



THIS WEEK IN BASEBALL

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2025 SEASON DATES

May 11	Tournament Draw Mtg.
May 19 – 24	Sectional Tournament
May 26 – 31	District Tournament
June 3 – 6	Regional Tournament
June 13 – 15	State Tournament
June 21	Season Ends

RULES MEETING REMINDER

The Baseball Rules Meeting is required for all Head Coaches to view and receive credit for, to be eligible for the postseason tournament. The Baseball Rules Meeting is accessed through your FinalForms account*. There is now a \$50 late fee to view the Rules Meeting. **The final deadline is Monday, April 28 at 11:59 PM.** Beginning on Tuesday, April 29 at 12:00 AM, the Baseball Rules Meeting is no longer available and the penalty shall apply.

*questions about your FinalForms account? Refer to your Athletic Director.

PENALTY: If coaches do not complete the Rules Meeting by April 28 at 11:59 PM, your school will be removed from the postseason tournament.

QUESTIONS ABOUT NFHS PLAYING RULES?

Frank Grubb serves as our Baseball Director of Officiating Development and rules interpreter. If you have any questions regarding NFHS playing rules, including equipment, uniforms, field dimensions, etc., or general issues or questions regarding umpires and/or officiating for the sport of baseball, please contact Frank at fgrubb@ohsaa.org.

PLANNING BASEBALL TRAVEL TO A NON-BORDERING STATE?

If you have travel planned to a non-bordering state, Bylaw 9 requires this travel to be approved by the OHSAA. You will need to have your school Athletic Director or Principal fill out the *Travel to a Non-Bordering State Form* ([HERE](#)) and send it to me, Emily Mason, at emason@ohsaa.org to receive approval for your travel.

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OHIO PITCH COUNT RULE | REMINDERS

A reminder that all OHSAA pitchers in the state of Ohio (grades 7-12) are required to follow the Ohio pitch count rule. As stated in *Baseball Regulation 1.7*, the Ohio pitch count rule is as follows:

Pitching restrictions in grades 9-12 shall adhere to the following pitch/rest limitations:

Level	Daily Pitch Limit	0 Days of Rest	1 Day of Rest	2 Days of Rest	3 Days of Rest
Grades 7-12	125 pitches	1 – 30 pitches	31 – 50 pitches	51 – 75 pitches	76 + pitches

- 1. 71)** A pitcher may finish the current batter if **the daily pitch limit** (125) is reached during that at bat.
- 1.72)** At the end of each contest, coaches will submit pitcher number and pitches thrown in the designated data collection system, if such data collection system is determined by the OHSAA.
- 1.73)** All pitches thrown in a suspended game or a “no contest” game shall count toward the daily pitch limit and the total number of pitches thrown.
- 1.74)** All pitches thrown in a scrimmage or preview shall count toward the daily pitch limit and the total number of pitches thrown.
- 1.75)** Each school/team must keep a record of all pitches thrown by each of their players in each game and make this available to the OHSAA upon request.
- 1.76)** Any player pitching during a period in which rest is required is considered to be pitching as an ineligible player.

NOTE: Any victorious contest in which an ineligible player is participating will result in forfeiture of the contest.

NOTE (2): The daily pitch limit days of rest are based on full and complete days and not (24) hours.

END OF THE CONTEST: Both team Head Coaches shall meet at the end of the completed game to verify pitch count numbers with each other and resolve any discrepancies onsite.

DISCREPANCIES: Should there be any pitch count discrepancies discovered during the contest, time shall be called and the two head coaches shall discuss on-site. Should there be a pitch count discrepancy discovered after the contest, the two schools shall discuss. If an agreement cannot be made, the official pitch count shall be the count in the book of the home team. The OHSAA Director may assist with discrepancies and apply penalties as outlines in Bylaw 11.

NEW FOR 2025

The “End of the Contest” section highlighted in gray (above) is a new rule starting with the 2025 season. We ask that at the end of the contest, a coach from both schools verify the pitch counts. The intent for this is to alleviate any pitch count discrepancies that are elevated to the OHSAA office. It is much easier for the coaching staff from both schools to figure this out onsite, rather than involving the OHSAA office. If there are still discrepancies after the postgame meeting, feel free to reach out to the OHSAA to assist. As mentioned above in the “Discrepancies” section, if an agreement cannot be made, the official pitch count shall be the count in the book of the home team.

Please keep in mind that if the pitch counts between both schools are off by a few, that is fine—it really should only matter if the discrepancy in pitch counts would change the required number days of rest.

NOTE: The new requirement for coaches to meet at the end of the game to review pitch counts was covered at the OHSBCA Clinic at the end of January and again in the 2025 Baseball Rules Meeting, but it may have been missed! My apologies if I did not communicate this updated rule properly. Please follow the protocol moving forward.

GAME MANAGEMENT | A NOTE FROM THE UMPIRING COMMUNITY

Frank Grubb, our Baseball Director of Officiating Development, shared the following information on game management to OHSAA umpires. These are great reminders for coaches as well!

- Remind teams to hustle on and off the field, if necessary.
- Limit the offensive team to the first batter and the on-deck batter and make sure the first batter of the inning is ready to go once the last warm up pitch is delivered.
- Don’t allow unnecessary calls of time by the batter which are designed to disrupt the pitcher (this isn’t to say that a batter requesting time shouldn’t be granted for legitimate reasons).
- Break up excessive player conferences and unnecessary calls of time when the ball is being returned to the pitcher.