

NHSUA

Supervisor of Umpires Report

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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. Teams are not able to protest 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. Paperwork also needs to be filled out. It can be found on our NHSUA website.**
- 3. Fees for this season**

The new structure which was approved (starting 2023-2024) has increased the fees to \$86 and \$66 with a new travel allowance based on one-way travel. If you umpire a game alone, the fee \$129 for a varsity game and \$99 for a JV game plus mileage stipend. Middle school games the fee is \$75 for two umpires and \$112.5 if you are alone. For NHIAA games, the regular mileage stipend will be applied.

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 \$116 if also a Sub-V, then \$182.

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

Playoff fees

First 2 rounds \$111

Semi and Final Rounds \$123

4. Go on the NHIAA website, read the Policy and Procedures manual for softball. Points of Special Emphasis. (At this is point the 2026 P&P 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 99 of the NFHS Rulebook.
 - e. Guidelines for Management of Concussions also page 93 of the NFHS Rulebook
 - f. Rule Changes including 1-9-6 Exception and penalty, Rule 8, and 10-4-2. (page 87 comments on changes)
 - g. Ending Rule-12 run rule*****
 - h. Illegal Player Penalty Chart on page 89 of the NFHS Rulebook
 - i. General Guidelines for Sports Hygiene including Blood procedures also page 95 of the NFHS Rulebook
 - j. Lightning/Thunder also page 96 of the NFHS Rulebook
 - k. Improper Conduct Penalty Summary Chart found on page 87 of the NFHS Rulebook
 - l. Batting Out of Order/Inaccurate line-up/Unreported Substitute Penalty Chart found on page 90 of the NFHS Rulebook
 - m. Both the Coaches and Officials NFHS Code of Ethics can be found on page 97 and 98 of the NFHS Rulebook.
 - n. Read all of the rulebook appendixes.

5. The test should be up on The Arbiter—NHIAA section—Central Hub--Testing 3/1/25. Due date for completion of the test is 4/4/25. 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. All NHIAA forms (Disqualification, Physical Contact, Ejection forms) are on our website and our Facebook page.**
- 7. 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. 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.**
- 8. 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. Your rulebook packet includes rulebook, casebook, NFHS publication, NHIAA materials, and the new NFHS manual.**
- 9. 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.**
- 10. 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. If you attended a 3-man clinic last year, you are good for this year. If you did not attend one, you must attend one this year.**

11. Three-man clinics

AT 3-21 - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

NH SPORTSDOME

10 A Tower Lane, Goffstown, NH

End of April - Plymouth Clinic Look to website for more information.

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 (Four 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. Do not 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. Flashback to last year rule changes/This is paid for by the association and it is worth every penny.**
- j. Read the Point of Emphasis and Rule Changes on NFHS Rulebook pages 3 and 4. (NHIAA Softball committee wants consistency on the non-approved bats rules) Also, read the paragraph on huddles between innings which was 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.

The offense also has 60 seconds to prepare to bat. While coaches may choose to huddle with their team as they come off the field, coaches should encourage their lead-off batter to gather their equipment and get ready to bat.

k. 2026 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.

m. *Last point, know the difference between high school, college, and USA rules. The last three seasons, we have had both regular season and playoff rule problems, because of using a college and an USA softball rule during a high school game. It makes us really look bad when we screw up because of a rule.*

Have a great season!!!