



IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Baseball-Coach and AD Memo #9

June 26, 2026

1. Heat Safety

With high temperatures expected in the week ahead, please ensure your program is taking the appropriate precautions to keep student-athletes hydrated and safe. As a reminder from the 2026 rules meeting, the Wet Bulb Globe Thermometer (WBGT) is the NFHS national recommendation and replaces the heat index previously used to guide decisions related to heat. This guidance applies to all sports and has been in effect for the past two school years. While athletic directors are familiar with this guidance, please ensure all coaches and staff members also understand the [WBGT Guidance](#). Please remember that the numbers listed in the activity guidelines refer to the WBGT reading, not the air temperature. Additional Heat and Hydration information can also be found: [Health & Safety | IHSAA](#)

Reminder:

During competition, when the WBGT reading is 87.7 or greater, which falls within the red or black category, umpires should allow a three-minute hydration break at the beginning and midpoint of the third inning, and each inning thereafter for the remainder of the contest.

2. Postseason Assignments

Below is a link with district and substate assignments and brackets for classes 1A and 2A. Class 3A and 4A will be released no later than the end of the day on July 1st. [Baseball: 2026 Postseason Brackets | IHSAA](#)

3. Host Sites

If you are hosting at all throughout the baseball postseason, be sure to communicate with teams you are hosting to go over any logistics with your facility, parking, ticketing, etc. Be sure we all go through the [IHSAA Postseason Manual](#) as well regarding game procedures, etc.

4. Reporting Scores

1A and 2A brackets are set-up on Bound. The winning team is expected report their score, by entering results from their contest. Please do this immediately upon completion of each game as we progress through the postseason as we do have quick turnaround from each round and want to ensure there is time to address any hosting issues that could arise.

5. Umpire Assignments

All umpire assignments will be on DragonFly and AD's are able to access them as umpires accept contracts. If you have any questions, please email Whitney at: wschlicht@iahsaa.org

6. Weather Concerns

Must make every attempt to play games on scheduled dates. However, if the weather does not allow this to take place, it will be rescheduled to the next playable date. Be sure to be in communication with the IHSAA office if any changes are required.

7. Postseason Ticketing

All ticketing for IHSAA postseason baseball will again be through Home Town Ticketing (HTT). If you have any questions on any of that please do not hesitate to reach out to Chelsea Clark (cclark@iahsaa.org) here in our office. Below is a link to tickets as well as schedule for when tickets go live for each contest throughout the postseason.

- [Tickets | IHSAA \(iahsaa.org\)](#)
- Tickets for all 1A/2A first rounds games for Friday, July 3 will be available starting at 9:00am on Wednesday, July 1 [Baseball On Sale Schedule](#)
 - Tickets for all other contests will become available 3 days prior to the contest at 9:00am.
 - When less than 3 days rest, tickets will become available at 9:00am the following morning.

With the new law requiring schools to accept cash going into effect on July 1st, separate guidance will be sent out from our accounting office on Monday.