

## BY-LAW ARTICLE XIV

### Baseball

#### Boys

**Sect. 1:** Baseball shall be administered by the NHIAA Baseball Committee and the rules of the National Federation will govern the sport when applicable.

**Sect. 2:** Results of games played in all Divisions I, II, III & IV must be posted on the NHIAA website immediately following the game. Failure to do so may result in teams being eliminated from tournament consideration.

#### **Sect. 3: Approval of Schedules**

All schedules must be submitted to the Executive Director on or before the deadline date of February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. It is strongly recommended that in drawing up interschool schedules, Thursday of each week be left open for the purposes of rescheduling due to postponements, etc.

**Sect. 4:** NOCSAE approved equipment must be used in all NHIAA contests.

#### **Sect. 5: Tournament Rosters**

All tournament teams will be limited to a maximum of 23 individuals, with no more than 18 of them being players in uniform. The remainder of the roster will include one (1) head coach, two (2) assistant coaches, and two (2) managers. Rosters shall be completed via the NHIAA website. If a team is going to make the tournament, a team photo in uniform (no warm-ups and no mascots allowed) must be submitted with a photo lineup. If no photo is received a logo will be supplemented.

#### **Sect. 6: Suspended Games**

The suspended game procedures are located in the Baseball Policies and Procedures Manual.

#### **Sect. 7: Tournament Selection**

The maximum number of teams allowed per By-Law Article IV: Classification; Sect. 10: Tournament Selection Requirements will qualify for the tournament. (CM11.2017)

#### **Sect. 8: Awards**

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to 23 team medals, will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.

#### **Sect. 9: NHIAA Pitching Limitation Rule (regular season and tournament)**

NHIAA Pitching Limitation Rule (regular season and tournament) is based on the number of pitches thrown in a game. The pitch count is based on pitches thrown for strikes; balls; foul balls; and outs. Warm up pitches allowed before each inning or those warmups allowed by the umpire in case of injury or game delay do not count towards the total pitches thrown.

The number of pitches is based on the level of pitching. Specific rest periods are in place when a pitcher reaches a high threshold of pitches delivered in **a day**.

LEVEL	PITCHES ALLOWED PER DAY
Varsity	120
JV and Freshman	100

The rest periods required during the regular and tournament season are listed below:

#### **Varsity/Junior Varsity/Freshman:**

- If a pitcher throws 76 or more pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a pitcher throws 51-75 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a pitcher throws 26-50 pitches in a day one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
- If a pitcher throws 1-25 pitches in a day no calendar day of rest is required before pitching again.

A calendar day means that if a pitcher throws 76 pitches on Tuesday that player may not pitch again until Saturday. If they throw 76 pitches on Saturday that player may not pitch again until Wednesday. The starting time of the game does not matter in the calculation of when a pitcher is eligible to pitch again.

A pitcher at any level who reaches the pitch count limit in the middle of an at bat will be allowed to finish that hitter. This only applies to maximum limitations. i.e. Varsity 120, JV/Freshman 100.

**NHIAA Pitching Limitation Procedures** (regular season and tournament) **apply to varsity, junior varsity and freshman games:**

1. The pitch count chart is to be presented to the opposing coach BEFORE the game.
2. During the game pitch counts will be confirmed at the end of every half inning.
3. Pitch count discrepancy
  - Regular season and tournament games held at the home of the higher seed procedures
    - Any pitch count discrepancy shall be worked out between the two coaches
    - In the case that a discrepancy cannot be worked out, the pitch count noted in the home book will be the official pitch count
  - Tournament games held at neutral sites
    - Any pitch count discrepancy shall be worked out between the two coaches
    - If the discrepancy cannot be worked out between the coaches an appeal can be made to the tournament committee on site.
    - The tournament committee shall resolve the discrepancy
    - The decision of the tournament committee cannot be appealed.
4. At the game's conclusion, the NHIAA pitching form will be signed by the coaches or designated representative.
5. Schools (Coaches/A.D.) have the responsibility to maintain this pitching chart form. A hard copy must be available upon NHIAA request.

**Sect. 10: Divisional Alignment**

Baseball shall be aligned into four (4) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee.

<b>2021-22 Baseball Divisional Alignment</b>							
<b>DIV. I (900+)</b>		<b>DIV. II (525-899)</b>	<b>DIV. III (286-524)</b>	<b>DIV. IV (1-285)</b>			
<b>22 Schools</b>		<b>21 Schools</b>	<b>21 Schools</b>	<b>22 Schools</b>			
Pinkerton	3283	Hollis/Brookline	857	Kearsarge	508	Newmarket	280
Nashua South	1901	Oyster River	839	Gilford	489	Franklin	278
Nashua North	1735	Milford	833	Monadnock	479	Derryfield	269
Exeter	1649	Man. West	804	Fall Mountain	465	Farmington	253
Concord	1530	Merrimack Valley	795	Prospect Mnt.	454	Epping	251
Bedford	1505	Kingswood	794	Winnisquam	448	Woodsville	218
Dover	1474	Pembroke	763	Campbell	439	Littleton	217
Londonderry	1458	Souhegan	751	Somersworth	433	Moultonborough	168
Man. Memorial	1430	Hanover	743	Newfound	391	Wilton-Lyndeborough	163
Keene	1382	Kennett	739	Berlin	378	Por. Christian at Dover	155
Man. Central	1331	Con-Val	718	Conant	373	Sunapee	155
Spaulding	1308	Coe-Brown	691	Hillsboro	367	Pittsfield	152
Merrimack	1226	Sanborn	651	Belmont	358	Gorham	138
Salem	1175	Plymouth	644	Raymond	351	Hinsdale	136
Portsmouth	1119	Bow	638	White Mountains	348	Nute	134
Alvirne	1115	John Stark	618	Mascoma	345	Groveton	131
Timberlane	1100	Lebanon	606	Hopkinton	320	Profile	129
Winnacunnet	1087	Pelham	605	Newport	316	Concord Christian	112
Goffstown	1071	Stevens	555	Inter-Lakes	305	Colebrook	111
Windham	997	Laconia	542	Bishop Brady	304	Lisbon	107
*Bishop Guertin	793	*St. Thomas	402	Mascenic	293	Pittsburg-Canaan	106
*Trinity	324					Lin-Wood	97

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