



GOLDEN VALLEY CONFERENCE BASEBALL RULES & REGULATIONS

2012

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1. **LEAGUE BALL-** Rawlings R1CCC or R100CCC (Must have COA logo)

2. **STARTING TIME**

In the first half all single games will begin at 2pm and double-headers will start at 12:00pm. Only exception is if both coaches agree to start earlier due to travel constraints. Single games at FRC can start at 2 or 3pm at home coaches option. (Week 1 DH's will start at 11:00am due to sun-light issues. In the second half all double-headers will start at 1pm due to travel. The second game of a DH will begin promptly 25-minutes after the conclusion of the first game.

3. **SCHEDULE**

- A. The conference schedule will consist of 20 games. One single game on Friday followed by a double-header on Saturday. All games are scheduled for 9 innings. Each team will have two bye weeks with Shasta and Butte never having there bye's on weeks 1 or 2 because of inclement weather.
- 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. A ten run rule will be in effect for the 2012 season. **10 run's after 7 innings for double-headers only. The home team will not hit in the bottom half of the inning if leading by 10 runs.**
- E. Halted game rule is in effect. Games have to be completed. 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 is not a tied game. **Tied game or a game that has not been completed must be played if it has bearing on playoffs.**

4. RAIN OUTS

- A. Games to be played on the next open date. (Sunday, Mon, Tues) Make-up games should be made up in the order they are rained out.

EXCEPTION: When make-up games are rained out, they must be rescheduled as soon as possible. All games must be completed by Saturday April 28th at midnight. Once a date is set for the make-up of a rainout between two teams, both teams are obligated to honor that date. Therefore, it is conceivable that games might not be made up in the order they are originally rained out. Switching sites or playing on a neutral site in-order to complete a game is recommended and is acceptable. The conference administrative representative must verify transportation problems.

If the administrative representative and the conference commissioner feel a team did not try to complete their conference schedule they could be ineligible for the state play-offs.

- B. Conference games (make-ups) have precedence over practice games.
- C. **In the case of severe weather; the conference schedule is unlikely to be finished. The coaching body of the Golden Valley Conference will determine what the correct procedure to determine a conference champion and an at-large representative for the state play-offs.**

5. PROTEST

If a game is protested, the commissioner and David Silverstein must be notified by phone. Furthermore, the assigner 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-hours 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.

6. UMPIRES

- A. The Golden Valley Conference baseball coaches will recommend an official's association to provide umpires for all league games. There is current contract in place for the 2011-12 spring seasons with the Golden State Umpires Association.
- B. Umpires for any play-off are to be agreed upon by both colleges involved.
- C. All Umpires are to be evaluated within 48 hrs after the contest by the head or an assistant coach. Refer to www.surveymonkey.com/s/cccbcaump

7. 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.

The conference statistician will compile all game reports sent in by the host schools. The GVC representative is David Silverstein. For ALL conference games the home school will be required to phone or text in all scores ASAP to Dave Silverstein following each contest. ALL non-league games also need to be reported to Dave. (Same day)

8. CONFERENCE STATISTICIAN

It is agreed upon by the GVC head coaches that each school pay David Silverstein \$200.00 by the end of the year league meeting (equaling \$1000). Dave must provide an invoice for each school before payment.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPRESENTATIVE

All schools are to provide an administrative representative/GVC Home supervisor and security for home games as called for by NCAA and GVC Rules and Guidelines.

10. DETERMINING THE CONFERENCE CHAMPION

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

11. 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 to 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 record against first place team.

12. UNIFORMS

All programs are to adhere to NCAA rules of wearing dark or gray tops on the road, white uniforms at home. Coaches are to make sure colors don't conflict by communicating before each game.

13. BULL PENS

All colleges shall have two mounds with rubbers and two home plates for visiting pitchers to warm up. It must be comparable to the home team's bullpen. If not, the visiting team will have the option to use the home team's bullpens.

14. PROTECTIVE SCREENS

All colleges are to provide a protective screen for the visiting batting practice pitcher, first base, second base, and ball Shagger.

15. BATTING PRACTICE

- A. Pre-game batting is optional.
- B. Both teams will take batting practice in the same area. If one team uses the cages it must be offered to the other team.
- 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 the end of competition.
- E. Bases must be installed securely. All pitching mounds must meet NCAA specifications.
- F. Field maintenance is the responsibility of the home team. The pitchers mound, and home plate area should be free of holes. The infield should be prepared before games after pre-game infield practice is completed.
- G. **It is mandatory that all coaches wear protective helmets when coaching 1st and 3rd bases. (NCAA Guidelines)**

16. PRE-GAME SCHEDULE

12:00 pm game

Home Team Hitting	COMPLETED	10:40AM
Visiting Team Hitting	10:40AM	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 a 2:00 pm game the Home team finishes BP by 12:45. The scheduled breakdown is the same.

17. GVC COACHES MEETINGS

- A. Conference call in September going over all the up to date state information
- B. Meeting at Shasta College on April 27th 11am 2012 unless day is needed for make-up games whereas the meeting would be moved to Saturday.

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

GVC DECORUM INTERPRETATIONS

ARTICLE 9.3.1.1.1...First offense: 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.

Bylaw 4.6 leaving bench and NCAA Rule 5 Section 16.C team personnel leaving positions.

GVC will follow NCAA rules.

Ejection: See NCAA Rule 2 Section 26

The game officials have the authority to eject a player, coach or team representative for misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct. The offending individual must leave the field and dugout area immediately and is not allowed to communicate with the team or umpires. The ejected individual must remain out of sight and sound for the remainder of the contest.

Suspensions: NCAA Rule 2 Section 73

A suspended person must follow the same penalties as those in an ejection (e.g. removed from sight and sound of the contest). Additionally, a suspended person cannot:

- a) Be dressed in game uniform.**
- b) Communicate with any team personnel or umpires.**
- c) Take part in any pre-game activities at the site of competition; and**
- d) Be in the stadium or on the field once pre-game activities have started.**

21. SPORT CHAIRPERSON

Elected from the respective coaches. The chair must be a head coach for two years in the Golden Valley Conference to be able to assume the position. If the **chair** leaves his coaching position, a new chair shall be elected for the remainder of the season.

Anthony Ferro is currently the chair for the Golden Valley Conference which began in May 2010. The term will be for a period of three years. There will be a vote during the **May 2013 end of the year league meeting** to elect a new sport chair. **The new chair will assume responsibilities at the final four meetings in 2013.**

Every three years we will follow the order below so that every head coach has the choice if he would like to be the sport chairperson. If the Coach turns it down then it goes to next available.

Feather River, COS, Lassen, Shasta and Butte is the current order.

*To be eligible for chair position must be head coach in conference for three years.

22. OTHER RULES and REGULATIONS

The Golden Valley Conference rules and regulations stated above will be the official governing document for 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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