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TO: Regional Baseball Directors
FROM: Tom Dolan, Assistant Director
RE: Regional Baseball Tournament Information
DATE: May, 2009

NOTE: Make sure pitchers mound is of proper height and specifications.

- I. League regulations provide that each Regional Council make appropriate arrangements and determine a regional baseball champion by the following deadline date for all Group Classifications – May 30. Regional Tournament shall be single elimination.

As Regional Director, it is your responsibility to supply the District Director or competing schools with the following minimum information about your Regional Tournament:

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| 1. Site | 5. Entry Forms: http://www.vhsl.org/files/base-disregsta-entry.doc |
| 2. Date (include batting & infield schedule) | 6. Admissions |
| 3. Game Times (include batting & infield schedule) | 7. Expenses - set by region within VHSL guidelines |
| 4. Pairings - designate home & visitors | |

- II. The following are VHSL regulations and policies which apply to district, regional and state baseball tournament or playoff games designed by districts to determine the champion.

- III. 1. Umpires - To be selected by the director from the 2009 List of Eligible Umpires. A minimum of three umpires is required for tournament play. <http://www.vhsl.org/files/base-officials-approved.pdf>
2. Rules - National Federation Rules - Coaches in uniform may occupy coaches' box. Local park "ground rules" will be observed. No protest - No 10 Run Rule.
- a. "Speed-Up" Rule - clarification of Baseball "Speed-Up Rule" - Section 56 -1-2 of the current VHSL Handbook States: "The Suggested 'speed up' rules shall be used in all VHSL baseball contests." <http://www.vhsl.org/files/pub-handbook-2008-09.PDF>

IMPORTANT - Please note all sections of these speed-up rules in the National Federation Baseball Rule Book are mandatory.

- b. Reentry Rule (3-1-3) - It should be noted that no agreement is necessary for the Reentry Rule. This is not decided by the home team or the district. If either team wishes to use the provisions of 3-1-3 they are permitted to do so, regardless of what the other team does. The above also applies to the designated hitter Rule (3-1-4).
3. Awards - Team trophies and medals can be obtained from your Regional Awards Chairman (VHSL Directory).
4. Rosters - 25 is limit for entire participating team group (players, coaches, managers, scorers, etc.). No one else is permitted on field or in dugouts.
5. Equipment - Each team is responsible for providing all necessary equipment including towels, practice balls and catcher's protective equipment. Director will provide 12 game balls. The VHSL Office will provide the State Quarterfinal, Semi-Final and Final Director with game balls.

III. Additional Baseball Tournament Information Posted is:

1. VHSL HANDBOOK, NOTE 56-1-1 - <http://www.vhsl.org/files/pub-handbook-2008-09.PDF>. Baseball Pitching Regulations are in effect. (NOTE EXCEPTION) page 88.
2. 2009 Baseball Rule Book - Review rule 4 - Starting and Ending Games. Review VHSL Handbook Rules - 56-5-1 and 56-5-2. <http://www.vhsl.org/files/pub-handbook-2008-09.PDF> page 88.
4. State Baseball Directors Event Guide - <http://www.vhsl.org/files/pub-bb-sb-event-guide.pdf>
5. Regional Financial Report <http://www.vhsl.org/files/fin-region-game-director-report.xls> - Please complete and return as soon as all tournament accounts are settled and no later than 30 days after your final regional game.

IV. IMPORTANT

- (a) **Regional Directors** - Call/email/fax Tom Dolan tdolan@vhsl.org or Carolyn Shifflett cshifflett@vhsl.org at the VHSL Office - 434-977-8475 – Fax 434-977-5943 as soon as you have complete information on the regional tournament - by May 30 - pairings (include record if available), sites, dates and time.
- (b) **Report of Games** - Directors must call their local paper and the Associated Press (1-800-552-9935) or FAX - 804-643-6223 with the results of your tournament. AP is a toll free number.
- (c) **CHAMPION REPORT FORM** <http://www.vhsl.org/files/athletics-championreport-form.doc> for you to fill out and **FAX/EMAIL** the information requested to:
 1. **VHSL OFFICE** (434-977-5943) – FAX (434-977-5943) or cshifflett@vhsl.org or tdolan@vhsl.org
 2. **Associated Press FAX** (888-832-0338) or apscores@ap.org

Thank You!

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