



**South Dakota High School Baseball
Association**

Administrative Manual

2016

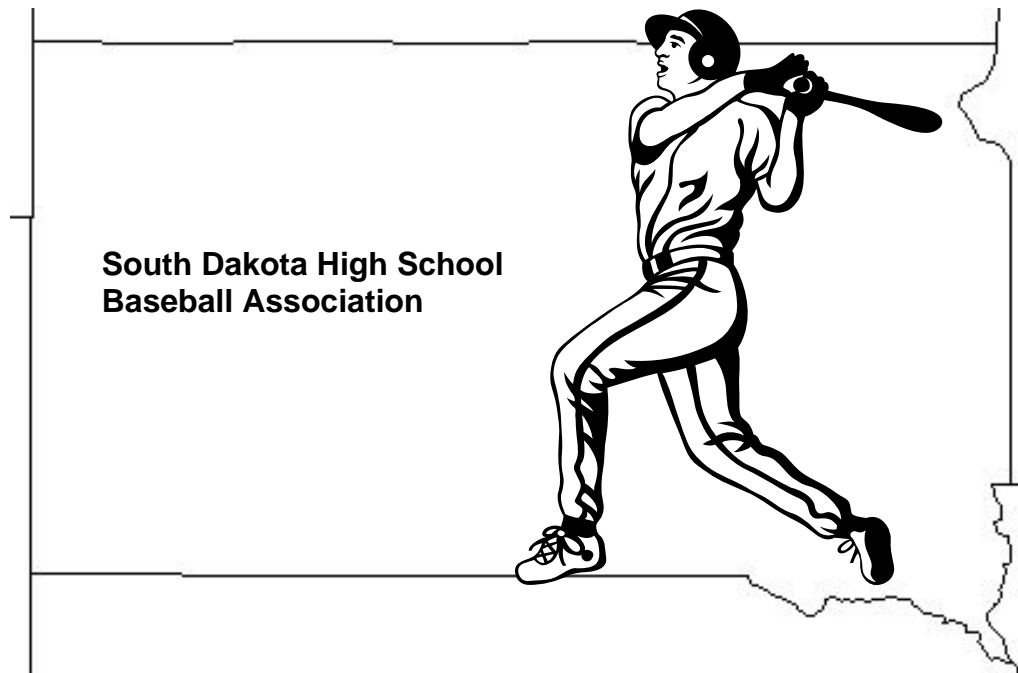
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Mission Statement

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.



2016 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 December 1 each year.

2016 Registration/Fee /League Deadlines

Registration Deadline – September 1, 2015
Payment Deadline - January 1, 2016
Schedule To Office - March 12, 2016
Rosters To Office - March 19, 2016

League Membership Fee - \$200.00

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:

- It is required that all interested student/athletes be afforded an opportunity to try-out for the coop team from all school districts involved in the proposed coop.
- In all cooping arrangements, a school must coop to the nearest adjacent school district. In the event two school districts, each adjacent to third district desire to coop with such third district, the third district shall coop with the nearest school by mileage from front door to front door via most common state or federal highway. Crossing over a Class B school district that fields a team in order to coop with another Class B school is prohibited.
- In a coop situation, the combined 9-11 ADM will be used from all schools involved to establish the ADM for the coop team. Note: It may be possible that a coop arrangement with multiple Class B schools will produce an ADM higher than 450, and therefore designate the coop team as a Class A team.
(Approved: 12/7/03)
- Existing coops shall have precedence over creation of new teams involving one or all of the existing schools in a coop.

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. (Exceptions have been made for American Legion, VFW or Babe Ruth participation.) 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. 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 both Class A and 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.

Class A Regional Format 2016

Class A Region I (East)

John Ratzloff – Regional Director 605-261-1324
Brandon Valley
Harrisburg
Sioux Falls Lincoln
Sioux Falls Washington

Class A Region II (Central)

Greg Ford – Regional Director 605-351-6449
Mitchell
Sioux Falls O’Gorman
Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Yankton

Class A Region III (West)

Todd Koeneck – Regional Director 605-224-4886
Douglas
Pierre
Rapid City Central
Rapid City Stevens
Sturgis

Class A Region IV(North)

Todd Heintzman – Regional Director 605-228-4242
Aberdeen
Brookings
Huron
Watertown

Class B Regional Format 2016

Class B Region I

Dane Yde – Regional Director 605-261-9731
East Division
 Beresford/Centerville
 Dakota Valley
 Elk Point/Jefferson
 Vermillion

Class B Region II

Keith Gall – Regional Director 605-460-0063
North Division
 Clark Area
 Deubrook/Duel
 Redfield/Doland/Northwestern
 Wolsey/Wessington

West Division

 Bon Homme
 Parker/Freeman/Hurley/Viborg
 Parkston/Ethan
 Wagner/Avon/Lake Andes

South Division

 Chester/Colman-Egan/Flandreau
 Dell Rapids/St. Mary’s/Baltic
 Madison
 Oldham/Ramona/Rutland/Arlington
 Sioux Valley

Class B Region III

Mark Rockafellow – Regional Director 605-201-3756
West Division
 Hanson Co./Sanborn
 McCook
 Tri-Valley
 West Central

Class B Region IV

Brad Schramm – Regional Director 605-530-3418
East Division
 Chamberlain
 Mission
 Platte/Geddes/DC/White Lake
 South Central
 Winner/Colome

East Division

 Canton
 Garretson
 Lennox
 Sioux Falls Christian
 Tea Area

West Division

 Bennett County
 Hot Springs
 Lead/Deadwood
 St. Thomas More

Regional Directors

Regional Directors will be assigned for each region in Class A and 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.**

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 19, 2016 to the League Office. Coaches are to utilize the official South Dakota High School Baseball Association Roster Form.

Officials

A minimum of two (2) registered umpires are required for scheduled games in the South Dakota High School Baseball League. Certification can be from any adjacent state. Any game that does not have registered umpires listed at www.sdumpires.org is subject to protest by the visiting team. Umpires for Division and Regional playoff games and State Tournament games shall be certified having completed the current year SD Umpire Association clinic and will be assigned and paid for by the state association. In all State Tournament contests, three certified umpires are required. Mileage for one umpire in the Division and Region playoffs will be paid by the host team. The host team for the State Tournament will pay mileage for all three umpires.

Coaches/club directors are required to submit their umpire pool list to the South Dakota High School Baseball Association by March 12, 2016.

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. No other speed-up rules are enforced.

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

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.

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 with 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 participate in.

Pitching Limitation Rule

1. A pitcher may not pitch more than a total of 106 pitches in any one day or 212 pitches in any seven day period. No new inning may begin after 89 pitches.
2. Each outing shall be followed by required rest based on the following number of pitches. The REST period begins the day after the outing.
 - a) 27 to 44 pitches requires one day of rest
 - b) 45-61 pitches requires two days of rest
 - c) 62-88 pitches requires three days of rest
 - d) 89 or more pitches requires four days of rest
3. If a pitcher pitches 26 or fewer pitches in one day, he may pitch the next day an amount not to exceed 44 total in the two consecutive days. He must then take one day of rest.

The penalty for violation of the pitching limitation rule will be forfeiture of the contest. During the course of a game when the pitching limit is reached the pitcher shall be removed rather than the game forfeited.

Coaches, it is your responsibility for making certain that your pitchers are complying with the pitching limitation rule. Both dugouts (teams) will agree on the official number of pitches at the end of each half inning, before the next half inning begins. In the event of discrepancies, the home team will be responsible for the final decision. The Pitching Limitation Rule must be posted in each dugout.

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, 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. **All teams are required to use the form found on page 24 or their players will not be eligible for post-season awards.** Game results must be communicated to the League Office no less than one day after the completion of a contest(s). Scores can be faxed or telephoned to 605-842-3418, or e-mailed to the League Office in Winner. Standings will be posted on the website at: www.sdhighschoolbaseball.org

Important Dates For 2016 Season Only

Registration Deadline	- September 1, 2015
Payment Deadline	- January 1, 2016
Schedule to Office	- March 12, 2016
Rosters to Office	- March 19, 2016
March 22, 2016	- Suggested Season Opening (earlier games are allowed)
May 18, 2016	- Regular Season Ends For Class A Teams
May 21, 2015	- Class A Regional Tournament Play
May 14, 2016	- Required Regional Schedule Ends For Class B Teams
May 15-16, 2016	- Class B 1 st Round Division Tournament & #4 v #5 Play-in game 4-5 game to be played at #1 division seed. #2 will host #3.
May 21, 2016	- Class B Final Round Division and Regional Championship games to be held at highest region seed remaining.
May 28, 2016	- Class A State Tournament at Sioux Falls Stadium
May 30, 2016	- Class B State Tournament at Sioux Falls Stadium

(Maximum limit of 30 Regular Scheduled Games vs Same Class SD Teams) A minimum of 12 same-class games shall be required for seeding purposes in Class A. Each Class A team shall play all teams in their Region twice. Each Class B team shall play all teams in their Division twice and each team in the opposite Division 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 schedule games must be completed prior to the beginning of the Class A & B Regional Tournaments.

Regional Tournament Information

Class B Regional and Division Tournaments

Up to four teams are eligible to participate in the Division Tournament. The 4 and 5 seed in each division will have a play-in game prior to the Tournament. The Tournament shall be single elimination with the Division Champs advancing to the Regional Tournament with the Champions advancing to the State Tournament at Sioux Falls Stadium. The State Tournaments will be held on **May 28 (Class A) and May 30 (Class B) 2016**. The South Dakota High School Baseball Association reserves the right to alter Division, Regional and State Championship games in the event of unforeseen conflicts.

Regional Tournament Game Site Assignment Process

Seeding of teams for the Division and Regional Tournament will be based on games played against Division or Regional 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 regional tournaments shall be held at the highest seed in each region on May 21, 2016.

Seeding Criteria

- Overall record against Division or Regional opponents. The top seeded team is required to have played each of its division opponents twice and opposite division once for seeding position. This prevents a team from playing a minimal division schedule and by virtue of their record, secure the top seed position.
- If tied, Head to Head competition. (Won or Loss only, not margin of victory)
- If still tied, total region wins
- If still tied, total wins against same class teams
- If still tied, total games played in same class
- If still tied, winning percentage vs common opponents in same class
- Coin flip

Weather Related Emergency Seeding Criteria

In the event the Board declares a weather emergency the following criteria for seeding will be used:

- Head to head
- Total Region Wins
- Total Wins against Same Class Teams
- Total Games Played in Same Class
- Winning Percentage vs Common Opponents in Same Class
- Coin Flip

State Tournament Brackets

Class A & B

The Regional Champion will advance to the four-team State Championship Tournament. The pairing process will be on a year-by-year rotation.

2016

Region II vs. Region IV
Region I vs. Region III

2017

Region I vs. Region IV
Region II vs. Region III

2018

Region I vs. Region II
Region III vs. Region IV

Tournament Sites

2016

Class A Sioux Falls Stadium May 28, 2016
Class B Sioux Falls Stadium May 30, 2016

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 May 1, 2016.

All-Region/All State Player Selection

To promote and recognize athletes who have distinguished themselves during the course of the 2016 season, an All Region Designation will be made. The All Region selection process shall be as follows:

Based on the Region seeding in Class A and Division seeding in Class B, the number one seeded team would appoint 4 players, the number 2 seeded team would appoint 3 players, the number 3 seeded team would appoint 2 players and all other teams in the region/division would appoint 1 player. All Class A coaches in the region would meet prior to the region tournament to nominate and select 4 “at large” recipients. Any Class B coach who wishes to nominate players for the “at large” selection must attend a division 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 14, 2016 forfeits any consideration of his players for All-Region/All-State recognition.

Statistical Information Required For All Region and All State Selection

Offensive Players – Batting Average, 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 Best of State Recognition (Class A & Class B). Individuals who have been named to All Region Recognition will be eligible for the Best of State Recognition. The Best of State will have a 1st Team, and a 2nd Team. All selections will be determined by the Board of Directors. The Best of State recipients will be announced after the completion of the Class A and Class B State Tournaments.



2016
South Dakota
High School Baseball
Application Form

Team: _____ Head Coach: _____

Schools Represented: _____

Graduation Date for each school: _____

Head Coach

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Head Coach Phone: (Home) _____ Work: _____

Head Coach E-mail Address: _____

Assist. Coach Phone: (Home) _____ Work: _____

Assist. Coach E-mail Address: _____

Local Media Outlet (Paper/Radio/TV) _____

Note: Price per team is \$200.00. Insurance is the responsibility of each registered team.

Insurance Agency Name: _____

Insurance Agency Phone: _____

Be sure to enclose copy of proof of insurance with effective dates.

Amount of Registration Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: SDHSBA

Mail check to: PO Box 202, Winner, SD 57580

Deadline For Registrations: September 1, 2015

Deadline For Payment: January 1, 2016

To be eligible to vote or to hold office, payment must be made by Dec. 1, 2015.

South Dakota High School Baseball
2016 School Coop Request Form



1. Name of Applicant: _____
2. Address: _____ City: ____ State: ____ Zip: ____
3. E-mail address: _____
4. Telephone: (O) _____ (H) Home _____
5. Other school(s), towns involved in this application:

6. Official name of this cooperative:

7. Head Coach of the combined program:

8. Please describe conditions that have prompted your request to co-sponsor this team.

9. This application is for what year? _____
10. Where will practices be held? _____ Competitions? _____
11. Would your school be able to continue offering this activity if this cooperative sponsorship were not approved? Yes ____ No ____
12. What is 9-11 combined ADM of all schools involved in this cooperative agreement? _____

Established 12/7/03

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. (O'Gorman has the lowest Class A level at 453)
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 Umpire Evaluation Form

Umpire's Name _____ Evaluator's Name _____

Site(s) _____ Date(s) _____

Evaluation Scale: 5=Outstanding 4=Above Average 3=Average 2=Below Average 1=Unacceptable

(A rating of 2 should be accompanied by an explanation. A rating of 1 must be accompanied by an explanation.)

_____ Plate Commentary _____
Work

_____ Base Commentary _____
Work

_____ Situation/ Commentary _____
People _____
Management _____

_____ Effort/ Commentary _____
Professionalism _____

If there was any concern about rules knowledge or interpretation, please explain:

Yes No Should this umpire continue working regular season games?

Yes No Should this umpire be considered for the Divisional Playoffs?

Yes No Should this umpire be nominated for post-season play beyond the Division Playoffs?

Mail this completed form to SDHSBA, PO Box 202, Winner, SD 57580 or fax
this form to 605-842-3418 or email it to bschramm@gwtc.net



UMPIRE EVALUATION INSTRUCTIONS

Umpires are to be rated in four categories—plate work, base work, people/situation management, and effort/enthusiasm. The evaluation form requires a grade of 1-5 (with 5 being the highest) in each of the four categories.

Adding comments is always encouraged. A grade of 2 should be accompanied by an explanation and a grade of 1 must be accompanied by an explanation. There is also room to note any concern about rules knowledge or interpretation.

The final section requires answering three simple questions about recommendations for future assignments within the league and for post-season play.

Below are a few helpful hints:

*Make sure your scores are based only on the umpire's performance during the game or games you are evaluating. Try not to let past history (good or bad) influence your grades. We want the evaluation to reflect what that umpire did in that game. Just because an umpire has been around a long time does not automatically justify high grades; likewise, just because you may not know a new/young umpire does not mean you should grade them lower and that they can only earn good grades after years of service. Base your grades solely on what you see during that game.

*Comments are always helpful and are encouraged. If there are specific on-field issues that you feel need to be addressed with an individual umpire or if you are aware of inappropriate off-field behavior, it should be noted.

*Please submit your evaluations by fax, mail, or email within three days of the completion of a game. Coaches—please complete a post-game cool-down period before completing evaluations.

Some things to think about when determining grades (1-5) in each of the four categories. Every umpire starts out as a 3 in each category. Their performance determines upgrades or downgrades from that start point. The bolded areas are primary.

*Plate Work—**interpretation and consistency of strike zone**, style and timing, positioning and individual mechanics, rotations and crew mechanics.

*Base Work—**judgment**, style and timing, positioning and individual mechanics, reaction to plays, rotations and crew mechanics.

*People/Situation Management—**communication skills with players and coaches**, inappropriate fraternization, handling of unusual situations, handling pressure.

*Effort/Enthusiasm—**focus, intensity, hustle**, mobility, appearance.

**South Dakota High School Baseball
2016 All –Region Appointment/Nomination Form**



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>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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#1 Seed gets 4 appointments, #2 Seed gets 3 appointments, #3 seed gets 2 appointments, all others get 1 appointment. Your appointments may be any combination of pitchers and position players, not to exceed the number your seeding has determined.

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 Association by Noon, May 14, 2016.