

1. BASEBALL

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1) Interscholastic Participation

- 1.1) No team or individual may play more than two games per day.

Note: Completion of a suspended game along with a regularly scheduled game(s) is not considered a double-header (Penalty – see Sports Regulation 12).

- 1.2) Teams – No school team may participate in more than 27 regular season games on 27 playing dates.

Note: Doubleheaders may be played on any day pursuant to Board of Education or similar governing board policy.

- 1.21) Any scheduled game which is not started due to unforeseen circumstances, such as failure of team to arrive, strikes, school closings, etc., is considered a “No Contest.” Games not played are not included in won-lost records.

- 1.22) Any team that exceeds the regular season participation limitation shall not be permitted to participate in the OHSAA tournament and maybe subject to additional penalties as outlined in Bylaw 11.

1.3) Individuals

- 1.31) An individual in grades 9-12 may play on a maximum of 32 playing dates plus the OHSAA-sponsored tournaments.

- 1.32) An individual in grades 7-8 may play on a maximum of 21 playing dates plus one postseason or league/conference tournament.

- 1.33) If an individual plays a game at any level on separate dates, each game counts toward the 32 playing dates limitation. (Example: A student plays in a non-varsity game on Monday and a varsity game on Wednesday. Participation in both games counts as two dates toward the 32 maximum for the individual player.)

- 1.34) If an individual plays in a non-varsity game and a varsity game in the same day, each contest does not count toward the 32 playing dates limitation. (Example: A student plays in a non-varsity game and a varsity game on a Thursday. Participation in both games counts as one date toward the 32 maximum for the individual player.)

1.4) Interrupted Games

- 1.41) A game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined (NFHS Rule 4-3), or any game called at any time for mechanical failure (i.e., artificial lights, water systems, etc.) will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of suspension, with the lineup and batting order of each team the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules of the game. Pitches thrown during any suspended game count in the normal day to day limitation described in Baseball Sports Regulation 1.7. Such game will be completed unless both coaches agree not to do so.

- 1.42) A game which has gone five innings and is called while an inning is in progress and before it is completed and the following situation prevails shall be a suspended game:

The visiting team has scored one or more runs to tie the score or to take the lead and the home team has not retaken the lead.

A suspended game that is not completed at a later date due to the inability to reschedule is considered a “No Contest,” not counted in the won-lost statistics, and both teams are permitted to schedule another contest.

- 1.43) Games cannot end in a tie. Games are either won, lost or suspended.

- 1.5) Any suspended OHSAA tournament game shall be continued from the point of suspension at a later time. All OHSAA tournament games shall be played to completion (10 run rule applicable).

- 1.6) A game ends anytime after five innings when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its term at bat.

- 1.7) Pitchers in grades 7-12 are limited to pitch count restrictions as stated below:

Level	Daily Pitch Limit	0 Days of Rest	1 Day of Rest	2 Days of Rest	3 Days of Rest
Grades 7-12	125 pitches	1-30 pitches	31-50 pitches	51-75 pitches	76+ pitches

- 1.71) A pitcher may finish the current batter if the daily pitch limit (125) is reached during that at bat.
- 1.72) At the end of each contest, coaches will submit pitcher number and pitches thrown in the designated data collection system, if such data collection system is determined by the OHSAA.
- 1.73) All pitches thrown in a suspended game or a “no contest” game shall count toward the daily pitch limit and the total number of pitches thrown.
- 1.74) All pitches thrown in a scrimmage or preview shall count toward the daily pitch limit and the total number of pitches thrown.
- 1.75) All pitches thrown shall count per player and not per arm, should you have an ambidextrous pitcher.
- 1.76) Each school/team must keep a record of all pitches thrown by each of their players in each game and make this available to the OHSAA upon request.
- 1.77) Any player pitching during a period in which rest is required is considered to be pitching as an ineligible player.

Any victorious contest in which an ineligible player is participating will result in forfeiture of the contest.

Note: The daily pitch limit days of rest are based on a full and complete days and not (24) hours.

Discrepancies: Should there be any pitch count discrepancies discovered during the contest, time shall be called and the two head coaches shall discuss on-site. Should there be a pitch count discrepancy discovered after the contest, the two schools shall discuss. If an agreement cannot be made, the official pitch count shall be the count in the book of the home team. The OHSAA Director may assist with discrepancies and apply penalties as outlined in Bylaw 11.

- 1.8) Previews — A preview may be scheduled and played at any time throughout the regular season. A preview may not exceed four innings for any one player or team and shall be played according to National Federation Baseball Rules.

2) Non-Interscholastic Participation

- 2.1) Reference the *Regulation for Non-Interscholastic Participation and Individual Skill Instruction* in General Sport Regulation 7 for what is permitted in and outside of a school season and penalties that shall apply if violated, as outlined in Bylaw 11.
- 2.2) As outlined in the Notes section of General Sport Regulation 7.3.1, please see the following exceptions for the sport of baseball:
 - 2.22) There is no limit on the number of baseball squad members from the same school participating on the same squad during the period beginning with the last day of their school season - July 31.
 - 2.23) A player may continue to play with a non-interscholastic squad in a national qualifying tournament in excess of the six player limitation after July 31 until the squad is eliminated but no later than Labor Day.
- 2.3) All-Star Games — “All-Star” events are non-interscholastic events by rule. Student-athletes in team sports who wish to participate in one of these “all-star” competitions outside the school baseball season may do so without jeopardy to eligibility provided the students maintain compliance with General Sports Regulations 7. Coaches are permitted to coach in “All-Star” contests if they meet all the provisions of General Sports Regulation 7.6.

2.4) Individual Non-Interscholastic Competition Dates:

A baseball athlete who has not participated for a school baseball team that season must cease non-interscholastic baseball competition by April 7, 2025 in order to be eligible for OHSAA tournament competition provided applicable bylaws and regulations have been followed. The penalty for violating this Regulation may be considered ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament and subject to additional penalties, as outlined in Bylaw 11.

DATE: April 7, 2025

- 2.5) Participation in indoor baseball is not a violation of OHSAA non-interscholastic Sports Regulation 7.3 if played indoors from November 1, 2024-February 1, 2025, for student-athletes.

3) Instructional Programs

See *General Sport Regulation 7 for Non-Interscholastic Participation and Individual Skill Instruction*.

4) No Contact Period — Coaches

See *General Sport Regulation 11 for information on the Mandatory No Contact Period*.

5) Penalties

Violation of any Baseball Regulations or General Sport Regulations are subject to penalties, as outlined in the Baseball Regulations and/or Bylaw 11.

6) Transfer Bylaw

While all questions regarding the transfer bylaw should be addressed to the appropriate school administrator, information regarding the transfer bylaw can be found on the OHSAA website at this link, <https://www.ohsaa.org/Eligibility/Transfer>. Note that students who transfer and do not meet an exception to the transfer bylaw, and who participated in high school baseball within 12 months of the transfer date, are ineligible for all regular season contests, scrimmages, and the OHSAA postseason tournament beginning with varsity regular season contest #15.

7) Other Bylaws and Regulations

For information on Ejection for Unsporting Conduct See *Ejection Policies for Coaches and Players* under Section 13 and 14 of the General Sports Regulations at [OHSAA.org](https://www.ohsaa.org). For information on Out of State Travel regulations see Bylaw 9-2 at [OHSAA.org](https://www.ohsaa.org).

B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — GRADES 9-12**1) Coaching, tryouts and instruction may begin — February 24, 2025****2) First game — March 28, 2025****3) Deadline date for OHSAA Tournament — April 28, 2025****4) Tournament draw/seeding meeting — May 11, 2025****5) Coaching and Season end — June 21, 2025****6) Scrimmage or Previews — Maximum of four scrimmages and/or previews.**

Note: May be a combination of both, but may not exceed four in total.

7) Regular season games permitted (Team) — Maximum of 27 (on 27 playing dates). Doubleheaders may be played on any day pursuant to school policy.**8) Rules — National Federation Baseball Rules Book****9) Uniform Rules — National Federation Baseball Rules Book****10) Officials:**

10.1) Varsity — All must be OHSAA Class 1 umpires.

Note: A Class 2 official may be used in emergency situations only with permission from the Executive Director's Office. If a Class 2 official is used in a varsity game, the Class 1 shall be the lead Official and determine which official will work the plate.

10.2) Reserve/Junior Varsity — Minimum of one OHSAA Class 1 or Class 2 required.

10.3) Freshmen — All must be OHSAA Class 1, 2, 3 or an umpire in training.

10.4) Per NFHS Rule 10-1-1, it is recommended that game officials include the umpire-in-chief and one, two or three field umpires. Whenever possible, at least two umpires are required. If only one OHSAA official is present to officiate the contest, the contest may be played if opposing coaches and the umpire mutually agree.

C. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — GRADES 7 & 8**1) Coaching, tryouts and instruction may begin — February 24, 2025****2) Date first game may be played — March 28, 2025****3) Coaching and Season end — June 21, 2025****4) Scrimmages permitted — A maximum of two scrimmages per year.****5) Regular season games permitted — Maximum 17 and 1 postseason/league/conference tournament not to exceed 4 games.****6) Rules — National Federation Baseball.****7) Uniform Rules — National Federation Baseball****8) Officials — All must be OHSAA Class 1, 2, 3 or an umpire in training**

BASEBALL CALENDAR

Baseball	2025	2026	2027
Coach — No Contact Period	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31
Coaching and Tryouts Begin	2/24	2/23	2/22
Season Begins	3/28	3/27	3/26
Sectional	5/19-5/24	5/18-5/23	5/17-5/22
District	5/26-5/31	5/25-5/30	5/24-5/29
Regional	6/4-6/5	6/3-6/4	6/2-6/3
State	6/13-6/15	6/12-6/14	6/11-6/13
Season Ends	6/21	6/20	6/19
Easter	4/20	4/5	3/28

BASEBALL — BOYS STATE TOURNAMENT ROTATION

2025-2029-2033	2026-2030-2034	2027-2031-2035	2028-2032-2036
VII	IV	I	VI
III	VI	VII	II
V	III	IV	I
II	VII	VI	V
IV	I	II	III
VI	V	III	VII
I	II	V	IV