

BY-LAW ARTICLE XIV

Baseball

Boys

Sect. 1: Baseball shall be administered by the NHIAA Baseball Committee and the rules of the National Federation will govern the sport when applicable.

Sect. 2: Results of games played in all Divisions I, II, III & IV shall be posted on the NHIAA website immediately following the game.

Sect. 3: Approval of Schedules

All schedules must be submitted to the Executive Director on or before the deadline date of March 6th of each year.

Sect. 4: NOCSAE approved equipment must be used in all NHIAA contests.

Sect. 5: Tournament Rosters

All tournament teams will be limited to a maximum of 23 individuals, with no more than 18 of them being players in uniform. The remainder of the roster will include one (1) head coach, two (2) assistant coaches, and two (2) managers. Rosters shall be completed via the NHIAA website. If a team is going to make the tournament, a team photo in uniform (no warm-ups and no mascots allowed) must be submitted with a photo lineup. If no photo is received a logo will be supplemented.

Sect. 6: Tournament Selection

The maximum number of teams allowed per By-Law Article IV: Classification; Sect. 10: Tournament Selection Requirements will qualify for the tournament. (CM11.17)

Sect. 7: Awards

Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques, in addition to 23 team medals, will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each division.

Sect. 8: NHIAA Pitching Limitation Rule (regular season and tournament)

NHIAA Pitching Limitation Rule (regular season and tournament) is based on the number of pitches thrown in a game. The pitch count is based on pitches thrown for strikes; balls; foul balls; and outs. Warm up pitches allowed before each inning or those warmups allowed by the umpire in case of injury or game delay do not count towards the total pitches thrown.

The number of pitches is based on the level of pitching. Specific rest periods are in place when a pitcher reaches a high threshold of pitches delivered in **a day**.

LEVEL	PITCHES ALLOWED PER DAY
Varsity	120
JV and Freshman	100

The rest periods required during the regular and tournament season are listed below:

Varsity/Junior Varsity/Freshman:

- If a pitcher throws 76 or more pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a pitcher throws 51-75 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a pitcher throws 26-50 pitches in a day one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
- If a pitcher throws 1-25 pitches in a day no calendar day of rest is required before pitching again.

A calendar day means that if a pitcher throws 76 pitches on Tuesday that player may not pitch again until Saturday. If they throw 76 pitches on Saturday that player may not pitch again until Wednesday. The starting time of the game does not matter in the calculation of when a pitcher is eligible to pitch again.

A pitcher at any level who reaches the pitch count limit in the middle of an at bat will be allowed to finish that hitter. This only applies to maximum limitations. i.e. Varsity 120, JV/Freshman 100.

NHIAA Pitching Limitation Procedures (regular season and tournament) apply to varsity, junior varsity and freshman games:

1. The pitch count chart is to be presented to the opposing coach BEFORE the game.
2. During the game pitch counts will be confirmed at the end of every half inning.
3. Pitch count discrepancy
 - Regular season and tournament games held at the home of the higher seed procedures
 - o Any pitch count discrepancy shall be worked out between the two coaches
 - o In the case that a discrepancy cannot be worked out, the pitch count noted in the home book will be the official pitch count
 - Tournament games held at neutral sites
 - o Any pitch count discrepancy shall be worked out between the two coaches
 - o If the discrepancy cannot be worked out between the coaches an appeal can be made to the tournament committee on site.
 - o The tournament committee shall resolve the discrepancy
 - o The decision of the tournament committee cannot be appealed.
4. At the game's conclusion, the NHIAA pitching form will be signed by the coaches or designated representative.
5. Schools (Coaches/A.D.) have the responsibility to maintain this pitching chart form. A hard copy must be available upon NHIAA request.

Sect. 9: Divisional Alignment

Baseball shall be aligned into four (4) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee.

2026-27 Baseball Divisional Alignment									
DIV. I (850+)		DIV. II (550-849)		DIV. III (281-549)		DIV. IV (1-280)			
21 Schools		17 Schools		24 Schools		23 Schools			
Pinkerton	2979	*Man. Central-West	1862	Laconia	543	Franklin	279		
Nashua South	1697	Oyster River	796	Kearsarge	485	Derryfield	270		
Nashua North	1545	Kingswood	727	Monadnock	475	Newmarket	266		
Dover	1423	Pembroke	718	Pelham	466	Mascenic	263		
Bedford	1367	Merrimack Valley	715	Gilford	442	Newport	263		
Spaulding	1346	Hollis Brookline	713	Sanborn	433	Epping	225		
Man. Memorial	1345	Souhegan	709	Stevens	432	Farmington	225		
Concord	1329	Hanover	693	Fall Mountain	430	Woodsville	221		
Exeter	1329	John Stark	657	Somersworth	411	Portsmouth Christian	166		
Keene	1263	Coe-Brown	650	Prospect Mountain	408	Littleton	161		
Londonderry	1219	Plymouth	643	Winnisquam	372	Nute	157		
Salem	1069	Lebanon	642	Newfound	368	Hinsdale	156		
Goffstown	1032	Bow	639	Belmont	347	Moultonborough	155		
Merrimack	1013	Milford	613	Hillsboro-Deering	340	Wilton	153		
Winnacunnet	988	Kennett	612	Campbell	337	Sunapee	150		
Portsmouth	983	ConVal	603	White Mountains	327	Gorham	142		
Alvirne	955	*St. Thomas	341	Raymond	326	Profile	136		
Timberlane	934			Berlin	324	Mnt. Royal-Holy Family	123		
Windham	884			Mascoma	317	Groveton	111		
*Bishop Guertin	767			Hopkinton	309	Colebrook	89		
*Trinity	345			Conant	307	Lisbon	83		
				*Inter-Lakes	279	Pittsburg-Canaan	73		
		*Petition		*Bishop Brady	227	Lin-Wood	67		
				*Concord Christian	120				