



IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Baseball Memo #7

June 9, 2023

Good afternoon, Head Baseball Coaches & AD's –

Here is the latest memo as we progress into mid-June,

1. Sportsmanship

This was highlighted in our last memo but is at the top again as we still have some room to grow on this topic. Most have been by players and inappropriate language towards umpires or the situation. Completely unacceptable and this is the responsibility of you, as head coaches, to ensure your athletes know what the expected behavior is and how it should be modeled. As mentioned last week, what you allow, you promote (both in dugout, at practice, and in stands for AD's). There is a strong correlation between these issues arising at schools that are also struggling to find umpires. Not a coincidence. Let's all continue to work together to do a better job of supporting all parties involved in our contests.

2. Pitch Count

There has been an uptick in pitch count errors in the last week so wanted to remind everyone to be sure we are all well versed in this, and we are all taking proper steps to ensure mistakes are not made. Pitch Count information is well detailed in our [Baseball Regular Season Manual](#). I do not believe any errors have been made intentionally but do feel they have all been preventable. Utilize [Pitch Count Spreadsheet](#) and [Pitch Count Form](#) available from our website, do checks every half inning during games and reconcile any discrepancies, know the tiers of the pitch count and days of rest associated with it, and document count throughout contests by coach or trusted adult to help resolve disputes as they may arise.

3. IHSBCA Rankings

We are on week 3 of the [IHSBCA Rankings](#) this week, and these rankings will be utilized for postseason seeding. Rankings released on Monday, June 19 will be utilized for postseason district/substate assignments and brackets for 1A/2A and will be released on June 21/22. Rankings released Monday, June 26 will be utilized for 3A/4A substate assignments and brackets and those will be released June 28/29.

4. Postseason Host Sites

For all 1A/2A first round games on July 1, all sites will be hosting double headers. This will also be the case for 2A on July 5. For all other dates, host site or umpire availability will dictate the need for games/dates to be double headers or not.

Thanks, and do not hesitate to reach out with any questions as we progress into the heart of the regular season.



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