

**March 18, 2024**

### **Reporting Pitch Counts**

Head coaches and athletic directors should have received an email last week (March 13, 2024) about using Game Changer to report pitch counts. You may need to input a new ID for it to sync up.

Game Changer is having a little bit of an issue sending KSHSAA the correct ID right now. We hope to get it resolved this week. Therefore, you may not have any pitch counts showing up just yet on the website. The rule still applies.

If you need to edit what was done during the game then you can do that here [Editing Box Scores](#). If there is ever a dispute after the reporting the official pitch count sheet will be used that the host kept. So, you should report what is agreed upon on the sheet after the game.

### **Covering the Rules of Baseball**

Baserunning Awards: R1 on first, one out. The pitcher attempts a pick off on R1. The throw goes over F3's head and to the fence. The ball rolls down the fence line eventually going into dead ball territory. When time is called, R1 is 10 feet from third base. What base will R1 be awarded?

Looking at Baserunning Awards Table on page 53 of the NFHS Rules Book, you will see that the runner is awarded one base from the time of throw. "Throw from pitcher's plate goes out of play." Determined from base awarded occupied at the time of: "Throw."

The key thing here is the pitcher did not step off the pitcher's plate.

**SITUATION:** The team has used all of its defensive charged conferences, and the coach does not want to change pitchers. The coach tells the catcher to call all the infielders to the mound for the purpose of relaying instructions to them through the catcher and the one-way communication device. The opposing team discovers what is happening and wants a defensive conference to be charged, thus removing the pitcher. **RULING:** This is an illegal use of the one-way communication device. A warning shall be given to the coach. A defensive conference cannot be charged, as a charged conference is a meeting which involves the coach or a non-playing representative of the team and a player or players of the team. (3-2-5, 2-10-1)

### **Private Instruction is Permitted**

During the school season a student/athlete may continue to receive private instruction in the same sport that they are participating in (baseball). Private instruction is defined as one-on-one instruction. A support person may be present but not receive instruction. For instance, if the player was going to a pitching lesson the school catcher could go to "support" and catch, but the catcher cannot receive instruction during the lesson. A pitcher could not go to a group pitching lesson during the season.

Part of the rationale for the rule is when players are participating on the school team, they need to do things the way the school coach has asked. When multiple people are giving instruction, the player is challenged with what advice to follow, and it becomes confusing. If a player is taking private lessons, they should inform the school coach.

### **No Participation on a Non-School Team**

During the school season a player may not also play on a non-school team in the same sport. School team membership is over when a player's school squad has completed their last game. At that point they can begin playing on a non-school team but are limited to no more than 5 from the same school squad playing or practicing together until the Saturday before Memorial Day.