

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Arkansas Activities Association Board of Directors Tuesday, August 2, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Arkansas Activities Association met on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at the AAA Building at 4 PM. with President John Ciesla, Greenwood, presiding. Other board members present were:

Suzanne Bailey, Lonoke
John L Colbert, Fayetteville
Jon Collins, West Memphis
Scott Embrey, Beebe
Jon Estes, Palestine-Wheatley
Thomas Gathen, McGehee

Kelvin Gragg, Dumas
Gregg Grant, Danville
Steve Green, Cave City
Gary Hines, Emerson-Taylor-Bradley
Jayme Jones, Ozark Mountain
Bryan Law, Farmington

Rick McLaughlin, HS Lakeside
Jerry Newton, Poyen
Bryan Russell, Valley View.
Steve Straessle, Catholic
John Ward, Magnolia
Benny Weston, Mena

Absent: Brian Golden, Malvern

Present from the AAA staff were Lance Taylor, Don Brodell, Wadie Moore, Amber Balboa, and Annette Savage. Absent from the AAA staff were Joey Walters, Nick Lasker.

MINUTES – The minutes of the Summer Workshop, June 7-9, 2016, were unanimously approved as presented. (MOTION: Ward/Weston, 18-0)

John L Colbert, Fayetteville, arrived at 4:13 PM.

REVIEW GOVERNING BODY AGENDA/VOTING PROCEDURES – The director reviewed the agenda and proposals for the Governing Body meeting. All proposals will be voted by a written ballot.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS – The board unanimously accepted the membership application of Covenant Keepers Charter School in Little Rock. (MOTION: Hines/Ward, 19-0)

AAA PITCHING RULE – The board unanimously approved a new pitch count rule. (MOTION: Gragg/Newton, 19-0)

AAA PITCHING RULE TO BE IMPLEMENTED SPRING 2017

The pitch count rule is based on the number of pitches thrown to a batter during an at bat. Warm-up pitches allowed before the game, between innings or those allowed by an umpire, due to injury or during a game delay, do not count toward the pitch max. A pitcher will be allowed to finish pitching to a batter if the maximum limit is met during an at-bat, but must be replaced after the hitter or substitute has completed his/her at bat. The pitching rule applies even though a game may be called (ended) by an umpire due to darkness, inclement weather or other factor's before it has become an official game.

Each team is required to count pitches and the host school is required to provide a pitch recorder, separate from the person counting pitches for the team. The recorders will compare the pitch count at the conclusion of each inning. This will take place at a location within the confines of the field as determined by the host/ or umpire. If the counts are not the same, the predominant count will be considered as official. If the three counts do not match, the count indicated by the pitch count recorder will be considered official.

It is not the responsibility of game officials (umpires) to enforce the pitching rule. Schools must report violations to the AAA office within 24 hour after completion of the contest. Violations of the pitch count rule are considered in the same manner as a school using an ineligible player.

PITCHES PER- DAY WITH REQUIRED REST

1. If a pitcher throws 1-30 pitches in a day, no rest is required between games.
2. If a pitcher throws 31-60 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days rest is required between games.
3. If a pitcher throws 61-85 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days rest is required between games.
4. If a pitcher throws 86 or more pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days rest is required between games.

Rest days are counted for the full day regardless of appearance start time. (ex. Pitcher throws 86 pitches on Friday. Rest days are Sat, Sun, Mon. He/she is eligible to pitch Tuesday).

PITCH COUNT RESULTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE DOWNLOADED ONTO MAX PREPS NO LATER THAN NOON OF THE DAY FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF A CONTEST. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A \$50 FINE. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST SCHOOL OR TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR TO COMPLETE THE PITCH COUNT FORM AND KEEP ON FILE FOR THE DURATION OF THE BASEBALL SEASON.

A PITCHER MAY NOT THROW MORE THAN 110 PITCHES ON ANY ONE DAY FOR VARSITY OR 85 PITCHES FOR JUNIOR VARSITY GAMES. IF A PLAYER PARTICIPATES IN BOTH VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY THE 110 MAX PITCH COUNT WILL BE USED.

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ONCE A PITCHER IS REMOVED, CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO WHAT POSITION HE/SHE IS ASSIGNED ONCE HE/SHE IS DONE PITCHING.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION – The board unanimously authorized the director to begin a search for the new Assistant Director who will replace Wadie Moore. (MOTION: McLaughlin/Gragg, 19-0)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President/Chair

Secretary

Date