



Kansas State High School Activities Association

2018 Baseball Announcements

Due Dates

Requirement	Head Coach/School Administrators	Umpire	Avenue
KSHSAA Rules Meeting	February 1 - March 15	February 1 - March 15	online or in person (school and umpire)
NFHS Rules Test	February 1 - March 19	February 1 - March 19	Online
Postseason Application	---	May 4, 2018	Online or mail
Postseason Votes	May 2 - May 9	---	Online
Postseason Squad List	BSB-2 due May 7 to manager BSB-4 due noon day after regional conclusion	---	Online Online
Win-Loss Record	BSB-3 due noon day after regional conclusion	---	Online

Points of Emphasis

1. National Anthem Standoff
2. Bench Jockeying, Celebrations and Negative Comments Between Opponents
3. Enforcement of NFHS Jewelry Rule
4. Proper Pitching Positions

Communication

1. Schools and umpires should communicate with each other to verify the date, time and location of all games.
2. Schools and umpires should have written contracts for all games.
3. A verbal or written obligation to a school or to an umpire is a binding contract.
4. Schools should notify umpires of the school's pay procedure.

Pitch Count Rule

This will be in the form of a daily pitch count accompanied with days of rest. The scale is below (for all levels). For the full rule see pages 5-6 in the school mailing or pages 6-7 in the umpire mailing.

Pitches	Required Rest	Pitches	Required Rest
76-105	4 days	31-45	1 day
61-75	3 days	1-30	0 days
46-60	2 days		

Ejection Policy

Coaches must complete NFHS "Teaching and Modeling Behavior." Read more in the KSHSAA Baseball/Softball Manual, page 10.

Players must complete NFHS "Sportsmanship Course." Read more in the KSHSAA Baseball/Softball Manual, page 10.

Unusual Situations

If an umpire or coach experiences an unusual situation, including ejections, they shall fill out an "Unusual Situation" report online. This is Form "S" for schools and under the umpire login for umpires.

Rules Tests

Please carefully read the information provided in the mailed packet or in the school test mailing. The test will be available from February 1 until March 19. After that date umpires/coaches will not be able to submit their answers to the 50 random questions. Coaches failing to submit answers by March 19 will pay a \$25 penalty and complete KSHSAA Test II. Umpires failing to submit answers by March 19 will be placed on probation or suspension. Umpires not scoring 90% on NFHS Test I will not be eligible for postseason assignment. Coaches and umpires should submit tests early to avoid any potential challenges.

Rules Meetings

Umpire Rules Meetings: (Face-to-Face Schedule)

All meetings will begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Monday, February 5

Chanute HS, Classroom

Wednesday, February 7

Shawnee-Mill Valley HS

Thursday, February 8

Salina-Smoky Hill Service Center

Monday, February 12

Topeka-KSHSAA Office

Monday, February 19

Maize South HS

Coach Rules Meetings

All varsity middle/junior and senior high head coaches must receive credit for a KSHSAA baseball coach rules meeting. This can be done two different ways this year. The meeting will be available online as in previous years. A coach may attend a face-to-face meeting to receive credit as well. It is your choice.

A rules meeting will be offered at the KABC Clinic in Topeka, Thursday January 18. This will fulfill meeting requirement.

Postseason Information

1. The **Diamond D1-NFHS** is the official tournament ball for regional and state.
2. Baseball may suit up to 18 players for regional and state.
3. State squad lists are submitted directly to the KSHSAA by noon the day after the completion of your tournament. A digital team photo must also be submitted online.
4. Regional tournaments will be held the week of May 14-17, 2018. All tournament assignments can be found on the KSHSAA website after April 1 (www.kshsaa.org).

State Tournaments

State tournaments will be held May 24-25, 2018 (**Thursday & Friday**). Site and manager information can be found on the baseball page of the KSHSAA website.

Coach Information

1. Players may play in 26 games throughout the course of the school season. School squads remain at 20 games for the season. See KSHSAA Handbook Rule 32-2-4.
2. The Win-Loss Record form (BSB-3) is due to the KSHSAA by noon the day following the conclusion of your regional tournament.
3. Form S, located on the KSHSAA website under entry forms, is used to report unusual situations.
4. Only certified teachers (as established by the State Board of Education) or coaches aides approved by the KSHSAA are allowed to work with teams. No volunteer coaches are permitted.
5. Only KSHSAA registered umpires may be used by member schools in varsity games. The online officials directory has the most recent list of registered umpires.

Coach's Uniform

1. Rule 3-2-1. One player or coach may occupy each coach's box while his team is at bat. While occupying a coach's box, he shall be in the uniform of his team.

Umpire Information

1. Missed Meetings – Any umpire who missed the KSHSAA sponsored rules meeting or area supervisor meeting as a result of an emergency may request consideration from the KSHSAA to make up the meeting. This request must be submitted in writing to the KSHSAA within one week of the missed meeting. Each case will be evaluated on its individual merits. This option does not apply to a new umpire registering for the first time.
2. Umpire's Uniform
Umpires must wear a cap, gray slacks, NFHS approved navy blue or black pullover shirt. Black or navy blue pullovers may be worn for postseason play. No matter which pullover is worn, all umpires must match.
Caps with the white KSHSAA embroidery are available from the following vendors:
 - o All Season Sportswear – allseasonsportswear.com
 - o Hi-Tech Embroidery, Holcomb – hi-techembroidery.com
3. The assignment of umpires for state championship tournaments will be based on the recommendations sent to the KSHSAA by member schools and the umpire meeting the following standards:
 - a. 90% or better score on the "open book" examination.
 - b. Attendance at one of the KSHSAA sponsored rules meetings.
 - c. Attendance at one area supervisor meeting.
 - d. Number of recommendations by member schools.

Umpires should provide coaches with a card indicating their name and home town. Umpires should not solicit recommendations from member schools.

4. Applications for postseason assignments are due on May 4, 2018 to the KSHSAA office.

State Association Adopted Rules

1. Refer to the KSHSAA Baseball/Softball Manual for additional information.
2. **Regulation Games** – Refer to Section 2.F of the KSHSAA Baseball/Softball Manual concerning provisions as to what constitutes a regulation game and Section 2.G on the procedure for ending a regulation game.
3. **Suspended Games** – By KSHSAA adoption, a game called for any reason(s), where a winner cannot be determined, or any game called at any time for mechanical failure (i.e. artificial lights fail, water system breaks, etc.) will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of suspension, with the lineup and batting order the same as they were at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules of the game.
4. **Courtesy Runners** – A courtesy runner may be used for pitchers and/or catchers in baseball. Entering the contest as a courtesy runner counts as one of the 26 allowable contests. A player entering the game as a pinch hitter, pinch runner or courtesy runner counts as a game played, even if they were in the game for one at bat, one out, etc.
5. **Inclement Weather** – The recommended procedure for inclement weather can be found in the Baseball/Softball Manual. The safety of athletes, spectators, coaches, school personnel and all others present at an athletic contest must be the first and foremost concern to the contest management and umpires. Review these procedures prior to every contest and anytime threatening weather conditions appear or are forecasted.
6. If a coach is ejected they are to leave the vicinity of the playing field. The coach may not be in the dugout or go sit in the stands. If it is the first game of a double header, they may return for the second game providing the school and/or league policy provide for their return. The KSHSAA does not prohibit them from returning for the second game.

If a player is ejected, they must stay in the dugout and the coach is to supervise him. If they continue to be a problem, a school administrator or an assistant coach should take the player outside the dugout and away from the vicinity of the field to supervise him. If no administrator is available, the coach would have to escort the player from the dugout and away from the field. If there is no other coach to coach the team the game would be forfeited.