

NHSUA

Supervisor of Umpires Report

2024

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- 1. Protests should be reported to both me 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. Communicate with your partners on the field if there a question about anything especially if you are thinking of forfeiting a game. 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 this season**

The new structure which was approved (starting 2023-2024)has increased 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

MILEAGE: Mileage is from the center of town where the official resides to the center of town where the event is played according to Map Quest. The Arbiter uses Map Quest to calculate mileage from the address provided.

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

The pre-season contest rate shall be the same as the sub-varsity rate.

Playoff fees

First 2 rounds \$105

Semi and Final Rounds \$117

- 4. Go on the NHIAA website, read the Policy and Procedures manual for softball. Points of Special Emphasis. (At this is point the 2024 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 100 of the NFHS Rulebook and 2024 Preseason Guide page 9 and 10.
 - e. Guidelines for Management of Concussions also page 94 of the NFHS Rulebook
 - f. Rule Changes including 1-8-6, 3-2-3, 3-2-5, 3-2-7, 4-2-7, 10-2-3e and h, 6-1-2c, 2-47, and 6-2-2. (page 88 comments on changes)
 - g. Ending Rule-12 run rule*****
 - h. Illegal Player Penalty Chart on page 90 of the NFHS Rulebook
 - i. Blood Spillage and Body Fluids procedures also page 96 of the NFHS Rulebook
 - j. Lightning/Thunder also page 97 of the NFHS Rulebook
 - k. Improper Conduct Penalty Summary Chart found on page 89 of the NFHS Rulebook
 - l. Batting Out of Order/Inaccurate line-up/Unreported Substitute Penalty Chart found on page 91 of the NFHS Rulebook
 - m. Both the Coaches and Officials NFHS Code of Ethics can be found on page 98 and 99 of the NFHS Rulebook.
5. The test should be up on Dragonfly tomorrow 3/1/24. 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 4/6/24. FYI, the order of the questions is the same for everyone. Nothing should be scrambled! You need to get an 85% or higher to pass and you have three tries. Your last try is the one that counts. If you do not pass it or take it on time, you cannot umpire NHIAA high school games—Varsity or JV or Freshmen games.
6. Do not forget to pay your NHIAA registration fee--\$65.

- 7. All NHIAA forms (Disqualification, Physical Contact, Ejection forms) are on our website and our Facebook page.**
- 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 the umpires. 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—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. We will use the 3 person system throughout the playoffs, so open your manuals and start reading about it.**
- 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—give enough time to get the game in**
 - c. Have good game control**

- d. Do not be afraid to communicate with your partner (Two years ago, 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 was declared 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.**
- h. Read the Illegal Pitch rules and penalty. NFHS Rule #6**
- i. Read the Preseason Softball Guide closely from NFHS**
- j. Read the Point of Emphasis and Rule Changes on NFHS Rulebook pages 3-6. (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 in the 2022 rulebook or Preseason guide from that year.**

HUDDLES BETWEEN INNINGS www.nfhs.org

Teams choosing to huddle:

-- should be in a safe location when the other team is warming up on the field;

-- does not impede the warm up of the defensive team;

-- does not place them in areas where overthrows are likely.

k. 2024 NFHS Virtual Case Book will be sent to via arbiter email, our website, or our Facebook page when I receive them.

l. Reminder--it is ok to have uniform sleeves rolled up.

Have a great season!!!

