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To: Federated Council

Date: October 1, 2014

Re: Bylaws 1502 (baseball) and 2502 (softball) – Protective Helmet

Proposal Originated: C.I.F. Staff

Proposal Reviewed

9/9/2014 – Executive Committee
9/23/2014 - Sports Medicine Advisory Committee
9/30/2014 – Commissioners Committee
10/7/2014 – Athletic Administrators Advisory Committee
10/26/2014 – Executive Committee
10/27/2014 – Federated Council – 1st Reading
01/31/2014 – Federated Council – Action Item

Proposal Recommendation

8-0 support and forward
19-0 support *recommend NOCSAE mandate*
8-2 support *w/ NOCSAE recommendation*

Type: Bylaw Additions for Baseball and Softball

Next: 10/26/2014 – Executive Committee

Proposal Summary: This proposal would require that all individuals must wear a protective helmet while coaching the bases. It would be implemented immediately.

Fiscal Impact: In most cases less than \$100 per sport.

Background: Professional and NCAA baseball require the use of a protective helmet for all individuals coaching the bases. Each year high school baseball and softball coaches are struck in the head by batted balls that may result in catastrophic injuries. While the NFHS Rule Books are permissive in the use of protective helmets by adult base coaches, it is not a mandate. It is not currently a requirement that NCAA softball coaches wear a protective helmet while coaching the bases.

New Baseball

Bylaw 1502: It is required that adult base coaches wear a protective helmet. Play will not continue until compliance with this rule is met. It is recommended that the helmet meet NOCSAE standards.

New Softball

Bylaw 2502: It is required that adult base coaches wear a protective helmet. Play will not continue until compliance with this rule is met. It is recommended that the helmet meet NOCSAE standards.

Note (for both sports): NFHS rules govern use of protective equipment by a player/student.