NHSUA Supervisor of Umpires Report Supervisor 2021

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Protests should be reported to both myself and Mark Cherbonneau. Mark should be called for protests first, but you need to call both of us. If the winning team is protesting and does not want to file after the game you must still contact me to make a report. Avoid problems by reading the rulebooks. Correct procedures—protest must be made before the next pitch. Sign off on both books at time of protest and note the **time** of the protest. If teams are protesting the field conditions, fix it if you can. Once the game is started it must be played if it can be. It is not protestable if you start the game.

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Ejections and physical contact should be reported to me the day of the ejection or physical contact, so I can report it the next day to NHIAA and the schools know. Fees Varsity \$88 JV \$68

Over 40 miles \$14---80 miles \$24 Scrimmage rate is the JV rate--\$68 If you are doing a doubleheader, it is \$10 less.

Playoff fees

First 3 rounds \$98 Semi and Final Rounds \$110

Go on the NHIAA website, read the Policy and Procedures manual for softball. Points of Special Emphasis.

Suspended games Appropriate attire for coaches Appropriate attire for players Flex Rule also page 95 of the NFHS Rulebook Guidelines for Management of Concussions also page 89 of the NFHS Rulebook Equipment and Jewelry also page 84 and 85 of the NFHS Rulebook Ending Rule-12 run rule******* Bench and Field Conduct also the Improper Conduct Chart on page 86 of the NFHS Rulebook Blood Spillage and Body Fluids procedures Lightning/Thunder also page 92 of the NFHS Rulebook The test can be found as a hard copy on the arbiter. The test needs to be taken at the NHIAA part of the arbiter. Test needs to be completed by April 10th. You have 3 tries. The answers will be posted April 11th

Do not forget to pay your NHIAA registration fee--\$65.

All NHIAA forms are on our website.

If there is a field or equipment problem, please call me so I can contact NHIAA.

Playoffs—Some umpires did not get games last year either because you did not go to a 3 man clinic or because there were less games last year, so there were less umpires needed. The softball committee told me to only use AA and A umpires in the first 2 rounds unless I had to use B umpires and in the semi and final games only AA umpires unless A's are needed. I have petitioned the NHIAA Sports Officiating committee and starting 2023 we will be using 3 umpires for all rounds of the playoffs.

Please put your picture on the Arbiter. It would be good for your partners to know who they are umpiring with if they do not know you. Make sure all your phone numbers are correct on the Arbiter. Three years ago during the playoffs, I had a real hard time finding some umpires on Saturday morning when game times were changed at the last minute. Tournament requirements—attend an interpretation meeting, pay your dues, attend a 3-man clinic if you are an "AA" classified umpire or if you are an "A" that did not go last year, do a minimum of 7 varsity games, and pass the test.

Last points

Disqualified players should be on the bench for supervision. NFHS Rule 3-6-20.

If bus is late or there is rain—give enough time to get the game in

Have good game control

Do not be afraid to communicate with your partner

Make yourself approachable-be flexible

Use good Judgement

Let me know if there are any problems—with the field, coaches, ADs, parents if you feel you need to.

Umpires who park in the special playoff spots at the playoff sites should still pay to get into the game unless they are working.

Read the Illegal Pitch rules and penalty. NHFS Rule #6 Read the Preseason Softball Guide closely from NFHS Read the Point of Emphasis and Rule Changes on NFHS Rulebook pages 84 and 85. (NHIAA Softball committee wants consistency on the non-approved bats rules General comments:

Helmets can be different colors this year and may be a players club team helmet.

Everyone needs to police the face covering policies. If they are to be used, an umpire should stop play if you notice someone not wearing it correctly or at all. Stop play--call "no pitch and fix the problem". If this becomes a constant problem, please let me know and I will address the coach and team with NHIAA and the school athletic director.

Because of the open tournament, there will be an extra round of playoffs which will happen on Monday, 5/31.

All semi and finals are TBA at this time. The committee will decide on May 3 if those games will be at neutral sites or home sites on that day.

Have a great season. Good Luck!