



KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION 2021 BASEBALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due Dates

Requirement	Head Coach/School Administrators	Umpire	Avenue
KSHSAA Rules Meeting	February 3 - March 16	February 3 - March 16	Online
NFHS Rules Test	February 3 - March 16	February 3 - March 16	Online
Postseason Application	---	May 7, 2021	Online or mail
Postseason Votes	May 5 - May 12	---	Online
Postseason Squad List	BSB-2 due May 12 to regional manager BSB-4 due noon day after regional conclusion	---	Online Online
Win-Loss Record	BSB-3 due May 12 to KSHSAA - 3A, 2-1A BSB-3 due May 15 to KSHSAA - 6A, 5A, 4A	---	Online

Points of Emphasis

1. Game Ending Procedures, 2. Player/Designated Hitter, 3. Proper Pitching Positions, 4. Force Play Slide Rule, 5. Enforcement of NFHS Jewelry Rule, 6. Compliance of Players' Equipment

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		

Submitting Pitch Counts and Scores/Schedule

Each school is required to submit their schedule and scores in a timely manner. Along with that, each school will be required to put in their pitch count information for each game the night of the game. This is required for all levels.

Ejection Policy

Coaches must complete NFHS "Teaching and Modeling Behavior." Read more in the *KSHSAA Baseball/Softball Manual*, page 11.

Players must complete NFHS "Sportsmanship Course." Read more in the *KSHSAA Baseball/Softball Manual*, page 11.

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.

Equipment

This year marks the first year that baseballs used in contests will need to be stamped with the NOCSAE and SEI stamps. This certifies that the baseball is made to the standard to which the NFHS deems safe for play. The schools will need to make sure these are available, and the umpires need to check before the game starts that the proper baseball is being used. This goes for all brands of baseballs used during the regular season and Diamond baseballs used for postseason. Also, the chest protector must be NOCSAE certified. This is put in play during the pre-game meeting when the umpire asks the coach if they are legally equipped. The chest protector may come into compliance with the purchase of an approved add-on to an existing chest protector.

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 17-20, 2021. All tournament assignments can be found on the KSHSAA website after April 1 (www.kshsaa.org).

State Tournaments

State tournaments will be held May 27-28, 2021 (**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 May 12 (3A, 2-1A) and May 15 (6A, 5A, 4A).
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.

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 and 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. Check www.kshsaa.org.
3. The assignment of umpires for state championship tournaments will be based on 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.

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 any time threatening weather conditions appear or are forecasted.
6. **KSHSAA Ejection Policy** - 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, as long as the school and/or league policy provides 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.

Players ejected from a contest must complete the NFHS course "*Sportsmanship*" before their next date of competition.