

Proposed Baseball Playoffs

32 Districts (3 or 4 teams in each district)	Double Elimination	May 8-13, 2008
8 Regionals (4 teams)	Double Elimination	May 15-20, 2008
4 Super-regionals (2 teams)	Best 2 of 3	May 22-24, 2008
Final Four	Single Elimination	May 30-31, 2008

Double Elimination Rules

1. play Thursday, Friday, Saturday if possible
2. play 3 games on Day 1, 2 games on day 2, and championships on day 3
3. If rain one or two days, no effect on tournament, rain 3 or more days, becomes single elimination.
4. Seeding meeting for district tournaments predetermined pairing for regionals and super regionals.
5. Coin flip determines home team throughout tournaments

Best of Three Rules

1. Due to travel, play two games in one day, mutual agreement.
2. Predetermined neutral sites a possibility?
3. Coin flip determines home team for first game; other team is home for the second, Coin flip for the third.
4. If 2 days of rain, becomes a single game.

Pros:

1. More money
2. More teams in the playoffs (25%)
3. Less travel for district tournaments (75%)
4. Best Team, Depth of pitching staff wins
5. More strategy in managing a game
6. More schools host tournaments
7. More excitement in championship games

Cons:

1. Possible overnight stay with 4 teams in super-regionals
2. Quality umpires for district tournaments (3 man crews?)

Other possibilities:

Other states do a point system, play district games (home and away) during regular season, use conference standings, or use an NCAA style system. This proposal allows every team a chance to compete in the post season, but 75% will be sitting at home after the first weekend. And the ratios are similar to the NCAA/NAIA/NJCAA postseason.

Current system:

29 Maximum/25 Minimum games in 48 possible dates (1 game every 1.7/1.9 days) in regular season, 7 games maximum in 21 possible dates (1 game every 3 days) in post-season.

Proposed system:

29 Maximum/25 Minimum games in 46 possible dates (1 game every 1.6/1.8 days) in regular season, 15 Maximum/10 Minimum games in 23 possible dates (1 game every 1.5/2.3 days)