

**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. (Beginning with 2017-18) (CM 11.2017)

**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 warm ups 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
    - o Any pitch count discrepancy shall be worked out between the two coaches
    - o 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
    - o Any pitch count discrepancy shall be worked out between the two coaches
    - o If the discrepancy cannot be worked out between the coaches an appeal can be made to the tournament committee on site.
    - o The tournament committee shall resolve the discrepancy
    - o 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>2017-18 Baseball Divisional Alignment</b>							
<b>DIV. I (1151+)</b>		<b>DIV. II (551-1150)</b>		<b>DIV. III (301-550)</b>		<b>DIV IV (1-300)</b>	
<b>19 Schools</b>		<b>22 Schools</b>		<b>22 Schools</b>		<b>22 Schools</b>	
Pinkerton	3167	Goffstown	1106	*Kearsarge	566	Farmington	299
Nashua South	1875	Portsmouth	1098	Stevens	545	Epping	277
Nashua North	1748	Milford	857	Monadnock	531	Hopkinton	269
Exeter	1741	Windham	851	Fall Mountain	525	Derryfield	263
Concord	1714	Pembroke	840	Gilford	510	Hinsdale	255
Man. Central	1688	Souhegan	828	Campbell	509	Newmarket	255
Man. Memorial	1583	Merrimack Valley	823	Prospect Mountain	503	Woodsville	228
Londonderry	1579	Kennett	819	Winnisquam	492	Littleton	213
Bedford	1484	Hollis/Brookline	815	Somersworth	482	Ports. Christian at Dover	204
Spaulding	1416	Kingswood	814	Raymond	447	Moultonborough	184
Keene	1388	Con-Val	794	Berlin	443	Nute	182
Dover	1349	Oyster River	715	Conant	435	Profile	181
Alvirne	1315	Coe-Brown	702	Belmont	428	Wilton-Lyndeborough	175
Timberlane	1240	Hanover	702	White Mountains	402	Pittsfield	157
Merrimack	1231	John Stark	700	Franklin	388	Groveton	141
Salem	1215	Plymouth	686	Hillsboro-Deering	387	Sunapee	141
*Winnacunnet	1109	Sanborn	686	Newfound	383	Gorham	137
*Bishop Guertin	743	Pelham	628	Bishop Brady	348	Colebrook	130
*Trinity	398	Lebanon	609	Newport	346	Canann/Pittsburg	125
		Bow	595	Mascenic	344	Lisbon	119
		Laconia	590	Mascoma	340	Lin-Wood	112
		*St. Thomas	1106	Inter-Lakes	333	Concord Christian	83

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