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To: Athletic Directors, Varsity Baseball and Softball Coaches, and Officials Associations

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Subject: Baseball/Softball Interrupted Contest Procedures

The OSAA Executive Board recently approved an amendment to the Interrupted Contest Board Policy for Baseball and Softball regular season games. The amendment states that baseball and softball games interrupted for darkness and/or weather shall continue from the point of interruption (see revised board policy below).

The OSAA Staff, in conjunction with our State Rules Interpreters (Baseball – Tad Cockerill; Softball – Larry Harwood), believe that the process followed when this happens needs to be consistent and as simple as possible. With that in mind, here is the procedure that umpires and teams shall follow in these situations:

Baseball/Softball Interrupted Contest - Procedure

1. The umpires, both head coaches and both scorekeepers shall gather together to document the point of interruption on the lineup card and in the official scorebook (including inning, score, outs, runners on base, defensive charged conferences, etc.). The crew chief shall sign the lineup card and the official scorebook to insure that there are two copies.
2. The crew chief should then give the signed lineup card to the home coach to be kept with the official scorebook.
3. The umpires shall send their game report to their local assigner. If a different umpire crew is assigned, the local assigner shall send the game report details to the new crew as part of accepting the assignment.
4. The lineup card shall be given to the new or returning umpire crew during the pre-game when the game is to be continued from the point of interruption.

Baseball/Softball Interrupted Contest Board Policy

- 1) For darkness and/or weather:
 - a) If fewer than 4 and 1/2 or 5 innings have been played, the **contest shall continue from the point of interruption.** (February 2013)
 - b) If 4 and 1/2 (home team ahead) or 5 innings have been played and the score is not tied, the contest is declared an official game.
 - c) If play has gone beyond five full innings, teams have had an equal number of completed turns at bat and the score is tied, the **contest shall continue from the point of interruption.** (February 2013)
 - d) If play has gone beyond five full innings and is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed turns at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning, unless the home team in its half of the incomplete inning, scores a run (or runs) which equals or exceeds the opponent's score, in which case, the final score shall be recorded when the game is called. If the score was tied at the end of the last completed inning, **contest shall continue from the point of interruption.** (February 2013)
 - e) If the two schools mutually agree or if there is an athletic district policy, the game need not be **continued** if it has no bearing on state championship representation. (February 2013)
- 2) For other reasons, among which include light failure, sprinkler system, etc., the contest shall continue from the point of interruption unless the teams mutually agree otherwise or there are athletic district rules that apply.