



National Fastpitch Coaches Association
High School All-American Committee Meeting Minutes from 2016 NFCA Convention
New Orleans, LA
12/9/2016 8:30am

I. Introduction and committee members

NFCA High School Liaison: Joni Schmidt

2012-2016 NFCA High School Representative: Carrie Austgen

2017-2019 NFCA High School Representative: Kevin Halley

Region	Regional Chair Representative	Alternate Regional Chair Representative	Outgoing Chair on standby
North	Jim Piazza	Perry Peterson	John Morningstar
East	Joelle Della Volpe	Luann Zullo	Debbie Schwartz
South	Milton Simmons	CJ Hawkins	Kent Chambers
South Central	Laneigh Clark	Jay Monhollon	Marsha Cusack
West	Charles Pikas	Mike Delaney	

II. All-American nomination and selection timeline

- a. Online nominations: Have a 24 hour time frame for committee members to discuss athletes on a discussion board to move away from call scheduling conflicts
- b. All-Region conference discussion board and athlete selection (late June)
- c. All-American conference discussion board and athlete selection (early July)

III. Challenges with High School All-Region/All-American selection

- a. Create a drop down box to show players who have won NFCA All-American/All-Region previously

- b. Create a drop down box to show players who have won Gatorade Player of the year
- c. Select an alternate chair for each region to avoid non-representation if the region chair cannot participate in selection
- d. 2016 outgoing regional chair representatives to be on standby in case further information about athletes from their region is needed
- e. Select state liaisons to call upon when more information is needed about specific players, especially if there is not a chair representative from that state available. This will help to omit difficulty in determining strength of schedule and discussing known athletes only.
- f. Enforce a “common sense” rule for All-Region/All-American selection participation by chair representatives to avoid lack of representation issues. Now that we are trying to move towards an online discussion setting, we should be able to eliminate the probability of a chair representative not being able to participate in All-Region/All-American selections. However, the NFCA realizes that unfortunately, emergencies do happen to where the regional chair representative may not be available. With that being said, if a regional chair representative, alternate chair, or state liaison is unable to participate in the selection process and is also unable to give notice due to the nature of the emergency, communication following said emergency between those responsible and the NFCA high school liaison is required. Failure to adhere to this rule and communicate effectively is grounds for termination from the All-American Committee.
- g. The previously implemented strategy of having a designated “National Chair” from the NFCA Coach Emeriti group to serve as an impartial observer during All-Region/All-American selections and to direct when necessary will continue.

IV. State Liaisons

- a. Will act as regional chair rep when:
 - ai. Regional chair nor alternate regional chair is available
 - aii. Regional chair nor alternate regional chair from the state of which an athlete has been nominated from exists
 - aiii. Further information needs to be provided to avoid selection challenges mentioned in article III
- b. Help to form partnership between the NFCA and High School State Associations

V. Miscellaneous

- a. Requests for region re-allignment
- b. Suggestions for an NFCA All-American banquet for the recipients
- c. Request to have pictures of NFCA All-American athletes with their awards posted on NFCA website

- d. Request to have NFCA All-American athletes post a video thanking their coaches/family/peers