

OBICA/OSSAA Update July 24, 2017

Head Coach Rules Meeting Requirement

- All head coaches of fall activities must complete their state rules meeting by September 1st, all head coaches of winter activities must complete their rules meeting by December 1st, and all head coaches of spring activities must complete their state rules meeting by March 1st. The penalty for failure to attend a state rules meeting or to complete an on-line rule meeting and proper documentation submitted to the OSSAA office by the prescribed deadlines, will result in the school suspending the head coach for all interscholastic competition until the coach complies and proper documentation has been submitted and verified by the OSSAA.

Concussion/Heat Acclimatization

- Video for Concussion and the Heat Acclimatization from the NFHS is located at the www.nfhsllearn.com .
- Cardiac Awareness video at same site.

Mandatory Reporting of Scores and Pitch Count

OSSAA Board Policy: The OSSAA has an on-line ranking program for use by school administrators, coaches, and the public. The program is accessible at the OSSAA website [www.ossaa.com]

- It is mandatory that results from each regular season contest in the activities of fall baseball, spring baseball, basketball, football, soccer, fast-pitch softball, slow-pitch softball, volleyball, wrestling (all match scores and team results of invitational tournaments), and golf (team score) must be entered the ranking program within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest throughout the season. (No rankings will be done in Class 5A/6A since regional seeding is through district finish).
- Any coach failing to report the score within 24 hours of the conclusion of a contest will initially be notified in writing of his or her failure to comply by OSSAA Staff. A copy of that correspondence will be sent to the coach's school administrator as well. A second incident of failure to report will result in the coach being placed on warning for a period of one year. A third and each subsequent failure to report will result in the suspension of the coach for the next contest.
- Any coach failing to report pitch count within 24 hours of the conclusion of a contest will initially will be notified in writing of his or her failure to comply by OSSAA Staff. A copy of that correspondence will be sent to the coach's school administrator as well. A second incident of failure to report will result in the coach being suspended for the next contest.

Wednesday Play

- Make-up district games may be played on Wednesday if both teams agree.

Violation of Contest Limits

Generally, if the contest, meet, or tournament limits for an activity have been exceeded, by either a school team or by individual participants from a school, the following sanctions will be applied.

- a. The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching in any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for the remainder of the current regular season and any championship play-off events for that school year.
- b. The head coach in that activity shall be suspended from coaching any regular season contests, at the same level, in the same activity, for one-half of the regular season the next school year.
- c. The school will not be allowed to host any play-off contests in that activity during the school year in which the violation occurred
- d. The program will be placed on warning for a period of one year.

New OSSAA Baseball Regulations

PITCHING

A. ***Pitching Limitation Rule:*** The pitch count is based on pitches (legal and illegal) thrown in a game to a batter during a time at bat. Mandated rest for the pitcher from pitching is based on the pitch count chart below:

0-35 pitches/day	No rest
36-50 pitches/day	1 calendar day rest
51-75 pitches/day	2 calendar days rest
76-100 pitches/day	3 calendar days rest
101+ pitches/day	4 calendar days rest

The starting time of the game does not impact the calculation of when a pitcher is eligible to pitch again.

No pitcher may begin a new hitter that has exceeded 120 pitches that day.

No pitcher that exceeds 75 pitches in the first game of a day shall appear as a pitcher in any subsequent game that same day.

Coaches and/or administrators that are aware of a member school violating this policy shall contact the OSSAA Baseball Administrator.

The use of an ineligible pitcher, one who has violated this rule, shall result in the forfeiture of the game in which the ineligible pitcher participated as a pitcher and a one game suspension for the head coach.

- . Reporting pitch counts on the OSSAA Rankings site is the responsibility of the head coach.
The first failure to report pitch count information within 24 hours of the completion of the contest on the OSSAA Rankings site will
result in a written notification to the head coach and school administrator. The second and subsequent failures to report pitch count
information will result in the head coach being suspended for a minimum of one contest for each infraction of not reporting.

F. In district, bi-district and regional tournaments a Designated Pitch Count Recorder shall be designated by the host school (DPCR). (At the state level, OSSAA will provide a DPCR.)

1. During the game, pitch counts will be recorded by the DPCR and are to be reviewed between innings. Any discrepancy shall
be settled by the DPCR without umpire involvement and that record shall be considered final.
2. A protest over a discrepancy in pitch counts discovered in a later inning from an earlier inning in the game will not be
permitted due to end of inning verification.
3. At game's conclusion both head coaches or designated representatives will verify pitch count in the official book.
4. Any discrepancy found after the game will be reported to the OSSAA.
5. The use of a pitcher not eligible to pitch by the pitch count restrictions shall constitute the use of an ineligible player and result
in contest forfeiture and a one-game suspension for the head coach. Only OSSAA may declare a forfeit.

1. A three-team double elimination bracket shall be played in the following manner:

Team A will be the team with the highest ranking. Team C will be the lowest seed.

First day of tournament:

Game 1 - Team A Plays Team C.

Game 2 - Team B Plays Team C.

Game 3 - Team A Plays Team B.

Second day of tournament:

Game 4 - If one team has one loss and one team has no losses, they play.

Game 5 - If necessary

OR

Game 4 - If all teams have one loss, Team B Plays Team

C.

Game 5 - Winner Game 4 plays Team A

Suspended game interpretation in the Manuel has been deleted. This has added an amount of pressure to suspend play

Fall Baseball 2017 Season

Class A – B

Rankings Open	Rankins Close	Rankings Release	Week
8/18/2017	8/21/2017	8/22/2017	Week 1
8/25/2017	8/28/2017	8/29/2017	Week 2
9/1/2017	9/4/2017	9/5/2017	Week 3
9/8/2107	9/11/2017	9/19/2017	Week 4
9/15/2017	9/18/2017	9/19/2017	Week 5

Final Rankings

District Parings Released September 9th

Must Rank 3 of 4 weeks prior to Final to participate in Final Rankings

National Federation OF High School Sports

NFHS Effective January 1, 2019, all balls used in high school baseball competition shall meet the NOCSAE (National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment) standard at the time of manufacture.

This revision in Rule 1-3-1 was one of the four changes recommended by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Baseball Rules Committee at its June 4-6 meeting in Indianapolis. All changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

“We are excited that our membership will now have equipment that meets a standard that is consistent across the country,” said Elliot Hopkins, NFHS director of sports and student services and staff liaison for baseball. “We are comfortable knowing that all baseballs for high school play will be the same size, same weight and have similar playability.”

revised Rule 1-5-3, which will require the catcher to wear a chest protector that meets the NOCSAE standard at the time of manufacture, effective January 1, 2020. The NOCSAE standard has been developed to protect the heart and the cardiac silhouette from commotio cordis (sudden cardiac arrest from A blunt, nonpenetrating blow to the chest) which continues the committee’s focus on minimizing risk of injury for players.

“Being aware that a standard exists to protect players, this decision was easy to make,” Hopkins said.

“When our catchers wear this chest protector, we are confident that the best protection for their heart is constructed into this equipment.”

The Baseball Rules Committee also modified Rule 1-3-2a2 regarding the components of a bat. The modified language states that bats “not have exposed rivets, pins, rough or sharp edges or any form of exterior fastener or **attachment(s)** that would present a **potential** hazard.”

A modification was also made to Rule 8-2-7, which strikes the language preventing a player who is awarded first base on a base on balls the ability to over-run the base and return safely.

Re-Districting Classes 6A-5A-4A
Today, July 24 at 2:00-2:50 Marriott Council Oak Salon

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