

## Bylaw 8 - Baseball (Spring)

Official Rules: National Federation of High School Sports with the following exceptions:

1. Metal spikes are permitted as long as the coach teaches proper and safe sliding techniques before the end of the first practice.
2. Pitchers may pitch six (6) innings only (Sunday to Saturday). This includes tournament play. Scorebooks will be reviewed to verify the number of innings pitched by individuals during tournament play. Coaches must make them available to opposing coaches, Athletic Directors and the tournament director.
3. Pitching distance shall be 54 feet. Base paths shall be 80 feet. Distance from home to second shall be 113 feet, 1 1/2 inches.
4. Players that start a game may be substituted for one time and be permitted to return to the game (this does not include the pitcher returning as the pitcher) . Players must bat in their original position.
5. Adult coaches may occupy both the 1st & 3rd base coaching boxes.
6. One official is required.
7. An unaltered 5  
or 3  
bat will be used during games. If a player enters the batter's box with an illegal bat, the player will be automatically out.
8. A team may use a designated hitter.
9. The game shall be six (6) innings. The umpire in charge shall use his own judgment about sufficient light for continuing a game. A complete game will be when four (4) complete innings are played. Each team must bat four (4) times unless the home team is ahead after 3 1/2 innings.
10. There will be no more than ten (10) runs per team at bat per inning or three (3) outs. A game will be called if one team is leading by ten (10) runs at the end of four (4) innings. This will apply to both the regular season and tournament play.
11. The coaches of each team shall make two lineup cards for each game, one for the opposing coach and the other for the umpire. These lineup cards shall be exchanged before the

beginning of the game.

12. No new inning will begin after two (2) hours from the beginning of the game.

13. Artificial lighting will not be used during regular season play.

14. No extra innings will be played during the regular season. In regular season games that result in a tie at the end of six innings, one additional inning will be played. If the additional inning ends in a tie, the game will result in a tie.

15. In Conference tournament play, extra innings will be played. If, in the event the game was still tied after extra innings and could not be completed that evening for whatever reason, the tournament director must be notified immediately. The tied teams should be prepared to travel to the tournament site the next evening to complete the game. The tournament director will make the final decision regarding completion.

16. In Conference tournament play, the higher seeded team will be placed in the Home dug-out.

17. Players are permitted to wear personal helmets. Helmets must be inspected by coach and NOSCAE approved, with the appropriate forms filled out by parent or guardian.

18. One out will equal one-third of an inning pitched.