



# IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

## Baseball Memo #4

May 1, 2026

### **1. Online Rules Meeting**

We still have about 50 head coaches that have yet to complete the required online rules meeting through Bound. Coaches have until Friday, May 15 to view & receive credit for completing this. Whitney Schlicht will be reaching out to individual schools if this requirement has not been met as deadline approaches. AD's, ensure your directory is up to date as this is what is utilized in tracking the head coach's completion of this requirement.

- [Proper Pitching Positions](#)
- [NFHS 2026 Points of Emphasis](#)
- [NFHS 2026 Baseball Rule Changes](#)

### **2. Pitch Count Entry into Bound**

As mentioned, at the IHSBCA clinic in January and in the 2026 rules meeting, there will be some notification safeguards to ensure everyone is fulfilling their responsibility of entering their pitch counts into Bound. An automatic notification will be sent out at 9:00am following a game night to your school administrators (Supt., Principal, and AD) if the pitch count is not entered. I will follow up with those schools individually that still do not have their counts entered by noon. This is already set up and will be implemented on May 18, the first legal competition date. This was in conjunction with our baseball advisory committee to ensure accountability for coaches to enter these in a timely manner.

### **3. Line Up Cards**

If you submitted the form to order these, you should have received them at this point. If you have not, please follow up if you still do not have them.

### **4. Pitch Count Tools**

We will again provide a pitch count form, and a pitch count spread sheet in the next baseball memo prior to our first legal competition date. We had too many forfeited contests last year due to pitch count violations. I would really like to see this be minimal to none. Please be diligent in this, know the cut-offs on days' rest, and use the resources provided to help prevent said violations.

### **5. Classifications**

Please double check preliminary baseball classifications [HERE](#). They will be finalized at the end of next week.

### **6. Postseason Site Information (action needed)**

To make sure we have accurate data on baseball facilities around the state, please take a couple minutes to fill out the form below. This information will take the place of post-season site availability from that has been used in the past in Bound.

[Postseason Site Information](#)

Thanks, and do not hesitate to reach out with any questions as you officially kick off the 2026 season Monday.