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WELCOME TO THIS ISSUE OF THSBCA PLAY BALL

In BRIEF

This will be the 46th consecutive convention and clinic held in Waco and promises to be one of the best yet. The dates are January 12-14, 2017.

If you have not registered, please do so as soon as possible.

Membership forms are on our website:

www.thsbca.com

A tentative itinerary can be found on page 6 of this Newsletter.

UIL CHANGES

The Legislative Council composed of

Superintendents and the UIL, met the weekend of October 15-16 to make changes for the 2017-2018 school year. Our association made a proposal again to bring back our lost tournament/games. We asked that we be given back the games which had been taken away because of financial problems; that idea is close to passing, but the full board needs

to make that final decisions. The Legislative Council decided to have a referendum sent to all superintendents who will vote on this situation in January. Coaches, you need to visit with your Superintendents and let them know you want those games back. The argument is "you are playing the same number of games anyway. That is because we are playing 6 games in a tournament; and that is not good on young arms. More on page 2



PRESIDENTS LETTER – DANE SAUCIER

Coaches,

I hope that everyone is having a great start to the new school year. I am sure all of you are hard a work with offseason and working to get your fields back in order. Many are starting to feel the cool morning and evenings which tells us to bring on the fall weather. With the planting of the rye grass, several things come to our attention. I want to remind everyone to get any early start on registration for your membership to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association. If you have not had time to get your hotel rooms and forms in for Waco, please so as soon as possible. I want to remind all head coaches that for your players to be places on all-star teams that you must be a member of the association.

Coaches, on October 1st the Medical Advisory Board met to adopt the pitch count rule for this upcoming season. The Legislative Council will meet October 15-16 to vote on these proposals also. Details to the rule will soon be release on the UIL website along with the THSBCA website for everyone to see. Dr. Susan Elza and Brian Polk will be on hand at this year's show in Waco to discuss the upcoming rule changes and pitch count implementation. We encourage everyone to attend and bring forth any questions that you might have after they have covered all the information. The UIL, the medical advisory board, and our association have worked very hard to hope help make this transition as smooth and simple as possible.

In addition, the THSBCA would like to congratulate the Hall of Fame class of 2017. The HOF class consist of: Rocky Manual, Steve Chapman and Rick Carpenter. We would also like to announce that Hall of Fame coach Augie Garrido will be the Blue Bell Hall of Fame banquet speaker for this January.

Finally, I want to again thank all of our official sponsors and dealers for all that they do for our association and encourage all of our coaches to make sure to take a look at the products from those sponsors. I hope all of you continue to have a great fall and look forward to seeing all of you in Waco this upcoming January.

Sincerely,
Dane Saucier
President

MORE UIL NEWS

The Council voted to place the restoration of allowable tournaments and meets for all sports except for football on a referendum ballot. If the referendum passes, the number of tournaments allowed in team sports would be restored to three and the number of meets in individual sports would be restored to eight. The number of tournaments and meets allowed was reduced to two and seven, respectively, in 2012.

In athletics, the Legislative Council approved a proposal to establish a pitch count limitation in baseball. High school pitchers will be limited to no more than 110 pitches per day, junior high pitchers will be limited to no more than 85 pitches per day. Days of rest between participation will be required based on the number of pitches thrown. If approved by the Commissioner of Education, this rule change will be effective immediately.



**Proposed Amendment to the
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment establishes pitch count limitations as required by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) baseball rules.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

NFHS has mandated a requirement for all states who participate under the NFHS baseball rule structure to implement a requirement for a pitch count restriction effective for the 2016-17 school year.

C. Proposed Amendment

The UIL Baseball Manual would be amended immediately, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Pitching Limitation. A pitcher may pitch one game each day in an unlimited number of innings. If he pitches in more than one game during a day, he will be limited to a total of ten innings each day. It is strongly recommended that a player who has pitched a full game the previous day not be used as a pitcher the following day.

HIGH SCHOOL PITCHERS WILL BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 110 PITCHES PER DAY. JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PITCHERS WILL BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 85 PITCHES PER DAY. REQUIRED REST DAYS BETWEEN PARTICIPATION AS A PITCHER ARE AS OUTLINED IN THE CHARTS BELOW.

Rest Chart

High School Pitch Count (Grades 9 through 12):

0-30 pitches	0 days rest
31-45 pitches	1 day rest
46-65 pitches	2 days rest
66-85 pitches	3 days rest
86-110 pitches	4 days rest

Junior High Pitch Count (Grades 7 and 8):

0-20 pitches	0 days rest
21- 35 pitches	1 day rest
36 - 50 pitches	2 days rest
51 – 65 pitches	3 days rest
66 - 85 pitches	4 days rest

PRE-SEASON SEASON POLLS

THIS PREDICTION IS FOR DISTRICT - _____ 2A 3A 4A 5A 6A

PREDICTIONS FOR MY DISTRICT

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TEAM INFORMATION:

SCHOOL NAME - _____

COACH'S NAME _____

RETURNING STARTERS _____

2016 SEASON RECORD _____

2016 DISTRICT RECORD _____

2016 PLAYOFF RECORD _____

TOP TEAMS IN YOUR REGION _____, _____, _____, _____

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS with brief stats:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
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5. _____
6. _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THESE AND MAIL THEM TO THE FOLLOWING:

2-4A – KEITH KLAUS – ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL; 1 EAGLE DR, ROGERS TX 76569

klaus@rogers.k.tx.us

5-6A – BART BICKERTON- SHARYLAND HS; 1216 N SHARY RD,MISSION, TX 78572

bbickerton@sharylandisd.org

THE 2017 POLLS WILL BEGIN AFTER THE THIRD WEEKEND TOURNAMENT AND WILL CONTINUE WEEKLY UNTIL THE STATE TOURNAMENT.

WE NEED DISTRICTS REPS FROM ALL DISTRICT TO ASSIST IN THESE WEEKLY POLLS. THERE WILL BE A SHORT MEETING IN WACO AFTER THE BUSINESS MEETING ON FRIDAY WITH DISTRICT REPS.

Going Home

Recently, I attended a funeral in Post, Texas of a former player that I had coached. Funerals are usually very somber events, but in West Texas, they sometimes take a different shade.

I arrived at the Ball Park at 2:00 PM, where the services were to be held. A large crowd had assembled in the stands. The scoreboard was running and the flags were at full staff. The usual funeral hymns were playing.

The preacher, a large man, walked to the pitcher mound and asked us to stand. The casket was rolled from the edge of the home dugout to home plate by some of his longtime friends. The preacher led us in the Star Spangled Banner in perfect baseball weather. It was a picture perfect baseball day - blue skies, 72 degree temperature, wind out of the southwest at 15 miles per hour and it was being "played" on natural grass! The second song was "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." I might add that everyone had their hand over their heart and not one person took a knee.

He asked us to be seated and the services began. As the preacher spoke of Clyde's birth and listed the other vital information about him, the casket began rolling toward first base. The pastor spoke of Clyde's love for baseball at an early age and how Sunday school was a major part of his life.

The casket rounded first and headed for second. The pastor spoke of the trials of being young and Clyde's teenage years. The constant theme was the love of playing ball and being in church.

Clyde's casket rounded second and headed for third. The preacher spoke of Clyde's college days playing ball and the love of the game. He spoke of his marriage and his children. Finally, the preacher spoke of Clyde's love for God, his family and baseball.

The casket touched third and headed for home. The crowd rose in unison as the preacher waived his arms and pointed to home plate. In a strong voice that rang in the stillness of the baseball field, the pastor said "Clyde is going Home and Jesus is waiting." "He is scoring the winning run."

There was not a dry eye in the stands. The scoreboard numbers read, 1-0, as Clyde crossed the plate. He was a winner.

As I shook hands with Clyde's friends and family, a peaceful emotion fell over me. Clyde is at peace.

I do know that after the service had completed, the wind picked up and there was a hint of sand in the air. Ah yes, West Texas, you have to love it! RIP Clyde.



2017 WACO CONVENTION/ REGISTRATION

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The 2017 Waco Convention will be January 12-14. We have an outstanding group of speakers this year thanks to Barry Russell. He spent a lot of time coming up with a great line – up of speakers, highlighted with Coach Gary Gilmore, head coach at Coastal Carolina University, this year's NCAA Div. I champions. He will speak on THURSDAY night.

Registration forms are now available on the website, thsbca.com as well as one included in this Newsletter.

WACO HOTEL ROOMS

AMERICA BEST VALUE INN - \$59.99 – (254) 772-9440
BEST WESTERN OLD MAIN LODGE - \$78. – (254) 753-0316
CAMILLE HOUSE – from \$95 - \$150 – (254) 772-2889
COMFORT SUITES - \$104.99 – (254) 537-0413
COTTON PALACE B/B - \$110 – (254) 753-7294
COURTYARD by MARRIOTT - \$119 – 1-888-236-2427
ECONO LODGE INN - \$75 – (254) 752- 1991
HAMPTON INN & SUITES - \$109 – (254) 662- 9500
HILTON WACO UNIVERSITY PARKS - \$119 – (254) 759- 5516
HOMWOOD SUITES - \$129 – (254) 644- 4663
QUALITY INN & SUITES - \$99 – (254) 296- 0550
RESIDENCE INN - \$79 – (254) 714- 1386
SUPER 8 WACO MALL - \$62.95 – (254) 776- 3194
SUPER 8 UNIVERSITY WACO - \$59.99 – (254) 754- 1023

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The 2017 inductee class to the THSBCA Hall of Fame has just been released.

1. **RICK CARPENTER**
2. **STEVE CHAPMAN**
3. **ROCKY MANUEL**

Congratulations to this very deserving group of coaches. Please join them in Waco at the Hall of Fame banquet, January 13, 2017.



GAMECHANGER



TENTATIVE AGENDA WACO CONVENTION

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6:00-6:10	Welcome & Introduction of Speakers- DANE SAUCIER		Brazos Rm
6:15-6:50	State Champion Coaches Panel		Brazos Rm
6:10-6:20	2A- SHAWN BRUNS- FLATONIA HS		
6:20-6:30	3A- CORY BECKHAM- WEST HS		
6:30-6:40	4A- CLAY MARTIN- ABILENE WYLIE		
6:40-6:50	5A- STEVE HUTCHERSON- GRAPEVINE		
6:50-7:00	6A- BRIAN JONES- DALLAS JESUIT		
7:00-8:00	GARY GILMOUR- COASTAL CAROLINA	BUILDING A PROGRAM	Brazos Rm
8:45	<i>Convention Center Closes</i>		
Friday, January 13, 2017			
8:00	Exhibits Open/Registration Opens		
8:00-8:05	Opening Remarks- DANE SAUCIER- WIMBERLY HS		Brazos Rm
8:10-8:50	DR. JP BRAMHALL TEXAS A&M TEAM DOCTOR	ARM CARE/INJURY PREVENTION BASE RUNNING	Brazos Rm
9:00-9:40	TODD INTERDONNATO- WOFFORD COLLEGE		Brazos Rm
9:50-10:30	STEVE CARAWAY- TEXAS MULTI CHEM	FIELD MAINTENANCE	Brazos Rm
10:00	THSBCA Retired Coaches Meeting		LONE STAR RM 103
10:00-10:40	JACK WARREN- TOP COACH	MOTIVATION	TEXAS NORTH RM 113 114
10:40-11:20	STEVE SPRINGER- TORONTO BLUE JAYS	MENTAL SIDE OF HITTING	Brazos Rm
11:00	<i>Scout Meeting-</i>		BOSQUE THEATER
	<i>TAPPS Meeting</i>		LONE STAR 104
	<i>Jr. College Meeting</i>		TEXAS NORTH 115
11:30-12:15	THSBCA Business Meeting/Regional Meeting	REX AND OFFICERS	Brazos Rm
	Region 1 and Region 4	REG DIRECTORS	Brazos Rm
	Region 2	REG DIRECTORS	TEXAS NORTH
	Region 3	REG DIRECTORS	TEXAS SOUTH
12:15-1:00	<i>Luncheon</i>	Sponsored by	BRAZOS ROOM
1:00-1:40	UIL- DR. ELZA/BRIAN POLK	"New Rules/Updates"	Brazos Rm
1:45-2:25	BRIAN ROPER- MIDLAND LEE HS	CATCHING	TEXAS NORTH RM 113 114
1:50-2:30	UIL- DR. ELZA/ BRIAN POLK	PITCH COUNTS Q&A	Brazos Rm
2:00-2:40	ROY KINNAN- THSBCA RETIRED COACHES ASSOC	PITCHING	TEXAS SOUTH RM 116 118
2:35-3:15	KYLE McNEELY- NFHS	HS RULE CHANGES	TEXAS NORTH RM 113 114
2:40-3:20	JASON MARSHALL- UTSA	QUALITY PRACTICE	Brazos Rm
2:50-3:30	KELLY MEAD- KINGWOOD HS	INFIELD PLAY	TEXAS SOUTH RM 116 118
3:30-4:10	SEAN ALLEN- UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS	HITTING/OFFENSE	Brazos Rm
3:30- 4:10	LANTZ WHEELER- BASEBALL THINK TANK	PITCHING	TEXAS NORTH RM 113 114

4:20-5:00	GREG BEALS- OHIO ST UNIVERSITY	CATCHING	Brazos Rm
6:15	Blue Bell/ THSBCA Hall of Fame Banquet: Speaker-	AUGIE GARRIDO- HOF COACH	Brazos Rm
Saturday, January 14th, 2017			
7:00-7:50	<i>FCA Breakfast</i>		RANGER RM 106-110
8:00-8:05	Opening Remarks- Dane Saucier		Brazos Rm
8:10-8:50	STEVE COLEMAN- HARDIN SIMMONS UNIV	COACHING PHILOSOPHY	Brazos Rm
9:00-9:40	GREG BEALS- OHIO ST UNIVERSITY	HITTING	Brazos Rm
9:50-10:30	ZACH DECHANT- TCU STRENGTH COACH	WT TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE	Brazos Rm
10:40-11:20	TY HARRINGTON- TEXAS STATE UNIV	INFIELD PLAY	Brazos Rm
11:30-12:10	CRAIG MCMURTY- TEMPLE JC	PITCHING	Brazos Rm
12:15	Cash Drawings/Closing Statements		Brazos Rm
	Vendor Hospitality- DeCordova/Cameron		
	Vendors- McL/Chisholm		
	Late Registration- Event Office in Upper Lobby		



ALL STAR COACHES - 2017

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1. DANNY WALLACE – FLOWER MOUND HS - NORTH
2. BOBBY WILLIAMS – BRAZOSWOOD HS – SOUTH

5A

1. JASON FARROW – FORNEY HS - NORTH
2. CHRIS WIGGINS – CROSBY – SOUTH

4A

1. MICHAEL SWENSON – IOWA PARK HS – NORTH
2. BRYAN KENT – ROBINSON HS – SOUTH

3A

1. JASON SEALE – EDGEWOOD HS – NORTH
2. KEVIN TERRIER – BUNA HS – SOUTH

2A

1. KEVIN BARTLEY – BOSQUEVILLE HS – NORTH
2. MARK WILLIAMS – EVADALE HS - SOUTH

Congratulations to these outstanding coaches!





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