

NHSUA

Supervisor of Umpires Report

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1. Protests should be reported to both myself and Al Douglas. Al 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 protest able if you start the game.

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2. Ejections and physical contact must be reported to me the day of the ejection or physical contact, so I can report it the next day to NHIAA, and to let the schools know.

3. Fees—For the next two seasons

Varsity \$90

JV \$70

Over 40 miles \$14---80 miles \$24

Scrimmage rate is the JV rate--\$70

If you are doing a doubleheader, it is \$10 less.

Playoff fees

First 2 rounds \$100

Semi and Final Rounds \$112

The new structure which was approved (starting 2023-2024) increase the fees to \$83 and \$63 with a new travel allowance based on one-way travel

0 – 20 miles add \$10

21 – 40 miles add \$20

41 – 60 miles add \$30

60 + miles add \$40

So, when you travel 43 miles one way and do a varsity game, fee paid is \$113 if also a Sub-V, then \$176

- 4. Go on the NHIAA website, read the Policy and Procedures manual for softball. Points of Special Emphasis. (This is point the 2023 is not updated on the NHIAA website.)**
 - a. Suspended games**
 - b. Appropriate attire for coaches**
 - c. Appropriate attire for players (Please read about helmets especially)**
 - d. Flex Rule also page 98 of the NFHS Rulebook**
 - e. Guidelines for Management of Concussions also page 92 of the NFHS Rulebook**
 - f. Rule Changes including 1-4-1, 2-20-1g, 3-2-12, 3-6-11, 4-2-1, and 8-2-7**
 - g. Ending Rule-12 run rule*******
 - h. Bench and Field Conduct also the Improper Conduct Chart on page 89 of the NFHS Rulebook**
 - i. Blood Spillage and Body Fluids procedures also page 94 of the NFHS Rulebook**
 - j. Lightning/Thunder also page 95 of the NFHS Rulebook**
 - k. Improper Conduct Penalty Summary Chart found on page 89 of the NFHS Rulebook**

- 5. The test should be up on Dragonfly tomorrow 3/5/23. If you have not done so, you need to go into Dragonfly.com and create an account first. Then you can take the test.**

Due date for completion of the test is 4/8. FYI, the order of the questions is the same for everyone. Nothing is scrambled! You need to get an 85% to pass and you have three tries. Your last try is the one that counts.

6. Do not forget to pay your NHIAA registration fee--\$65.
7. All NHIAA forms (Disqualification, Physical Contact, Ejection forms) are on our website.
8. If there is a field or equipment problem, please call me so I can contact NHIAA especially with helmets (if they are not the same color, logos other than school related or manufacture logo ok. It is the responsibility of the AD and Coaches to ensure that helmet be school colors or neutral). Field conditions—before the game, it is up to home AD and Coach—once the game starts it is up to us. If you think that it will not be playable, tell the coach/AD before the game starts. If you start the game do not put yourself in a dangerous position just to try to get the game in or finish the inning.
9. Playoffs—Some umpires did not get games last year because you opted out for COVID. 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 Sport Officiating Committee to allow us to use a three-person system during the first round of the playoffs also, but with baseball not using three for every round now I am not sure what NHIAA will recommend now. Last season, I used 66 umpires in the playoffs.
10. 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.
11. Tournament requirements—attend an interpretation meeting, pay your dues, attend a 3-man clinic, do a minimum of 7 varsity games, and pass the test.
12. Last points
 - a. Disqualified players should be on the bench for supervision. NFHS Rule 3-6-20.
 - b. If bus is late or there is rain—given enough time to get the game in
 - c. Have good game control

- d. Do not be afraid to communicate with your partner (Last year, and this is not pick on anyone, for it can happen to the best of us, did not communicate with his fellow umpire about a rule that stopped a game that could have been a forfeited game that should not have been forfeited game. Don't be afraid to talk out a decision before you make a decision final.)
- e. Make yourself approachable-be flexible
- f. Use good Judgement (A train wreck compared to a malicious act that includes an ejection and suspension)
- g. Let me know if there are any problems—with the field, coaches, ADs, parents if you feel you need to. (Especially helmets—lets fix before they get to a final)
- h. Read the Illegal Pitch rules and penalty. NHFS Rule #6
- i. Read the Preseason Softball Guide closely from NFHS
- j. Read the Point of Emphasis and Rule Changes on NFHS Rulebook pages 86-88. (NHIAA Softball committee wants consistency on the non-approved bats rules) Also, read the paragraph on huddles between innings which is a point of emphasis.
- k. Two points on uniforms
 - i. it is ok to have uniform sleeves rolled up.
 - ii. Helmets

13. Have a great season. Good Luck!