

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 March 6th 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 Policy 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.

2024-25 Baseball Divisional Alignment			
DIV. I (900+)	DIV. II (501-899)	DIV. III (281-500)	DIV. IV (1-280)
22 Schools	19 Schools	22 Schools	23 Schools
Pinkerton 3079	Oyster River 844	Monadnock 499	Newmarket 280
Man. Central-West 1942	Merrimack Valley 763	Stevens 499	Franklin 272
Nashua South 1704	Pembroke 756	Gilford 492	Mascenic 260
Nashua North 1626	Hollis/Brookline 750	Fall Mountain 490	Farmington 233
Concord 1464	Kingswood 746	Kearsarge 485	Epping 221
Dover 1417	Kennett 707	Prospect Mountain 410	Profile 221
Bedford 1404	Milford 698	Somersworth 406	Littleton 214
Spaulding 1390	Souhegan 693	Winnisquam 403	Woodsville 212
Exeter 1384	Hanover 689	Newfound 394	Portsmouth Christian 178
Man. Memorial 1365	Coe-Brown 662	Hillsboro-Deering 382	Hinsdale 164
Keene 1341	Con-Val 658	White Mountains 375	Nute 161
Londonderry 1291	Plymouth 651	Conant 373	Pittsfield 161
Merrimack 1102	John Stark 648	Belmont 360	Gorham 141
Salem 1096	Lebanon 618	Campbell 356	Moultonborough 141
Winnacunnet 1073	Bow 611	Berlin 348	Sunapee 132
Goffstown 1043	Laconia 590	Raymond 343	Wilton-Lyndeborough 131
Alvirne 1025	Pelham 556	Mascoma 342	Groveton 119
Portsmouth 1024	Sanborn 524	Hopkinton 300	Holy Family-Mnt Royal 115
Windham 995	*St. Thomas Aquinas 354	Newport 292	Concord Christian 114
Timberlane 986		Derryfield 291	Colebrook 112
*Bishop Guertin 771		Inter-Lakes 285	Lisbon 81
*Trinity 327		*Bishop Brady 261	Lin-Wood 77
	*Petition		Pittsburg 77