IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Baseball Memo #6

May 23, 2025

Good morning, Head Baseball Coaches & AD's -

As we round out the first week of contests, we have just had a few items come up that I want to bring everyone's attention to as we progress into the end of May and into June.

1. Clarification - 24 Playing Dates

With this being year one of the 24 date cap to play 40 games, let's clarify a few questions that have come up on this.

- If a team is playing in a 2 consecutive day tournament, it shall count as one playing date, which would be aligned with other sports that have a playing dates cap.
- If play is suspended due to the weather and rescheduled, it would not be an additional date to reschedule.
 - o even if 1 of the 2 games of the DH was completed.
- If a game is completed and game two of the DH is not rescheduled it would still count as a playing date since one contest was played to completion.
- If play is suspended, no game is completed, and it is not rescheduled, it would not count as one of the 24 playing dates.

2. Suspended Contest Data Entry

Would not be the start of the baseball season without mother nature throwing a wrench into things right away week one. I have had a few reach out regarding entering stats and pitch counts into Bound when a contest is suspended. Those do still need to be entered and days of rest associated with pitch counts do still apply. Follow the instructions included HERE to enter pitch counts and other game stats into Bound when a contest is suspended due to weather.

3. NFHS Points of Emphasis

Reminder to keep in mind the <u>2025 NFHS Baseball Points of Emphasis</u> for this season. In particular, ensure we are keeping sportsmanship and dugout decorum at the forefront this season. Also, this is year two of 1-way electronic communication form the dugout to the catcher ONLY. Feel year one of using this technology went well and looking forward to hearing conservation nationwide when I attend the NFHS Baseball Rules Committee Meeting in Indianapolis in early June to see what potential next steps could be, if any.

4. Pitch Count

As always, be sure we stay on top of this. Let's ensure we all are on top of this as we progress through the 2025 season. Coaches, you are responsible for this so ensure you know cutoffs. Resources are on the <u>Baseball Page</u> of our website as well to avoid violations. All daily limitations are clearly laid out in our <u>Manual: Baseball (iahsaa.org)</u>. Also, a reminder we still have another week of weekly total limitations for 10-12 (180 pitches) through Saturday, June 7. 8-9 pitchers are limited to 150 total pitches a week all season.

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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