IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Baseball Memo #8

June 20, 2025

Good morning, Head Baseball Coaches & AD's -

As we head into the weekend with the predicted heart wave coming, thought it was worth sending out a few reminders as we close in on the end of the regular season and progress into warmer summer weather.

1. WBGT Reminders

As a reminder from the 2025 rules meeting, the Wet Bulb Globe Thermometer (WBGT) is an NFHS national recommendation that does replace the heat index that was previously used in navigating the heat. This is utilized for all sports and was implemented this 2024-25 school year this past fall. AD's are well-versed, but please ensure everyone is familiar with the <u>WBGT Guidance</u> and can also view the <u>WBGT Webinar</u> that was held this fall. Do not panic, the numbers in the activity guidelines are the WBGT reading, not the temperature. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please reach out to Richelle Williams at <u>richelle.williams@drake.edu</u>. She serves on our Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and will be happy to assist.

2. Completed Game vs Suspended Contest

Ensure we are all aware of what is considered a completed game vs a suspended contest. With the weather, I have had a lot of inquiries about this. This is laid out well in the HSAA Baseball Regular Season Manual. If you do have a suspended contest, ensure it is entered as such in Bound, including stats, using directions again linked HERE from a previous memo.

3. Run Rule

Head Coaches & AD's; please ensure we all know and follow the NFHS run rule of 10 or more after 4.5/5 innings or 15 after 3.5/4. I had one instance of this not being followed this week so thought it should be a good reminder for all of us.

4. Data Entry on Bound

Coaches, a reminder of your responsibility to enter game results and stats, including pitch count, into Bound. We still have a few schools that are struggling with this basic requirement. Simply asking, we keep the integrity of the sport high by everyone doing their part with this requirement as we round out the rest of the regular season and head into the postseason. Automated notifications will be sent to admin teams of a school that fails to enter pitch count information into Bound by 9:00am the morning following a contest. Ensure we are all working to fulfill this requirement regularly & in a timely manner.

5. Postseason Manual

Ensure everyone is familiar with the IHSAA postseason procedures as we head into postseason play. <u>2025 Baseball Postseason Manual</u>. As always, all baseball materials, including past memos, can be found on our <u>Baseball Page</u>.

Thanks, and do not hesitate to reach out with any questions as we finish the regular season and start postseason play.



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