

2008 NIAA 4A State Baseball Tournament

The 2008 NIAA Class 4A Nevada State High School Baseball Championship tournament, presented by the Las Vegas Review-Journal and Farmers Insurance Group, is scheduled to be contested Thursday, May 15 through Saturday, May 17 at Peccole Park on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno (Thursday and Saturday) AND Western Nevada College in Carson City (Friday).

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (final on May 17)

Thursday, May 15, 2008 @ Peccole Park, University of Nevada, Reno

Game 1 – *B. Gorman* (No. 1 Sunset) *def. B. Manogue* (No. 2 Northern), **7-6**

Game 2 – *Reno* (No. 1 Northern) *def. Green Valley* (No. 1 Sunrise), **11-9**

Friday, May 16, 2008 @ Western Nevada College, Carson City

Game 3 – *Green Valley* (Loser Game 2) *def. Bishop Manogue* (Loser Game 1), **3-2**

Game 4 – *Bishop Gorman* (Winner Game 1) *def. Reno* (Winner Game 2), **13-0**

Game 5 – *Green Valley* (Winner Game 3) *def. Reno* (Loser Game 4), **4-1**

Saturday, May 17, 2008 @ Peccole Park, University of Nevada, Reno

Game 6 (championship) – *Bishop Gorman* (Winner 4) *def. Green Valley* (Winn. 5), **8-3**

Game 7 – NOT NECESSARY

HOME TEAM DESIGNATION

“In all post-season baseball brackets, the higher seed will be the home team with the exception that the undefeated team, regardless of seed, will be the home team in the championship final. The home-visitor roles will be switched, however, in the case of a championship ‘if game’.

In the case that similar seeds with equal records within the tournament meet, the home team will be determined by a coin flip.”

“In all League/Region/State games, the home team will have the choice of dugout.”

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TOURNAMENT NOTES

1. Peccole Park, UNR, and Western Nevada College consist of a uniform synthetic surface. There is no dirt anywhere on the field of play. All types of shoes, including cleats, are allowed on the field's synthetic surface. It would be wise, however, for players to also bring tennis shoes and/or turf shoes.
2. There will be NO ACCESS to locker rooms and/or batting cages. Teams should plan to arrive at both Peccole Park, UNR, and Western Nevada College in uniform. Teams should make other arrangements for pre-game batting practice.
3. It is critical that teams (coaches and student-athletes) understand the gum and sunflower seed rule in place for both Peccole Park and Western Nevada College. Gum and/or sunflower seeds are allowed for consumption in the dugout only. Gum and/or sunflower seeds are NOT permitted on the playing field. Dugout attendants will be stationed with each team to ensure that no gum and/or sunflower seeds are consumed on the playing field. It is imperative that coaches and student-athletes assist the NIAA and the University of Nevada, Reno and adhere strictly to this policy.
4. Teams will enter the field of play via the auxiliary field gate located in the left field corridor. All other entrance gates will be locked.

DIRECTIONS TO PECCOLE PARK

Peccole Park is located on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno. The university is located on North Virginia Street (downtown corridor), on the north side of I-80. The athletic complex is located at the north end of campus. The baseball field is located directly east of Mackay Stadium (football stadium), off Evans Street. Parking will be available due east (off Evans Street, east side of campus) and southwest of the stadium (driveway attached to the football stadium / athletic practice fields). Ticket booths will be open on both sides of Peccole Park.

DIRECTIONS TO WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

Western Nevada College is located in the northwest area of Carson City. From Reno, take 395 South to Carson City... do NOT exit on to the Mount Rose Highway, continue on 395 South as it loops under itself at the Mount Rose – Virginia City junction. Stay to the right and take Business 395 when coming into Carson City. Exit right / west on College Blvd. (the second major intersection on Business 395). Take college up the hill / west until it exits into the community college. The baseball field will be to your left, on the south side of the adjacent parking lots.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The state tournament program will be prepared by the NIAA. Team rosters and pictures are due Friday, May 2. Pictures submitted after that deadline may not be included in the state program. Please, do not be late. Please mail the team roster and picture to the NIAA office at 1 E. Liberty St., Ste. 505, Reno, 89501. You may also e-mail the information to donnien@niaa.com.

STATE QUALIFYING IN 2008 (Northern Rotation)

The Class 4A baseball format is based on a 2-2, 3-1 rotation. In 2008, the top two (2) teams out of the Northern Region tournament (champion and runner-up), the top (1) team (champion) out of the Sunset Region tournament and the top (1) team (champion) out of the Sunrise Region tournament qualify for the state tournament. The state tournament will feature a four-team, double-elimination bracket.

The Northern Region will have two representatives and the Sunrise and Sunset regions will have one representative each in the semifinals when the state tournament is set to be played in the North (even years).

The rotation of the bracket (first-round match-ups) is as follows:

2008 – No. 1 Northern vs. No. 1 Sunrise and No. 1 Sunset vs. No. 2 Northern

2006 – No. 1 Northern vs. No. 1 Sunset and No. 1 Sunrise vs. No. 2 Northern

2004 – No. 1 Northern vs. No. 1 Sunrise and No. 1 Sunset vs. No. 2 Northern

If a region is to have two entries into the state championship bracket, both teams participating in the region championship game / if game advance to the state tournament. If the region is to have one team advancing, only the region champion will qualify for the state tournament. Please refer to the NIAA Reference Manual for the rotation of qualifiers and the state tournament bracket during odd years (when the tournament is set to be played in the South).

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The 2008 NIAA Class 4A Nevada State High School Baseball Championship tournament will feature a four-team, double-elimination format to be played over three days.

NATIONAL FEDERATION RULES

All rules according to the National Federation Rules Book (game rules), the NIAA Reference Manual (regular-season tie-breakers, etc.), the NIAA Handbook (eligibility, etc.) and this tournament information packet will apply and no protests will be allowed. Questions relating to rule interpretations and procedures will be resolved by the umpire-in-chief and tournament staff.

The 10-run "Mercy Rule" will be in effect after 4 1/2 innings.
This tournament information packet serves as a binding document for the tournament it serves.

PITCHING RULES

The 11-inning pitching rule begins on the first day of the tournament. A pitcher may NOT pitch more than 11 innings (33 outs) in four days (an out will be considered 1/3 inning).

GAME BALL

The official ball in all NIAA post-season baseball games is the: "WILSON A1010".

PRACTICE SESSIONS

No pre-tournament practice sessions will be permitted at/on the site.

PRE-GAME CEREMONIES

The home team will take a 15-minute infield session 35-minutes prior to game time. After the visiting team has taken infield, the remaining five minutes will be designated toward the playing of the National Anthem – if applicable – and the introduction of the starting lineups.

INTRODUCTION OF PLAYERS

The visiting team will be introduced first.

The National Anthem/Pledge – if applicable for the first game of the day only – will follow the completion of the starting introductions.

UMPIRES

All umpires will be selected and assigned by the commissioner of officials in your area as directed by the NIAA.

PLAYER CONDUCT

The NIAA feels it is very important that coaches get a copy of and review with their players NAC 386.835 – 386.847, the NIAA's regulations regarding sportsmanship and ethics, on pages 86-91 of the NIAA Handbook. Bench clearing regulations are included in the above-mentioned NAC.

WEATHER

If a state tournament game must be canceled or cannot be completed because of nature, weather, a major catastrophe or any other unforeseeable and/or unavoidable cause, the following procedure will be followed:

1. The director of the game/tournament shall attempt to complete the remainder of the schedule by using any means available to him/her. Such means may include delay, a postponement or a shortened format of the schedule, but in no case may the remainder of the schedule be held on Sunday.
2. If the director is unable to complete the schedule, the completion may be rescheduled within a reasonable time and at a site that is convenient to all competing schools, if the superintendents of the school districts involved in the completion of the schedule approve such a rescheduling by a unanimous vote.

SUSPENDED GAME

A game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of the interruption with the lineup and batting order of each team the same as at the moment of the interruption, subject to the rules of the game.

ADMISSION PRICES

Adults, \$7

Students, \$5

Children (8 & younger), Free

Senior Citizens (62 & older), Free

NIAA Courtesy Card, Honored for the legitimate pass holder and one guest

NIAA Lifetime Pass, Honored for the legitimate pass holder and one guest

NOTE: The NIAA does not recognize nor permit the selection of all-tournament teams. The NIAA's philosophy is that league/region and state tournaments are team competitions.

Recognizing a small group of individuals often creates animosity among the large group of individuals who were not selected for this type of honor. The exception to this philosophy would be if a media outlet selects an all-tournament team with no affiliation to the NIAA or the tournament staff.

Contacts:

Tournament Director: **Ron Pagni**

Tournament Assistant: **TBA**

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