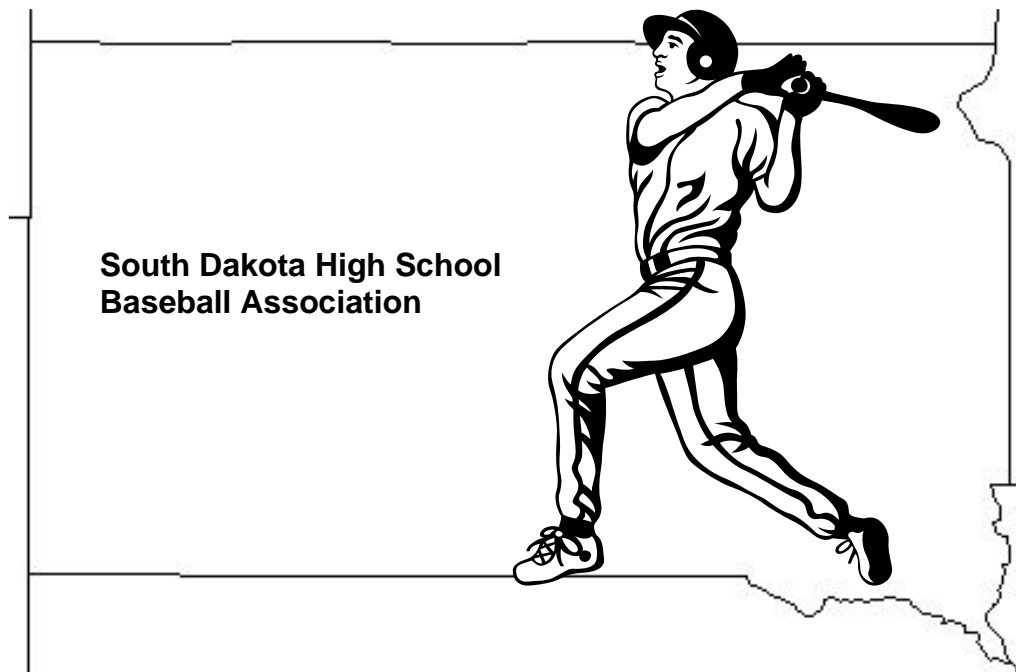
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Mission Statement

The objective of the South Dakota High School Baseball League is to provide a quality baseball experience for eligible South Dakota students in the grades of seven through twelve. As a sponsor of non-sanctioned club high school baseball, the League will provide leadership to participants and coaches in the supervision and conduct of league play that will enrich the experiences of high school students. The League is committed to the ideals which provide equitable participation opportunities and positive recognition to students while working cooperatively with all respective schools in order to enhance the achievement of desired educational goals.



2025 Directory

South Dakota High School Baseball Association

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League Administration/Membership Fees

The South Dakota High School Baseball Association shall be the official administrative body for the South Dakota High School League. Teams interested in participating in the league will be required to submit a team registration fee. In order to vote at the Annual Meeting or be eligible for the board, registration fee must be received by the date of the Annual Meeting each year.

2025 Registration/Fee /League Deadlines

Registration Deadline (Submitted online) - October 1, 2024
Coop Form Application (Submitted online) - October 1, 2024
Payment Deadline - January 1, 2025
Schedule to League Office (use editable form on SDHSBA website)- March 30, 2025
Eligibility Form to League Office (use editable form on SDHSBA website)- March 30, 2025
Academic All State to League Office - March 30, 2025
All Region Nominations to League Office - May 15, 2025 (Class A)
All Region Nominations to League Office - May 15, 2025 (Class B)

League Membership Fee - \$400.00

Insurance Information

All participants must be insured in order to participate in the High School Baseball League. For insurance policy options, please contact the League Office.

Team Formation

Teams are to be formed based on existing High School District boundaries. Team officials are encouraged but not required to seek approval from respective school officials for official district recognition of their team. All players shall meet eligibility requirements as set forth by the SD High School Activities Association by-laws Chapter I, page 8, Part IV and Chapter II, page 10, Part I. Students qualifying under the "Alternative Instruction" section of SDHSAA are also eligible to play. Any team found to have allowed an ineligible player to participate in their program at any level shall be banned from post-season eligibility for that year.

Class A Teams -450 ADM {Average Daily Membership} or above

A Class A school is prohibited from having student/athletes from a Class B school district(s) participate on its high school club baseball team if the Class B school is outside the established district boundaries of the Class A school. Coops will be allowed between public and private high schools that are within the established public school district boundaries. Special circumstances may be allowed by the Board.

Class B Teams -449 ADM or below

Class B schools are permitted to coop with other Class B schools in order to fill a team roster. Application for a coop between schools must be submitted with required registration materials. The following criteria will govern coop situations:

The SDHSBA Board of Directors will review applications for COOP's for schools wanting to combine to form a team. The following criteria will be used to evaluate coop applications on an individual basis

- 1) Does the COOP being applied for fit the SDHSAA guidelines for COOP formation**
- 2) Does the COOP being applied for involve schools that have an existing SDHSAA Coop for another sport**
- 3) Does the COOP being applied for involve schools and/or towns that currently coop for baseball during the summer season**
- 4) Does the COOP being applied for adversely affect an existing coop or would it if an already existing coop would be split apart**

****In the event a school is requested by more than one team, the board would defer to the local school districts preference before making a decision.**

All of the above criteria will be taken into consideration when reviewing a coop application. The board will approve applications at the annual meeting of the membership each year based on the following criteria.

Non-school/league team participation during SDHSBA League Play

A student who is a member of a SDHSBA team may not compete in baseball during the "in-season" time period on an independent or non-high school team. For clarification, a competition shall be construed to be an event where scores are kept, umpires are utilized, or standings and statistics are recorded and/or publicized via recognized media outlets. However, an entire SDHSBA team may compete outside the league without being in violation of this rule. An example of this would include your entire team playing an out of state team in a tournament. High school teams competing against other SD American Legion teams will be banned from postseason play for the year. These competitions will not be used for standings or year-end statistics. The penalty for violation of this rule by any individual is loss of eligibility for the remainder of the current SDHSBA season.

Regions

To facilitate the administration of League Play in Class B, regions have been created to:

- 1) address issues in regards to scheduling, protests, post-season tournament play;
- 2) enhance communication from the League Office to teams throughout the state;
- 3) provide contact people to assist coaches in rectifying any issues.

Regions will be based on geographical location, school size, and number of teams in a given geographical area. Due to changing league membership from year to year, regional assignments will be reviewed each year. Regional assignments will always attempt to provide equitable team numbers in each region as well as accommodate geographic location, travel distance among teams, based on the number of teams participating.

Regional Directors

Regional Directors will be assigned for each region in Class B. The Regional Directors main responsibilities will be as follows:

- addressing issues in regard to rules, scheduling, protests, and post-season play;
- ensuring scores are reported to league office
- ensuring all deadlines are met by teams in their region
- providing contact people to assist coaches in rectifying any issues.

Additional responsibilities of the Regional Directors shall include:

- 1) Conduct scheduling meetings for teams within his/her respective region;
- 2) Serve as a liaison for the League Office in regards to disseminating information to his/her regional coaches;
- 3) Gathering nominations for Academic All-State and Athletic All-State teams from his/her regional coaches;
- 4) Assist in post-season tournament play development/scheduling for respective teams in region;
- 5) Serve as League Office Liaison in all protests involving teams from region;
- 6) Communicate and expedite region & team statistics to League Office from region coaches.

| 2025 SDHSBA Class A Teams | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Aberdeen | Sioux Falls Jefferson |
| Brandon Valley | Sioux Falls Lincoln |
| Brookings | Sioux Falls O’Gorman |
| Douglas | Sioux Falls Roosevelt |
| Harrisburg | Sioux Falls Washington |
| Huron/James Valley Christian | Spearfish |
| Mitchell | Sturgis Brown |
| Pierre | Tea Area |
| Rapid City Central | Watertown |
| Rapid City Stevens | Yankton |

| 2025 SDHSBA Class B Region Alignment | |
|--|--|
| Region 1 (12 teams) | Region 3 (12 teams) |
| <u>Tom Heisinger – Regional Director 605-505-0006</u> | <u>Danny Miller – Regional Director 605-366-9102</u> |
| <u>Myles Larsen—Co-Regional Director 605-675-4386</u> | <u>Baltic</u> |
| <u>Beresford/Alcester-Hudson</u> | <u>Canton</u> |
| <u>Bon Homme/Avon</u> | <u>Colman-Egan/Flandreau</u> |
| <u>Canistota/Freeman/Marion</u> | <u>Dell Rapids (Dell Rapids Public, Dell Rapids St. Mary)</u> |
| <u>Centerville/Viborg-Hurley</u> | <u>Garretson</u> |
| <u>Dakota Valley</u> | <u>Hanson/Bridgewater-Emery</u> |
| <u>Elk Point Jefferson</u> | <u>Lennox</u> |
| <u>Irene/Wakonda/Gayville-Volin</u> | <u>McCook (McCook Central/Montrose)</u> |
| <u>Parker</u> | <u>Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica-Stickney</u> |
| <u>Parkston/Ethan/Tripp</u> | <u>Sioux Falls Christian/ SF Lutheran</u> |
| <u>Scotland/Menno</u> | <u>Tri Valley</u> |
| <u>Vermillion</u> | <u>West Central</u> |
| <u>Wagner/Andes Central</u> | |
| Region 2 (11 teams) (1 JV only) | Region 4 (11 teams) |
| <u>Tommy Gregg -Regional Director 605-530-1688</u> | <u>Brock Sundall -Regional Director 605-730-0000</u> |
| <u>Clark Area</u> | <u>Custer</u> |
| <u>Elkton/Lake Benton</u> | <u>Belle Fourche</u> |
| <u>Deuel/Estelline-Hendricks (JV Only)</u> | <u>Bennett County</u> |
| <u>Faulkton/Highmore/Harroid/Miller/Wolsey- Wessington/Wessington Springs</u> | <u>Chamberlain/Kimball/Lyman</u> |
| <u>Groton</u> | <u>Gregory County (Gregory/Burke)</u> |
| <u>Howard</u> | <u>Hot Springs/Custer</u> |
| <u>Madison/Chester</u> | <u>Lead/Deadwood</u> |
| <u>Oldham-Ramona/Rutland/Arlington</u> | <u>Platte/Geddes/Dakota Christian/White Lake</u> |
| <u>Redfield Area (Redfield, Hitchcock-Tulare)</u> | <u>Rapid City Christian</u> |
| <u>Sioux Valley</u> | <u>St. Thomas More</u> |
| <u>Sisseton/Britton/Webster</u> | <u>Winner/Colome</u> |
| <u>W-I-N (Warner/Ipswich/Northwestern/Frederick)</u> | |

Coaching Code of Ethics
South Dakota High School Baseball League

Baseball as a game has been played across playgrounds, high schools, on the amateur and professional level for over 140 years. Only the highest standard of sportsmanship and conduct is expected of players, coaches, and others associated with the game.

1. It is the coach's duty to be in control of their players at all times in order to prevent any un-sportsmanlike act towards opponents, officials, or spectators.
2. Coaches are expected to comply wholeheartedly with the intent and spirit of the rules. The deliberate instruction of players to violate the rules is indefensible.
3. Coaches should teach their players to respect the dignity of the game, officials, opponents, and the team they represent.
4. Coaches should confine their discussion with game officials to the interpretations of the rules and not challenge umpire decisions involving judgment.
5. "Bench jockeying" will not be allowed by players or coaches.
6. Coaches must refrain from any personal action that might arouse players or spectators to engage in un-sportsmanlike conduct.
7. Coaches should expect from the umpires a courteous and dignified attitude toward players and themselves.
8. Coaches should seek help from Association officials, Regional Directors, and/or Site Directors in controlling unruly players, spectators, or coaches.

Seven Legal Duties of a Coach

1. Adequate supervision.
2. Sound planning that emphasizes appropriate and safe skill development for participants.
3. Communicate inherent risks to participants.
4. Provide safe field conditions and equipment to participants.
5. Evaluate and accommodate participants that display injury, physical and mental disabilities.
6. Match and equate participants by size, age, and physical ability.
7. Establish procedures for an emergency.

Rosters

Rosters for all participating teams must be submitted by **March 30, 2025** to the League Office. Coaches are to utilize the official South Dakota High School Baseball Association Roster Form located on the website.

Officials

A minimum of two (2) registered umpires are required for scheduled games in the South Dakota High School Baseball League. Any game that does not have registered umpires listed at www.sdumpires.org is subject to protest by the visiting team. Umpires for Regional playoff games and State Tournament games shall be certified having completed the current year SD Umpire Association clinic. **Regional (Class A and B) and State Tournament (Class A and B) umpires will be assigned by the SDHSBA. The eight Class A and B Regional hosts will pay game fees for their umpires. The SDHSBA will reimburse Class B Regional hosts \$240 and will reimburse Class A Regional hosts \$240, if finances allow. The SDHSBA will pay all mileage, riding fees, and, when necessary, hotel rooms for Regional and State Tournament games. In all State Tournament contests, three certified umpires are required. Umpires for all varsity contests must be at least 18 years old and no longer enrolled in high school.**

Rule & Contest Administration

The Official Rules of the South Dakota High School Baseball League will be as established by the National Federation of High Schools. Rules written in this manual take precedence over NFHS if different. Teams will receive one copy of the NFHS Rule Book. It is the responsibility of all league coaches to know the rules and abide by them. The League Office will also provide all teams additional information to adequately communicate rule applications to their respective umpires. The only “speed-up rules” adopted by the state association are those rules pertaining to COURTESY RUNNERS (pitchers and catchers). No other speed-up rules are enforced.

All coaches and other personnel in the dugout shall be in full baseball uniform during the game.

15-Run Rule

The game shall end when the visiting team is behind 15 or more runs after 2½ innings, or after the third inning, if either team is 15 runs behind and both teams have had an equal number of times at bat.

Game Scheduling/Cancellation

Cancellations of scheduled games will only be permitted due to weather related problems. Cancellation of games due to coach, school, or other athletic activities will result in forfeiture of scheduled contest(s). The home team shall notify the league office of any cancelled or postponed games. Forfeitures will only be granted by vote of the board. If the game time temperature is less than 42 degree actual temperature or a “feels like” temperature of 40 (using www.weather.gov as the official weather/temperature website), either coach may refuse to play and the game will be scheduled for a different date not subject to forfeiture. Once the game begins, the temperature will not stop the game.

Game Reports & Statistics

Coaches are encouraged to alert local media outlets of upcoming games, results, etc throughout the season. It is important that coaches keep current statistics of team members in preparation for possible post-season recognition. The league recommends using GameChanger for statistics. Game results must be communicated to the League Office no less than one day after the completion of a contest(s). Scores, at a minimum, need to be updated in GameChanger and can be emailed to sdhsba@hotmail.com or texted to 605-659-1506. Standings will be posted on the website.

Fight Rule/Ejection Policy

There is no place in South Dakota High School Baseball for poor sportsmanship, physical abuse of officials and/or fighting among opponents. The following rules penalize offending team representatives for inappropriate behavior, physical abuse and/or fighting. Coaches must understand they are responsible for the actions of their players. The penalties for rule infractions must be enforced for all regular/post-season competition. When applying this rule, penalties shall carry over from year to year and from regular season competition to post-season competition.

Penalties For Ejections (Unless otherwise noted)

1) 1st Offense – Ejection & suspension from team's next contest.

2) 2nd Offense – Ejection & suspension from team's next three contests.

3) 3rd Offense – Ejection & suspension for remainder of season/postseason.

ANYTIME A COACH IS EJECTED FROM A CONTEST, THEY ARE TO HAVE NO CONTACT WITH THE TEAM FOR THE NEXT GAME OR GAMES IF 2ND OR 3RD EJECTION. They are not allowed in the dugout or within close proximity to the dugout, but may be at the field/stadium. COACHING EJECTION OFFENSES ARE CALCULATED ON A TWO-SEASON BASIS.

Definitions:

a. Fighting – Any physical abuse of an opposing player, including attempting to strike with the arms, hands, leg, feet, or equipment in a combative manner or intentionally spitting at an opponent.

b. Physical or Verbal Abuse Of Umpires – Any threat of physical intimidation or harm or violent attack of an umpire to include pushing, shoving, bumping, kicking, intentionally spitting, throwing anything or attempting to make physical contact. The offender shall be suspended for up to 12 months and the player's coach may be suspended for up to five games following a hearing by the board of directors to include statements from both umpires, both coaches and the player/players involved. Such statements shall be provided within 24 hours and the hearing shall be held within 48 hours of the incident.

c. Inappropriate Behavior – Any unsportsmanlike behavior that contradicts the concept of fair play and the integrity of the game.

d. Team Personnel Leaving Position – Team personnel leaving their position to participate in a physical confrontation shall include players, coaches, trainers, and managers. The position of various team members is determined by where the individual is located at the time a confrontational situation develops.

Exception: All team personnel including coaches who leave their positions to participate in a fight shall be ejected and suspended for the team's next three contests.

Exceptions: 1) A player involved in a fight while remaining at his position and judged to have been acting in self-defense and not contributing to the fight shall not be ejected or suspended.

2) If a player or coach makes physical contact with another player in an obvious attempt to prevent a fight or confrontation, that individual shall not be ejected or suspended.

3) If a confrontation or fight develops, the head coach and assistant coaches are expected to leave their positions to bring players under control. Coaches should not involve themselves in physically restraining personnel from an opposing team.

e. Pitcher intentionally throwing at a Batter – If a pitcher is ejected for intentionally throwing at a batter, he shall serve a one game suspension.

f. Batter or Runner initiates a fight by charging or pursuing the pitcher shall receive a 3 game suspension.

g. Bench Jockeying - Game personnel shall not use language that will in any manner refer to or reflect negatively upon opposing players, coaches, umpires, or spectators.

Exception: The umpire shall warn the offending individual(s) and the coach one time. If the verbal abuse continues after the warning, the offender(s) shall be ejected. If the verbal abuse continues after the first ejection, the head coach shall be ejected along with any other offending personnel.

Reporting Process for Ejections

It is the responsibility of the Head Coach and Umpire Crew Chief to notify the appropriate Regional Director of all personnel ejections. Coaches are expected to self-enforce their team members by the aforementioned policy. Failure to enforce the ejection policy will result in forfeiture of the game(s) ineligible players or coaches participate in. A Player/Coach Ejection Report Form will be filled out by the umpire issuing the ejection and reported to the SDHSBA Office as soon as possible.

Pitching Limitation Rule

Each individual is limited on the number of pitches thrown on a given day. The chart below shows the number of days rest required after throwing a specific number of pitches. Required rest will be as follows:

1-30 pitches: 0 days

31-45 pitches: 1 day

46-60 pitches: 2 days

61-80 pitches: 3 days

81+ pitches: 4 days

Pitchers will have a daily maximum of 105 pitches.

A pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if he reaches or exceeds the maximum limit of 105 pitches during an at-bat, but must exit the position after the hitter. For all other pitch count thresholds, there is no allowance to finish the batter and remain under that threshold. This only applies to the 105 daily maximum.

A potential violation of the 105 maximum pitch count must be brought to the attention of umpires and opposing coaches before the actual violation takes place. At this time, coaches and scorekeepers will come to an agreement on pitch counts before the game resumes. A new at bat can start with pitch 105.

The home book will serve as the official book for pitch counts. Both teams are responsible for tracking pitches each game. The designated pitch count tracker for each team is responsible for confirming pitches with each other after each half inning. Any discrepancies are to be resolved the half inning in which they occur. If a dispute cannot be resolved, the number calculated by the home team will stand as the official number. Once the next inning has begun, the numbers from the previous half inning are final.

Any pitcher who throws 31 or more pitches in a game may not pitch in any subsequent games that day.

No player may make more than two appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period. Players will be charged with two appearances if they leave the pitching position and return as a pitcher in the same game. The penalty for violating this rule is forfeiture of the contest.

No player may enter the game as a pitcher unless having fulfilled the required rest days as mandated in the chart above. The penalty for violating this rule is forfeiture of the contest.

The Pitching Limitation Rule should be posted in each dugout at every game.

Important Dates For 2025 Season Only

- Registration Deadline (Submitted online) - October 1, 2024
- Coop Form Application (Submitted online) - October 1, 2024
- Payment Deadline - January 1, 2025
- Schedule to Office - March 30, 2025 (use editable form on SDHSBA website)
- Eligibility to Office - March 30, 2025 (use editable form on SDHSBA website)
- March 18, 2025 - Suggested Season Opening (earlier games are allowed)
- Monday, May 12, 2025 - Last date for Class A to play and count towards Power Pts (Teams can play after this date but they won't count towards the Power Points)
- May 16-17, 2025 - Class A Regional Tournament Play
- May 18, 2025 - Required Regional Schedule Ends For Class B Teams
- May 18-21, 2025 - Class B Regional Tournament Play
to be held at two highest region seeds.
- May 23-24, 2025 - Class A State Tournament at Sioux Falls Stadium
- May 26-27, 2025 - Class B State Tournament at Brookings

A minimum of 12 same-class games shall be required for seeding purposes in Class A. **A minimum of eight different SDHSBA Class A opponents must be scheduled during the regular season.** Each Class B team shall play all teams in their Region once. Games scheduled after the scheduling deadline will be considered exhibition games only and all results and statistics will not be recognized by the League unless they are makeup games previously scheduled. Regular scheduled games must be completed prior to the beginning of the Class A & B Regional Tournaments. No SDHSBA teams may play in-state American Legion teams. The penalty for a SDHSBA team playing a South Dakota American Legion team would be exclusion from post season play. You may only play one opponent a maximum of four times.

Playing Non High School Teams

SDHSBA teams can't play CLUB or American Legion baseball teams from states that have sanctioned HS baseball unless previous approval is granted. SDHSBA teams going to out-of-state tournaments need to submit a request to the SDHSBA Board.

Regional Tournament Information

Class B Regional Tournaments

Class B will implement the SDHSAA Power Point System (see pg 13) for Region seeding. The #1 Seed will host the #8 Seed and the #4 and #5 Seeds. The #1 vs #8 winner will play the #4 vs #5 winner to advance to the State Tournament at **Brookings**. The #2 Seed will host the #7 and the #3 and #6 Seeds. The #2 vs #7 winner will play the #3 vs #6 winner to advance to the State Tournament at **Brookings**. The two winning teams will advance to the State Tournament, which will be held on **May 26-27, 2025**. The South Dakota High School Baseball Association reserves the right to alter Regional and State Championship games in the event of unforeseen conflicts.

Official Post Season Baseball

The official baseball used for all Region and State Tournament games will be the Diamond NFHS D1-HS. It must have the NOSCAE stamp.

Regional Tournament Game Site Assignment Process

Seeding of teams for the Regional Tournament will be based on games played against SDHSBA opponents. Upon designation of the seed position of each team, the Board of Directors with the Regional Directors will assign the tournament brackets to respective teams. Home field advantage throughout the tournament will be assigned to the higher seeded team. The Class A will use the SDHSAA Power Point System, see chart below, to determine seeding in 2025. The last possible date to play a game is Monday, May 12, 2025. The Class A Regional Tournaments shall be held at the eight highest seeds on May 16 and/or 17, 2025 (See Formats below).

Class A Regional Tournament

The regional tournament would become a best 2 of 3 series, to be played in one of three formats:

- Format 1 – One game to be played on Day One. Two games (if needed) to be played on Day Two.
- Format 2 – Two games to be played on Day One. One game (if needed) to be played on Day Two.
- Format 3 – Three games to be played on Day Two (or later). This is only allowable should Day One be rained out and a reschedule option (Sunday or Monday) not be available. This option must be approved by 5/9 of the SDHSBA Board of Directors.

With each program having different rules regarding which days of the week they can play, the flexibility of Day One and Day Two is allowed and to be determined by both participating programs. Should the programs not agree on a day of play, the default will be Day One is Friday and Day Two is Saturday.

The eight Class A Super Regional Tournament matchups would be 1 vs 16, 2 vs 15, 3 vs 14, 4 vs 13, etc. with the high seed hosting.

The eight Super Regional Tournament winners will advance to the Class A State Tournament on May 23-24, 2025 at the Sioux Falls Stadium. The State Tournament will be seeded based on Power Points.

Weather Contingency Policy

The SDHSBA Board of Directors, with consent from all coaches involved, may alter the Super Regional dates if absolutely necessary, based on impending weather forecasts.

Class A and B Power Points Seeding System

Seed points will be awarded based upon opponent’s win percentage as shown in the chart below.

*Win percentage = number of varsity wins divided by the number of varsity contests played.

| Opponent’s Winning Percentage | Points for Win | Points for Loss |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| .750 and above | 50 | 39 |
| .500 - .749 | 47 | 36 |
| .250 - .499 | 44 | 33 |
| .249 and below | 41 | 30 |

Class B Seeding Criteria

Seeding for Class B Playoffs

The Class B will use the SDHSAA Power Point System, see chart above, to determine Region seeding in 2025. Each team is required to play each team in their region once. If two teams do not play each other, both will receive a 30 point loss calculated in their score. All Class B games played will count towards the Power Point System. A team may play the same opponent a maximum of four (4) times. Team schedules are final once submitted to the League Office on or before March 30th of each year. The top 8 teams will qualify and be seeded using the SDHSAA Power Points System mentioned above.

Power Point Tie Breakers

1. Head to Head
2. Record against common opponents in descending order
3. Overall win percentage
4. Total wins
5. Coin flip

State Tournament Brackets

The Class A and Class B State Tournaments will be seeded based on Power Points. End of Regular Season Power Points will be used.

All State Tournament games will be played out. There will be no 4 ½ inning rain shortened games.

Class A

The State Tournament will be seeded based on Power Points at the end of the regular season.

Class B

The top two teams in each region will advance to the eight-team State Tournament. The State Tournament will be seeded based on PowerPoints at the end of the regular season.

Tournament Sites

2025

Class A Sioux Falls Stadium May 23-24, 2025
Class B Brookings May 26-27, 2025

Post-Season Awards

Academic All State

Academic excellence is an important quality and attribute that the League and its member clubs shall promote to all participants within the South Dakota High School Baseball League. The Academic All State Team recognizes those players who have not only excelled in their athletic efforts during the season, but have also excelled in the classroom. The criteria for candidates are as follows:

- Candidates must possess a 3.50 GPA or above;
- Candidates must be current Seniors in high school;
- Candidates must have participated in a minimum of 5 Varsity contests.

Nomination Time Frame

Submit name and GPA to the League Office prior to **March 30, 2025**.

All-Region/All State Player Selection

To promote and recognize athletes who have distinguished themselves during the course of the **2025** season, an All-Region Designation will be made. The All Region selection process shall be as follows:

Based on regular season Class A seeding, teams will get the following selections:

- Seeds #1-#4 Get 5 selections to the All Region Team
- Seeds #5-#8 Get 4 selections to the All Region Team
- Seeds #9-#12 Get 3 selections to the All Region Team
- Seeds #13-#16 Get 2 selections to the All Region Team

Based on regular season Class B seeding, teams will get the following selections:

- Seeds #1-#2 Get 5 selections to the All Region Team
- Seeds #3-#4 Get 4 selections to the All Region Team
- Seeds #5-#6 Get 3 selections to the All Region Team
- Seeds #7 on Get 2 selections to the All Region Team

Any Class B coach who wishes to nominate players for the “at large” selection must attend a Region meeting to be announced by the league office. Any coach may choose to give back any of his appointments and they would be added to the “at large” selections. Honorable mention would be given to players who are nominated for the at large selections who were not chosen.

Note: Any coach who fails to turn in his player selection by **May 15, 2025** (Class B) and **May 15, 2025** (Class A) forfeits any consideration of his players for All-Region/All-State recognition.

Coaches will be given the opportunity to vote on All State teams in their class. Look for an email from the League Office for voting instructions.

Statistical Information Required For All Region and All State Selection

Offensive Players – Batting Average, Plate Appearances, At Bats, Total Hits, Total Doubles, Triples, Home Runs, Strikeouts, Walks, Hit By Pitch, Stolen Bases, Runs, Number of Games Played, Position.

Pitchers – Innings pitched, Wins, Losses, Saves, Hits, Walks, Strikeouts, Earned Run Average.

All State Recognition Selection Process

There shall be two All State Teams (Class A & Class B). Individuals who have been named to the All Region Team will be eligible for the All State Team Recognition. All selections will be determined by the Board of Directors and a vote of the coaches from their respective class. The All State Team recipients will be announced in the program at the Class A and Class B State Tournaments.

Player of the Year Award

The top five (5) players receiving votes in each class will be voted on again for the Player of Year Award. Both voting ballots will be emailed to coaches and Board of Directors for their submission. Please note that the voting process is time sensitive so that awards can be presented at the respective State Tournaments.

Coach of the Year Award

Nominations, with an explanation, can be submitted by any coach with the nominations voted on via email ballot sent to all coaches and Board of Directors. Please note that the voting process is time sensitive so that awards can be presented at the respective State Tournaments.

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL CLUB BASEBALL
HARDSHIP APPLICATION FOR
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF BASEBALL WITH NEIGHBORING STATE**

1. Name of applying school: _____

2. Address of applicant: _____

3. Other school(s), towns and states involved in this application: _____

4. Official Name of this Cooperative: _____

5. Head Coach of the combined program _____

6. Other joint program personnel, if any, shall be employed as follows:
a. _____
b. _____

7. Please describe conditions which have prompted your request to co-sponsor this activity:

8. Please list the number of students in your school who have participated in this activity during each year indicated below. If the school did not sponsor the activity during any of the years listed, please respond "did not sponsor".

9. This application is for what year: _____

| | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Last school year | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Current school year | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Anticipated school year | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Anticipated two years hence | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

10. Where will practices be held? _____

11. Where will competition for the activity be held? _____

12. Would your school be able to continue offering the activity for which application is being made if Cooperative Sponsorship were not approved? YES _____ NO _____

13. What is the 9-11 combined enrollment of all of the schools involved in this cooperative agreement?

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL CLUB BASEBALL
CRITERIA FOR HARDSHIP
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF BASEBALL WITH NEIGHBORING STATE

1. No Class A school shall have the availability to have a cooperative agreement with a town or school outside the state. Co-ops must combine enrollments of school in newly formed co-op. If enrollment exceeds 450 students co-op will be voided, due to "No A school factor" in co-op agreements with a neighboring state.
2. The Board of Directors prefer to see projects that combine small schools for sponsorship of an activity when a smaller school cannot maintain or support the activity alone.
3. Improving the quality of a team (i.e. better win-loss record) will not be valid criterion in deciding whether approval should be granted.
4. South Dakota schools/programs looking to co-op with an outside entity from another state must have a current team level of 11 or fewer players.
5. Players, schools, towns, or programs outside the state of South Dakota looking to play or co-op with a program from the state of South Dakota may not do so if they have an existing high school baseball program.
6. Co-op players that **come from outside the state of South Dakota may not exceed 4 in number per program.**

I have read and understand all of the preceding stipulations regarding criteria for a cooperative agreement with a neighboring state to form a baseball team. I also understand that any false information given on Form #1, **HARDSHIP APPLICATION FOR COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF BASEBALL** could cause my program to loose eligibility in participating in South Dakota High School Baseball.

Signed _____
ADMINISTRATOR OF PROGRAM

Date_____

Action of the Board of Directors

Approved_____ Rejected_____

Date_____

Signatures_____

South Dakota High School Baseball
2025 All –Region Appointment/Nomination Info



Coach: _____

Team: _____ Seeded _____

Region: _____ Class: _____

Coaches: Please provide as up to date stats as possible!

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Grade</u> | <u>Avg</u> | <u>PA</u> | <u>AB</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>2B</u> | <u>3B</u> | <u>HR</u> | <u>Runs</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>RBI</u> | <u>SB</u> | <u>OBP</u> | <u>GP</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
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| <u>Pitcher(s)</u> | <u>Grade</u> | <u>IP</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>K's</u> | <u>Wins</u> | <u>Losses</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Era</u> | <u>GP</u> |
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An email will be sent in May from the League Office to all coaches to appoint/nominate their players for the All Region Team. You will be asked to submit the stats listed on this page for your respective players. See page 15 for the number of players each Region seed receives.

You may nominate players to be selected at large by vote of regional coaches in attendance at a selection meeting. Please list them below.

Selections and Nominations are due to the League Office by Noon, **May 15, 2025** (Class B) and **May 15, 2025** (Class A).