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<p><b>COMMITTEE:</b> Baseball</p> <p><b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b> Michael Jackson, Chair, Hanover; Jeff Cloos, Winnisquam; Jeff Delois, Pittsfield; Greg Fillion, Littleton; Stan Jurkoic, Newmarket; John Lord, Gilford</p> <p><b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b> Arthur Adamakos, Manchester Memorial; Mark Cherbonneau, Supervisor, Derry</p> <p><i>R. Patrick Corbin</i></p> <p><b>OFFICE STAFF:</b> R. Patrick Corbin, Executive Director; Kerrin Randall, Sports Secretary</p>	<p><b>DATE:</b> Monday, June 14, 2010</p> <p><b>CALLED TO ORDER:</b> 9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>TIME ADJOURNED:</b> 10:13 a.m.</p> <p><b>NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:</b> Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.</p>
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	VOTE	FOLLOW UP NEEDED
Introductions	Mr. Jackson introduced Mr. Tom Fisher, who was in attendance for Mr. Cherbonneau as a representative from the baseball official's association.		
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by Mr. Jurkoic and seconded by Mr. Lord to approve the March 2, 2010 minutes as presented.	5-0 Motion Carried	Ms. Randall will email the approved minutes to the Baseball Coaches Association.
Review of Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Protective Face Mask</li> </ul> Mr. Corbin stated that an athlete had requested to wear a protective face mask during play. He stated that this was resolved with the athlete and he played. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Lettering on Gloves</li> </ul> Mr. Corbin stated that he received several inquires regarding lettering on gloves, as some officials deemed large logos on gloves distracting. He stated that this issue had been resolved.		

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Review of Correspondence (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Unreported Substitutes Mr. Corbin stated that a coach was concerned that unreported substitutions were being made, and Mr. Corbin stated that no violations were made.</li> <li>➤ NFHS Proposed Rules Changes for 2011 Mr. Corbin stated that the proposed changes were mainly regarding the addition of a concussion statement and bat regulations. He stated that the rules changes were emailed to the Committee.</li> </ul>		
Discussion/Vote of 2012-13; 2013-14 Divisional Alignment – All Games Count	<p>Mr. Corbin stated that the Classification Committee will begin working on the 2012-13; 2013-14 divisional alignments in September. He stated that each Committee is being asked to look at alignments and see if they want to make a recommendation for their own divisions for the next cycle.</p> <p>The Committee reviewed the current alignment, and Mr. Cloos commented that he had not heard any complaints regarding four divisions.</p> <p>Mr. Corbin stated that the Classification Committee was looking at having all games count in 2012, but seeing as that will not apply to baseball, as all games count as it is, the Baseball Committee will need to recommend the number of divisions to have for the next cycle.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Cloos and seconded by Mr. Delois to recommend that baseball stay at four divisions for the 2012-13; 2013-14 classification cycle.</p>	5-0 Motion Carried	Mr. Corbin will bring to the Classification Committee.
Review and Approve of 2010 Disqualification Reports	<p>The Committee reviewed the 2009-10 disqualification report.</p> <p>Mr. Corbin stated the report had been updated since the tournament, and explained that there was a disqualification in the Class M final from Somersworth High School. He stated that a letter will be sent to the school regarding the disqualification of the athlete, as well as the coach's comments before, and during the game.</p>		

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Review and Approve of 2010 Disqualification Reports (continued)	<p>Mr. Fisher stated that the Somersworth coach was disputing the fact that he had to take infield practice first, as he had been taking it second throughout the entire tournament. Mr. Fisher stated that Mr. Cherbonneau is looking into this.</p> <p>Mr. Corbin stated that there is concern with the number of coach disqualifications. He stated that there were eight; the most he has seen in years. He stated that malicious contact with the catcher penalties had gone down, and that a proposed rule change for next year from the NFHS is to change the wording for malicious contact, replacing it with flagrant and flagrant act.</p> <p>Mr. Jackson stated that he received an inquiry from Berlin High School stating that they felt that officials don't understand the impact the ejection of a coach has on a team.</p> <p>Mr. Fisher stated that the officials usually restrict a coach before they are ejected, and Mr. Corbin clarified that he requests reports from officials when a coach is ejected, and the reports state that the coach was restricted prior to ejection. Mr. Fisher stated that officials do not want to eject coaches from games.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Lord and seconded by Mr. Cloos to approve the 2010 disqualification report.</p>	5-0 Motion Carried	
Review of 2010 Tournament	<p>➤ Pitching Log – New Format Feedback</p> <p>Mr. Jackson asked if there were any concerns with the pitching logs, as the format for signatures had been changed and the Committee stated that there were no issues.</p> <p>Mr. Lord asked why the quarterfinals were at the home of the higher seed as several people told him they don't like it. Mr. Corbin stated NHIAA made the decision to help with travel costs, loss of instructional time, and to increase attendance at games.</p>		

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Review of 2010 Tournament (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Class S – Plymouth State University</li> <li>➤ Class S – Plymouth Regional High School</li> <li>➤ Class M – Memorial Field, Concord</li> <li>➤ Class I – Gill Stadium, Manchester</li> <li>➤ Class L – Holman Stadium, Nashua</li> <li>➤ Finals – Merchantsauto.com Stadium</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Jackson stated that everything went well at all sites. Mr. Cloos inquired if there were any issues from Class I playing on the turf field at Gill Stadium. Mr. Corbin stated no one had a problem with it.</p> <p>Mr. Jackson stated that Merchantsauto.com Stadium is a great venue and very accommodating. He stated that the weather was not good, but that the grounds crew at the stadium did an outstanding job.</p> <p>Mr. Fisher expressed concern with the substance the grounds crew was using to dry the field. He stated that the athletes should not be near it while it is being spread, as he was not sure what is in it and doesn't want them inhaling it.</p> <p>Ms. Cloos stated that there was concern that the concessions were not open for the beginning of the first game.</p>		Mr. Corbin will include these concerns in his wrap up meeting with Merchantsauto.com Stadium.
Review and Approve of 2011 Tournament Dates, Sites, and Times	<p>The Committee reviewed the 2010-11 Tournament dates, sites, and times.</p> <p>Mr. Delois suggested that the start time of the second game at Gill Stadium be changed to 8:00 p.m. due to the expense of turning on lights at the stadium earlier.</p> <p>Mr. Lord inquired as to why Class I and M swap sites each year. Mr. Cloos stated that this was done years ago so that same class did not travel to Franklin Pierce University when it was used as a venue.</p>		Ms. Randall will update the times.



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Review, Change, and Approve Policies and Procedures Manual	<p>Mr. Jackson stated a coach had requested that the exchange of full rosters be added as a mandate prior to a game to the Policies and Procedures Manual</p> <p>Mr. Cloos stated that athletic directors exchange rosters prior to games if they are requested to provide them. He stated that coaches should ask their athletic director for copies of rosters from other teams, and that this does not need to be added to the Policies and Procedures Manual. No further action taken.</p> <p>Mr. Jackson asked if the new “Play-In” game added to Division III would affect the tournament pitching rule and Mr. Cloos stated that the “Play-In” game is not a tournament game, and would be considered the last regular season game for the teams involved. He stated that the tournament pitching rule would not apply.</p> <p>Mr. Jackson asked that information regarding the “Play-In” games for Division III be added to the Points of Emphasis.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Fillion and second by Mr. Cloos to approve the Policies and Procedures Manual with said changes.</p>	5-0 Motion Carried	<p>Ms. Randall will add to the Points of Emphasis.</p> <p>Ms. Randall will update the Policies and Procedures Manual.</p>
Other Business	<p>Mr. Corbin stated that coach uniforms were not an issue at the tournament this year.</p> <p>Mr. Fisher asked if there was anything the Committee could do to change the penalty given to coaches who are in violation of the dress code, as there are repeat offenders who refuse to adhere to it. Mr. Corbin stated that the uniform rules come from the NFHS and the NHIAA cannot change them. He stated that the NHIAA has attempted to have this changed by the NFHS without success.</p> <p>Mr. Fisher stated that an athletic director approached officials prior to a game and asked them to call the game due to the weather. He stated that the officials cannot call the game off</p>		

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Other Business (continued)	<p>until it is begun, and asked for clarification as to who makes the call of cancelling a game during the preliminary and quarterfinal games. Mr. Corbin stated that it is the athletic director's call if it is at the home of the higher seed to call a game before it is begun by the umpires.</p> <p>Mr. Lord stated that he received a call from the Newmarket High School Head Coach expressing concern that he was mentioned in the meeting minutes from June 15, 2009 regarding an incident from the finals where he appeared to not shake the hands of the opposing team players following the game. The coach was angry that he was portrayed in a bad light to others, as the meeting minutes are posted on the Baseball Coaches' Association Website.</p> <p>Mr. Corbin clarified that the minutes that are sent to the Coaches Association, at the request of the Committee, are approved minutes only. The minutes that were approved at this meeting from March 2, 2010 will go out to the Coaches Association following this meeting and they clarify the situation.</p> <p>Mr. Lord stated that Division III coaches knew nothing of the "Play-In" format for 2010-11 and that they are very concerned with the amount of games they will be allowed to play. Mr. Lord stated that the coaches are asking how the new format came to be and asked if the Committee had any say in the decision to go this route. Mr. Fillion stated that athletic directors were all approached with the idea, and the Division III schools were the ones who wished to pilot it.</p> <p>Mr. Lord inquired if the Baseball Committee had any say in this decision, and Mr. Corbin explained that the schools do their own scheduling and that if Division III wants to pilot this for a year that is their right; similar to Class I piloting the Heal Point Rating System for the 2009-10 season.</p>		

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Other Business (continued)	Mr. Lord reiterated that the coaches are concerned with the "Play-In" format and that athletic directors never consulted with their coaches prior to making this decision. No further action taken.		
2009-10 Meeting Dates	<p>The 2010-11 meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.</li> <li>➤ Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.</li> <li>➤ Monday, June 13, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.</li> </ul> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Delois and seconded by Mr. Cloos to approve the 2010-11 meeting dates and times.</p>	5-0 Motion Carried	Ms. Randall will update the Calendar.
Adjournment	A motion was made by Mr. Delois and seconded by Mr. Jurkoic to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m.	5-0 Motion Carried	