

# BASEBALL Two out of Three Playoff Series

## TAPPS By-Laws - Baseball

### • Format

- The approved format for TAPPS Baseball playoffs is as follows:
  - A two out of three series
  - Exceptions:
    - A single game is mandated by TAPPS (Bi-District Contests) or
    - A single game is mutually agreed upon by the two coaches involved in the series or
    - A single game results due to weather or other conditions that preclude a series being completed in advance of the published deadline on the official TAPPS calendar
    - If one school desires a three game series and the opponent school desires a one game series, a coin flip shall determine the playoff format
- TAPPS hosts the Semi-Finals and Championship which will be a single game.

### • Location:

- All games shall be played at the same site
  - For playoff rounds hosted at the higher seed and
  - Rounds hosted at neutral sites

### • Schedule of Games:

- All games must be completed by the certification date posted on the TAPPS calendar
- All games shall be played over two (2) consecutive days
  - Note: a Saturday and Monday series does not count towards this requirement
- **Order of play (three game series)**
  - No exceptions to the order as presented below
    - Day 1 - Game 1 and Game 2
    - Day 2 - Game 3 if necessary
- In the event weather prevents the three game series from being possible, the team winning the first game shall be declared the winner

### • Batting Order

- If home and away
  - Game 1 - Host Team shall bat last
  - Game 2 - non-Host team shall bat last

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- Game 3 - Coin Flip to determine batting order
- If neutral site
  - Game 1 Coin Flip winner (choice of batting order)
  - Game 2 Coin Flip loser (choice of batting order)
  - Game 3 Coin Flip - (choice of batting order)
- **Pitch Count**
  - All rules remain in effect
  - If a game is suspended or deemed a no contest, all pitches thrown in the contest prior to termination shall be counted in the pitch count rules
  - Tournament rules apply only if the games are played on consecutive days (no exceptions due to weather or postponement)

