

OBCA/OSSAA Update July 23, 2018

Head Coach Rules Meeting Requirement

On Line Entry Forms: Due August 10

Co-Ops : Due August 15

- 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 rules 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 is in compliance and proper documentation has been submitted and verified by the OSSAA.

Concussion/Heat Acclimatization / Cardiac Arrest

Video for Concussion, Heat Acclimatization and cardiac arrest is from the NFHS is located at the www.nfhslearn.com .

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 general 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 into the ranking program within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest throughout the season. (No rankings will be done in Class 6A/5A/4A 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. Due to inclement weather.

- **New OSSAA Baseball Game Counts Regulations**

In effect Fall 2018

- In addition to the OSSAA sponsored championship tournament series, high school and junior high teams and/or individuals shall be limited to not more than the number of match games and tournaments as established by the OSSAA Board of Directors. This regulation shall apply separately to fall and spring baseball. Outside of tournament games, each game shall be counted as a match game. The contest limits for varsity teams shall be 37 total contests. A team may not enter more than three regular season tournaments. Each contest played in match play or in a tournament will count toward the 37 total game counts. Junior High teams are limited to 14 games and two tournaments. (Junior High teams may play a third tournament by reducing the match game count by three.) A 9th grade student is eligible to participate on both the junior high and senior high teams but is limited to three tournaments.

Violation of Contest Limits

Generally, if the contest, meet, or tournament limits for a particular 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 may 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.

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.

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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 OSSA. The use of a pitcher not eligible to pitch by the pitch count restrictions shall constitute the use of an ineligible

play and result in contest forfeiture and a one-game suspension for the head coach. Only OSSAA may declare a forfeit.

Fall Baseball 2018

Season Class B-A

Rankings Open	Rankins Close	Rankings Release	Week
8/17/2018	8/20/2018	8/21/2018	Week 1
8/24/2018	8/27/2018	8/28/2018	Week 2
8/31/2018	9/3/2018	9/4/2018	Week 3
9/7/2108	9/10/2018	9/11/2018	Week 4
9/14/2018	9/17/2018	9/18/2018	Week 5 Final Rankings

District Parings Released September 7th

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

August 10 * Entry forms due

August 15 * Co-ops due

August 15 * Classifications released

August 17 * 1st rankings open

August 20 * rankings close at noon

September 4 * Availability link opens

September 7 * District Pairings released

September 14 * Availability closes at midnight

September 14 * final rankings

September 17 * final rankings close at noon

September 22 * District Play completed

September 24 * Regional Pairings released

September 28 * Assignments emailed

September 27, 28, 29 * Regionals Tournaments

October 1 * State Pairings released

October 4, 5, 6 * State Tournament

Class B Edmond Santa Fe (Sub Sites)

Class A Edmond Memorial (Sub Sites)

Championships Saturday: Class B Edmond Santa Fe Class A Edmond Memorial

The Brick Confirmed on Wednesday, July 26, 2018; that the park will be under construction for new turf. They will not be able to host this Falls State Baseball Championships.



National Federation of State High School Association

NFHS Effective January 1, 2020, 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.

SPORTSMANSHIP

The OSSAA's vision for sportsmanship is built on expectations. Expectations that the school community—administrators, teachers, coaches, students, and patrons strive for displaying only positive behavior and good sportsmanship in everything they do at all interscholastic contests.

As educators, we have the unique opportunity to teach the value of discipline, dignity, integrity, fairness and respect to young people each day.

We encourage all school personnel to take advantage of the opportunity and make a lasting difference.



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**Discussion Today: July 23 at 2:00-2:50 Marriott Council Oak Salon
On 2A-3A-4A Bi-districts**

**We will send out a survey monkey in April to ask current baseball
playing schools in their respective classification to vote on Bi-Districts,
this will be sent to your voting delegate.**

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