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Topic

Sports Report

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Sport

Spring Baseball

**Positive Developments
and Highlights**

Baseball season concluded at Kentucky Proud Park with no issues. While the region round was hampered with inclement weather, all were able to get events played accordingly.

**Issues of Concern
(legal, playing Rules,
fiscal management,
etc.)**

NFHS Rule Change with the addition of the 18" base at first by State Adoption beginning next year. This will be a separate BOC Meeting discussion item for action as previous NFHS Rule change was to use the double first base beginning in 2027. Also for 2027 one-way communication will be permitted from the dugout to the pitcher and catcher (previously only the catcher). Lastly beginning in 2027 by state adoption the game ending procedure allows for the option to place a runner on second base begin the tie-breaking ending (extra innings).

**Championship
Update/Review**

Revenue was down a little. Thanks to Justin Ferrarella, Alan Stein and the Lexington Legends ownership group for serving as host for the first and second rounds. Also thanks to UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart, Coach Nick Mingione for hosting the semifinals and finals at Kentucky Proud Park.