



2022 IESA BASEBALL ACTIVITY UPDATE

Important Dates to Remember

- Try-outs/Practice May Begin: August 1
- Games May Begin: August 10
- Season Schedule Due: August 10
- Online Roster Deadline: September 6
- Online Ranking: September 7
- Roster Closed: September 13
- Regionals: September 14, 17, 19
- Sectionals: September 24
- State: September 30, October 1
- Season Must End: October 29



2022 IESA BASEBALL Rule Changes and Reminders

NEW: The following exception to the NFHS rules shall be in place: **For regular season play only, that no inning shall start 2 hours after the first pitch of the game.** Any inning in progress shall be completed. If teams are tied after the time limit has been reached, it shall be considered a tie game. The current 10 run, 12 run, and 15 run rules remain in place. (4-2-1)

NEW: Metal spikes are now legal.

NEW: 6-1-1: Change: ART. 1 . . . The pitcher shall pitch while facing the batter from either a windup position (Art.2) or set position (Art.3). The position of his feet determine whether he will pitch from the windup or the set position. He shall take or simulate taking his sign from the catcher with his pivot foot in contact with the pitcher's plate. The pitching regulations begin when he intentionally contacts the pitcher's plate. Turning the shoulders after bringing the hands together during or after the stretch is a balk. He shall not make a quick-return pitch in an attempt to catch a batter off balance. The catcher shall have both feet in the catcher's box at the time of the pitch. If a pitcher is ambidextrous, the umpire shall require the pitcher to face a batter as either a left-handed or right-handed pitcher, but not both.

- All regular season games that require extra innings to determine the winner shall start with a runner on second base and no outs. The runner placed on 2nd base shall be the player in the batting order position previous to the leadoff batter of the extra inning. Each team has the opportunity to bat each inning. The game is over when one team has the lead at the end of an inning.
- The on-deck batter may use either on-deck circle. The on-deck batter may only move to the on-deck circle during a dead ball. The on-deck batter must remain in the on-deck circle unless the batter switches hitting positions at which time the umpire would have the discretion to allow the on-deck batter to change circles
- **NEW:** The official Rawlings baseball for IESA state series play is now model **RIESABB**.
- All baseballs used in contests must meet the current NOSCAE standard at the time of manufacture and the baseball shall be stamped as such
- NFHS rules will require chest protectors worn by catchers must be **NOCSAE** approved. You need to be aware that "old" chest protectors without the NOCSAE stamp cannot be worn.



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- The ten-run rule is in effect and the game shall end when the visiting team is behind 10 runs or more after 4½ innings, or after the 5th inning, if either team is 10 runs behind and both teams have had an equal number of times at bat. A 12 run rule is in effect and the game shall end when the visiting team is behind 12 runs or more after 3½ innings, or after the 4th inning, if either team is 12 runs behind and both teams have had an equal number of times at bat. A 15 run rule is also in effect and the game shall end when the visiting team is behind 15 runs or more after 2½ innings, or after the 3rd inning, if either team is 15 runs behind and both teams have had an equal number of times at bat. [2-17-1, 4-2-2]

Sportsmanship: A player ejected from a contest must serve a two-game suspension and complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course. A player ejected a second time during the school year must serve a 5-game suspension and the school is responsible for paying a \$100 penalty fee. A coach ejected from a contest must serve a two-game suspension, complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course and the school must pay a \$100 penalty fee. A coach ejected a second time during the school year must serve a 5-game suspension and the school is responsible for paying a \$250 penalty fee. All player/coach ejection consequences must be met, documented and confirmed by the IESA before eligibility is reinstated for a player or a coach. Fans ejected from a contest must complete the NFHS Sportsman-ship course and provide proof of completion to the member school. A fan ejected a second time during the school year must serve a 5-game suspension and the school is responsible for paying a \$250 penalty fee. All player/coach ejection consequences must be met, documented and confirmed by the IESA before eligibility is reinstated for a player or a coach. Fans ejected from a contest must complete the NFHS Sportsman-ship course and provide proof of completion to the member school the fan represents.

Transfer Students: The student would be eligible to participate in a sport at their new school during the current school year if during the IESA designated season for a sport, the student had NOT participated in a tryout, organized practice, or contest in that sport at their previous school.



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Pitch Count Limitations: The limitations are a combination of a maximum number of pitches that can be thrown in one day and the amount of rest between throws based on the number of pitches. The chart below lists the pitch count limitations and required rest. It is strongly recommended that all coaches use the pitch count calculator in your school's member center.

PITCH COUNT PER DAY	REQUIRED DAYS OF REST	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PITCHES ON NEXT APPEARANCE	NEXT APPEARANCE CAP Note: Pitch count caps are soft, meaning that the pitcher will be afforded the opportunity to finish the at-bat if the maximum for the day is reached in the middle of an at-bat.
1-20	0 days	70 pitches	A pitcher who throws 1-20 pitches may pitch on two consecutive days without rest. The maximum number of pitches that can be thrown on the second day is 70. A pitcher who throws on two consecutive days must rest for one day.
21-35	1	Up to 90	A pitcher who throws 21-35 pitches must rest for one day. After one day of rest, the pitcher is eligible to pitch to a cap of 90 pitches.
36-50	2	Up to 90	A pitcher who throws 36-50 pitches must rest for two days. After two days of rest, the pitcher is eligible to pitch to a cap of 90 pitches.
51-65	3	Up to 90	A pitcher who throws 51-65 pitches must rest for three days. After three days of rest, the pitcher is eligible to pitch to a cap of 90 pitches.
66-90	4	Up to 90	A pitcher who throws 66-90 pitches must rest for four days. After four days of rest, the pitcher is eligible to pitch to a cap of 90 pitches.

The above chart can also be accessed at the following link:

http://www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-BBB_LimitationRule.pdf



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It is the responsibility of each coach to keep a record of the number of pitches each pitcher throws each game. During the game, the umpire has no responsibility in adjudicating pitch count matters. IESA offers a system that will allow you to enter your pitch counts into an online database that will help you keep track of when your pitcher can throw again after each outing. But, you are expected to abide by the rule for the health and safety of each pitcher. However, it is naïve to think that there will not be a discrepancy in a given game. Each team is responsible for counting its own team's pitches and the opposing team's pitches. The head coach or designee will compare pitch counts with the opposing team after every even-numbered inning and at the conclusion of the game. If teams report different pitch count numbers to one another, the teams will split the difference and will use that number as the pitcher's official number. If splitting the difference results in a number that ends in a decimal, the teams will round that number up to the next whole number. For example: Following the 2nd inning, Team A has recorded 32 pitches for its pitcher. Team B has recorded 36 pitches for Team A's pitcher. The official pitch count number for Team A's pitcher will be 34 pitches. Another example: Following the 4th inning, Team A has recorded 63 pitches for its pitcher. Team B has recorded 60 pitches for Team A's pitcher. Since splitting the difference results in 61.5 pitches, the official pitch count number for Team A's pitcher will be 62 pitches.

Coaches: The pitching limitation rules are in place for the health and safety of the student-athlete. Your responsibility is to keep track of your pitchers. Once the season begins, information will be sent to all schools as to how you are to keep track of pitches thrown during the state series. But, for regular season games, you keep track of your own pitchers and during games, meet with the opposing coach as detailed above and resolve differences as noted above. Umpires will NOT be involved in any disputes or keeping track of pitches.

Online Roster and Record Deadline/Online Ranking: Host schools will conduct their regional seed meetings completely online. The process for inputting information will be mandatory for all schools participating in the activity. Information on how to complete the online seeding process will be included in the Essential Documents link available from the IESA website. Schools are reminded that they must go online by **September 6** to complete the Regional Entry Form which can list up to 18 players for the state series and update their regular season contests. Online Ranking will then take place for one day only on Monday, **September 7** with seeds to be released on **Tuesday, September 8**.

NOTICE: Rosters will close on Tuesday, **September 13 at 4:00 p.m.** After **September 13**, no changes will be allowed to your roster. As a reminder to all schools, the seeds given by each school to the other schools in the regional will be available for all to see. It is your responsibility to seed teams in a fair manner.



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Reminder— Online Season Schedule: Schools are required to submit their regular season schedule online by Wednesday, **August 10, 2022**. Schools will complete this requirement by logging in to the Baseball Entry Center. You will need the AD password provided to your school. After each contest, the coach should record the result of the game. That way, the coach will not have to list the results of all games at one time when completing the Regional Entry Form. It will be easier and more accurate to record the game results immediately after each game.

2022 NFHS Rule Book: Schools received the 2022 NFHS Rule Book in a separate mailing.

NFHS Points of Emphasis

A complete explanation of the NFHS Points of Emphasis can be found at: <https://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/baseball-points-of-emphasis-2022/>

- 1. Excessive Celebration**
- 2. Proper Use of Equipment**
- 3. Sitting on Buckets (Coaches)**
- 4. Lodged Ball Procedure**
- 5. Sportsmanship**