

**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 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**.

<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>PITCHES ALLOWED PER DAY</b>
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>2019-20 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>22 Schools</b>	<b>21 Schools</b>
Pinkerton 3449	Milford 855	*Laconia 547	Epping 280
Nashua South 1862	Merrimack Valley 819	Fall Mountain 506	Newmarket 267
Nashua North 1744	Man. West 816	Monadnock 502	Littleton 259
Exeter 1705	Hollis/Brookline 806	Gilford 491	Farmington 258
Concord 1661	Pembroke 799	Prospect Mountain 479	Derryfield 257
Man. Central 1510	Oyster River 794	Campbell 466	Woodsville 209
Bedford 1498	Souhegan 789	Winnisquam 448	Ports. Christian at Dover 179
Londonderry 1496	Kingswood 783	Somersworth 438	Moultonborough 171
Man. Memorial 1455	Kennett 752	Conant 400	Nute 168
Keene 1420	ConVal 733	Berlin 399	Pittsfield 168
Spaulding 1391	Hanover 725	Belmont 396	Wilton-Lyndeborough 159
Dover 1336	Coe-Brown 714	Raymond 384	Hinsdale 153
Merrimack 1219	Plymouth 677	Newfound 373	Profile 151
Alvirne 1200	John Stark 669	White Mountains 373	Sunapee 142
Timberlane 1173	Bow 661	Newport 356	Groveton 130
Salem 1170	Pelham 656	Hillsboro-Deering 345	Gorham 124
Goffstown 1114	Sanborn 646	Mascoma 343	Colebrook 114
Portsmouth 1078	Kearsarge 541	Inter-Lakes 332	Pittsburg-Canaan 103
Winnacunnet 1078	Lebanon 575	Bishop Brady 320	Lisbon 103
Windham 925	Stevens 548	Mascenic 312	Lin-Wood 102
*Bishop Guertin 789	*St. Thomas 432	Franklin 309	Concord Christian 86
*Trinity 314		Hopkinton 288	

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