



# IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

## Baseball Memo

September 25, 2023

Good afternoon, Head Baseball Coaches, Umpires, & AD's –

As we progress into the second part of the fall, I wanted to get this memo out regarding rule changes for 2024, state baseball site for 3A/4A in 2024, and umpire clinic opportunity.

### 1. 2024 Rule Changes

Below is a link that has all the NFHS rule changes for 2024. I will highlight a big change with electronic communication 1-6-2 (NEW). Starting in 2024, one-way electronic communication devices are permitted from the dugout to the catcher while the team is on defense for the purpose of calling pitches. The rationale of this is for the purpose of calling pitches from dugout. Should also help with speed of play and believe further additions to electronic communication could be permitted by the NFHS in future years if this initial step is shown to be successful.

[nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/baseball-rules-changes-2024/](https://nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/baseball-rules-changes-2024/)

### 2. 2024 State Tournament Site for classes 3A & 4A

As many of you are aware, the University of Iowa is renovating Duane Banks Field at the conclusion of their college season this spring. For 2024, class 3A and 4A will have their state tournament series at Veterans Memorial Stadium, home to the Kernels, in Cedar Rapids.

### 3. Umpire Recommendations

Umpire recommendation forms will be open and available for schools to complete through Bound later today. AD's, please work with your head coach to get these completed. This is valuable data our office utilizes in assigning umpires, identifying up-and-coming umpires, umpires that we want to get eyes on to evaluate, etc.

### 4. Umpire Clinic

Retired MLB umpire, Larry Young, will be hosting a FREE umpire clinic for all ages (10-Adult) on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at Dubuque Sports Complex. This clinic will run from 9:00am-noon. Larry umpired in Major Leagues for 24 years and is currently the supervisor of umpires for MLB international baseball. Both veteran and ne umpires are welcome and will work behind the plate, bases, and have a questions and answer session.

Dubuque Sports Complex  
12614 Nightengale Lanes  
Dubuque, IA 52003

Thanks, and do not hesitate to reach out with any questions throughout this off-season leading up to pitchers and catchers reporting in January.



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