

BASEBALL REGULATIONS 2011

1. The baseball season is determined by the NDHSAA Board of Directors and is published in the NDHSAA Calendar.
2. Each player must have 9 daily practices (counting only one per day) prior to the first interscholastic competition.
3. Members of the high school teams may also participate on the Babe Ruth or Junior Legion teams without affecting their high school baseball eligibility.
4. Members of high school baseball teams may not participate on independent or town teams until after the high school season is over or high school eligibility in baseball will be lost for six contests or the remainder of the season, whichever is less for each violation.
5. A teams can play a maximum of 32 games in 19 dates during the regular season.
6. B players are limited to a maximum of 175 and A players 214 innings during the regular season and teams may play only two days per week followed by a school day.
7. Pitching regulations are as follows:
 - ✓ An individual may pitch a maximum of 14 innings in any seven-day period.
 - ✓ A player may pitch only 12 innings or make only three appearances as a pitcher in a one, two or three consecutive day tournament.
 - ✓ The penalty for violation is; forfeit the game in which the violation occurred and the student who violated must sit out the next regularly scheduled game at that level.
 - ✓ A double or triple play will not cause a pitcher to violate the pitching regulation.
 - ✓ Each pitcher will have a full complement of innings for the state tournament providing there is a minimum of four days rest prior to the state tournament (pitch on the fifth day).
 - ✓ Pitching innings are counted in thirds.
8. Each team may carry a maximum of 18 (reimbursed for 15) players for NDHSAA tournaments. If a coach removes a player for violating association rules or a verified illness, said player may be replaced on the roster. If the coach removes a player for other disciplinary reasons, said player may not be replaced. Any changes in the roster must be cleared with the tournament manager beforehand.
9. All regional and state tournament games will be 7 innings unless the score is tied (extra innings will be played) or is terminated by the 10-run rule (4-2-2) as provided in the current Federation Baseball Rules Book. Suspended games will be played to completion from the point of interruption.
10. All regional issues will be under the supervision of the regional committee such as determining the representative to the state in the event the region tournament is not completed by the deadline.
11. Protective equipment for the batter, base runner and catcher shall be required as provided in Rule 1-1-5, in the current Federation Baseball Rules Book. (Please note the warning and ejection rule pertaining to failure of base runner to wear a helmet.)
12. The use of metal bats is not allowed. Wood or "wood-like" composition bats must be used.
13. The substitution rule permitting re-entry into the game will be in effect as provided in Rule 3-1-3 in the current Federation Baseball Rules Book. Likewise, the designated hitter rule as provided in Article 4 of the same rule will be in effect.
14. A coach in a uniform may occupy the coaches' box.
15. Speed-Up Rule to be used is, "the team at bat may use courtesy runners for the pitcher and/or the catcher. The same runner may not be used for both positions. Neither the pitcher nor the catcher will be required to leave the game under such circumstances".

- a. Players who have participated in the game in any other capacity are ineligible to serve as courtesy runners.
 - b. A player may not run as a courtesy runner for the pitcher or the catcher and then be used as a substitute for another player in that half inning.
- NOTE: An unreported courtesy runner is an illegal substitute.
- 16. No protests will be permitted relative to any NDHSAA tournament game and the decisions of the officials will be accepted as final.
 - 17. All umpires (must be registered) and coaches are to complete an online NDHSAA rules clinic annually.
 - 18. At the regional level, the visiting team expenses should be paid after local expenses are deducted insofar as receipts permit. Any balance over these expenses may be divided among the region schools.
 - 19. Awards:
 - a. Regional: A championship and runner-up trophy provided by the NDHSAA will be awarded at each regional tournament.
 - b. State: Individual awards will be presented to 18 rostered players and 1 coach (plaques will be given to members of 1st and 2nd place teams, 18 & 1 as above). Trophies will be presented for places 1 through 7 and extras can be purchased.

Regional Organization:

- 1. Each participating school has been assigned to a region.
- 2. Each regional chairman is to organize a meeting of all schools in the region.
- 3. The region tournament formats, game times and sites shall be determined by the schools involved.
- 4. Financial profits and losses belong to the regions.

A Region Assignments, Tournaments, and Managers:

West Region – Minot, Pat McNally

Schools: Bismarck, Bismarck Century, Bismarck St. Mary's, Dickinson, Jamestown, Mandan, Minot, TMCHS, Williston

East Region – Wahpeton, Mike McCall

Schools: Devils Lake, Fargo Davies, Fargo North, Fargo South, Grand Forks Central, Grand Forks Red River, Shanley, Valley City, Wahpeton and West Fargo

B Regional Assignments/Chairmen

Region I – Brian Midthun, Enderlin

Schools: Central Cass, Enderlin/Maple Valley, Finley-Sharon/Hope-Page, Kindred/Richland, LaMoure/Litchville-Marion, Northern Cass

Region II – Chad Omdahl, Hatton

Schools: Central Valley/Hillsboro, Hatton/Northwood, Larimore, Mayville-Portland-CG, Minto/Midway, Thompson

Region III – Gil Black, Midkota

Schools: Carrington, Dakota Prairie, Harvey/Wells County, Lakota/Adams-Edmore, Midkota/BCN/Griggs Co, New Rockford-Sheyenne

Region IV – Jeff Carpenter, North Border

Schools: Cavalier, Fordville-Lankin/Park River, Grafton, Langdon/Munich, North Border, St. Thomas/Drayton/Valley-Edinburg

Region V – David Hoff, Bottineau

Schools: Bishop Ryan, Bottineau, Dunseith, Glenburn/Mohall, North Star, Rolette/Wolford/Rolla, Rugby, Surrey

Region VI – Mitch Lunde, Beulah

Schools: Beulah, Hazen, Garrison, Max/Sawyer, Turtle Lake-Mercer/Underwood/McClusky/Goodrich, Velva/Drake-Anamoose

Region VII – Clarke Ranum, Des Lacs-Burlington

Schools: Des Lacs-Burlington, Kenmare/Bowbells, New Town, North Shore/Parshall/Berthold, Trinity Christian/Trenton, Watford City

Region VIII – Pete Moe, Washburn

Schools: Central Prairie, Hettinger, Shiloh Christian, Standing Rock, Kidder Co./Wing/Napoleon, Washburn/Wilton/Center-Stanton

State Tournament Qualifying:

A & B teams will qualify eight teams for the tournament through region tournaments to be concluded on or before May 28th. **Be sure to schedule region tournaments while allowing for inclement weather as the region deadline will not be extended.**

State Tournament:

The formats are eight teams and single elimination with consolation brackets. Tournament sessions will begin daily at 11:30 am with the 3rd game beginning at 4:30 pm.

The State B will be played at Mandan's Memorial Ballpark, June 2-4 with Lorell Jungling as manager. The pairings are Region 6 vs. Region 7, Region 4 vs. Region 5, Region 2 vs. Region 3, and Region 1 vs. Region 8.

The State A will be played at Jamestown's Jack Brown Stadium, June 2-4 with Jim Roaldson as manager. The pairings are E-1 vs. W-4, W-2 vs. E-3; W-1 vs. E-4 and E-2 vs. W-3.

Only A: The "home team" or nearest team to the tournament site will play the last game of the state tournament's first round. If there are multiple teams from the tournament site, the highest seed will be the "home team". The pairings will remain the same, but game times will be adjusted.

State Tournament Passes:

Up to thirty passes per school may be issued. All players, student managers, coaches, and school officials must present passes or tickets for admission to any and all sessions. * The cost for extra tickets will be deducted from the school's team payment.