



# 25-26 IESA Baseball Activity Update



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Initial Entry Deadline:** June 9  
**Final Entry Deadline:** July 1  
**Practice/Tryouts Begin:** August 4  
**Games May Begin/Season Schedule Due:** August 13  
**Online Roster and Record Deadline:** September 2  
**Online Ranking:** September 3  
**Rosters Close:** September 10, at 4:00p.m.  
**Regionals:** September 11, 13, 17  
**Sectionals** September 20  
**State Tournament:** September 26 and 27

## NEW POST-SEASON SCHEDULE

**Regional Quarterfinals:** Thursday, Sept. 11 (higher seed hosts)  
**Regional Semifinals:** Saturday, Sept. 13 (hosted by regional host)  
**Regional Championship:** Wednesday, Sept. 17 (hosted by regional host)  
*\*Regional host will hire umpires for all games including quarterfinal games*

**Sectional Championship:** Saturday, Sept. 20

**State Tournament:** September 26 & 27

## Pitch Count Penalty

The IESA baseball administrator will check at the end of the regular season to monitor if coaches entered pitch counts throughout the season. If a coach did not enter any pitch counts at the end of the regular season, the coach will be disqualified from post-season play



## NFHS Rule Changes

**1-3-2c1** – Modified that resin, pine tar or any other drying agent is permitted on the bat in a specific area.

**4-4-1c** – Modified the definition of forfeiture.

## Important Links



## Points of Emphasis

- Use of Authenticated Mark Program Balls
- Pitching Positions
- Bench Decorum
- Use of Props
- Improper Use of Communication Equipment



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### REMINDERS

- **Pitch Count:** The soft cap only applies to allowing a pitcher to finish a batter as they approach the pitch count limit at each level of the pitch count rules. Example: My pitcher started a batter with 30 pitches thrown on the day. It took him 6 pitches to finish the batter for a total of 36 pitches on the day. He now must rest 2 days before he can pitch again. You cannot use the soft cap to round down to 35 pitches on the day.
- **Pitch Count Penalty:** The penalty for violating any of the pitch count limitation rules is automatic forfeiture of contest. In addition, the coach who allows a pitcher to exceed the pitch count limitations will be required to miss the next two interscholastic contests at the level at which the violation occurred and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim.
- **Use of an Illegal Bat:** In addition to the penalty as listed in NFHS rule 7-4-1 for the use of an illegal bat, a player who uses an illegal bat shall be immediately ejected from the contest and cannot return to that contest under any circumstances. [7-4-1]
- **Ejection Penalty-Player:** Any player ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible: • First offense: For the next two (2) interscholastic contests at that level of competition (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim). In addition, the player must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course online prior to regaining eligibility. Receipt of course completion must be acknowledged by the IESA Office prior to the player regaining eligibility. • Second Offense: For the next five (5) interscholastic contests at the level at which the ejection occurred (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim), in addition to a \$100.00 fine. • Player may also be subject to other penalties the IESA or the school may assess.
- **Ejection Penalty-Coach:** Any coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible: • First offense: For the next two (2) interscholastic contests at that level of competition (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim). In addition the coach must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course online and pay a \$100.00 fine prior to regaining eligibility. Receipt of course completion must be acknowledged by the IESA Office prior to the coach regaining eligibility. • Second Offense: For the next five (5) interscholastic contests at the level at which the ejection occurred (and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim), in addition to a \$250.00 fine • Coach may also be subject to other penalties the IESA or the school may assess.

