

## 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.

**2022-23 Baseball Divisional Alignment**

<b>DIV. I (900+)</b> <b>22 Schools</b>	<b>DIV. II (550-899)</b> <b>19 Schools</b>	<b>DIV. III (286-549)</b> <b>21 Schools</b>	<b>DIV. IV (1-285)</b> <b>23 Schools</b>
Pinkerton 3117	Oyster River 863	Stevens 546	Derryfield 281
Man. Central-West 2119	Hollis/Brookline 833	Kearsarge 515	Franklin 275
Nashua South 1875	Merrimack Valley 794	Fall Mountain 501	Newmarket 272
Nashua North 1690	Milford 780	Gilford 494	Mascenic 270
Dover 1548	Pembroke 752	Winnisquam 456	Farmington 249
Concord 1515	Kingswood 735	Monadnock 444	Epping 246
Exeter 1513	Kennett 730	Campbell 432	Gorham 236
Man. Memorial 1483	Con-Val 711	Newfound 419	Littleton 226
Bedford 1454	Souhegan 709	Prospect Mnt. 417	Woodsville 225
Londonderry 1363	Coe-Brown 697	Somersworth 393	Wilton-Lyndeborough 159
Keene 1358	Hanover 690	Conant 386	Por. Christian at Dover 150
Spaulding 1331	Bow 630	Belmont 384	Pittsfield 149
Merrimack 1158	Plymouth 626	Hillsboro 373	Moultonborough 144
Salem 1158	Lebanon 614	Raymond 364	Nute 143
Winnacunnet 1139	Laconia 589	Berlin 360	Profile 142
Alvirne 1069	John Stark 587	White Mountains 352	Hinsdale 139
Windham 1062	Pelham 580	Hopkinton 322	Sunapee 133
Timberlane 1048	Sanborn 565	Mascoma 319	Groveton 127
Portsmouth 1040	*St. Thomas 416	Newport 300	Pittsburg-Canaan 117
Goffstown 1006		Inter-Lakes 292	Colebrook 114
*Bishop Guertin 803		*Bishop Brady 242	Concord Christian 106
*Trinity 331			Lisbon 99
			Lin-Wood 96
*Petition			