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### **Reporting Pitch Counts - Update**

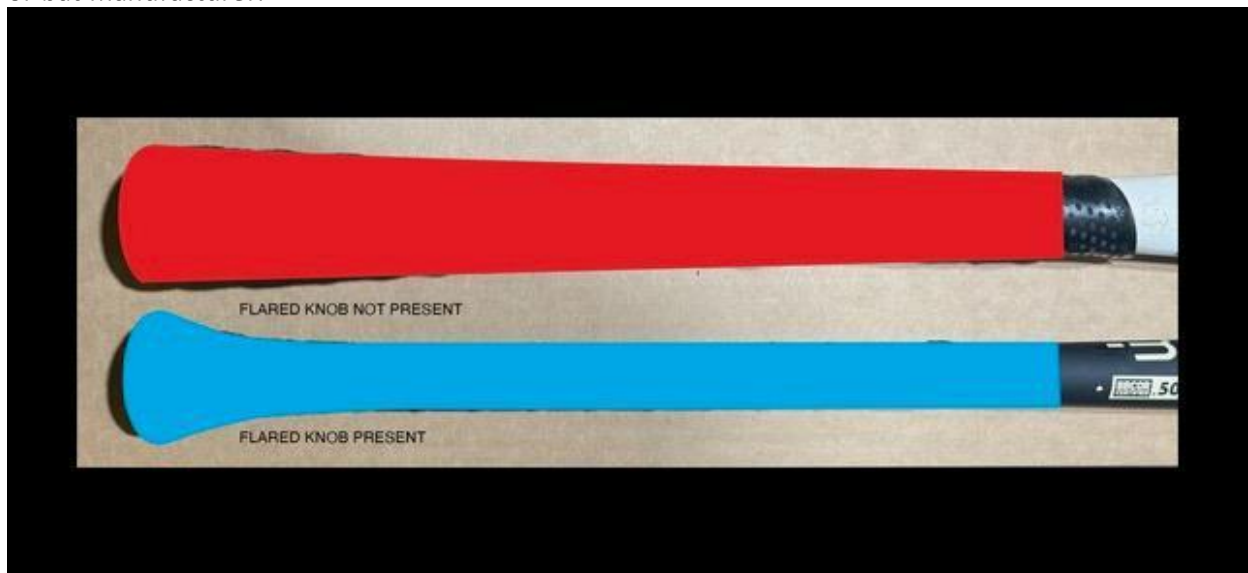
The syncing with Game Changer is working now. As long as you have the correct ID input into the KSHSAA website for your level of ball, then the pitch counts from Game Changer will automatically sync up with the KSHSAA website.

### **Compliance Bat Update**

From the NFHS: Recently we have received a considerable amount of communication and questions regarding the Warstic Bonesaber -3 baseball bat. Particularly how the bat's knob is non-traditional and how some of the bat's wrappings violates NFHS Baseball Rule 1-3-2b1 which reads, "Knob – The bat knob shall protrude from the handle. The knob may be molded, lathed, welded or permanently fastened. Wrappings are permitted except those that cause the knob to become flush with the handle. A one-piece rubber knob and bat grip combination is illegal." The Warstic Bonesaber -3 bat currently meets the BBCOR performance standard and is an NFHS compliant non-wood baseball bat for high school varsity competition.

Many of the photos we have received in our office shows that third-party bat wrappings that have been added to the bat have been applied incorrectly which has caused the knob to be flush with the handle, causing the bat to be illegal per NFHS Rules 1-3-5, which states, "Bats that are altered from the manufacturer's original design and production, or that do not meet the rule specifications, are illegal (7-4-1a). No artificial or. . . of the umpire." NFHS Baseball Rule 7-4-1a states, "A batter is out when . . . a. the batter enters the batter's box with an illegal bat (1-3-5) or is discovered having used an illegal bat. If the infraction is discovered before the next pitch following the turn at bat of the player who used an illegal bat, the defense may take the penalty or the result of the play."

The image of the red wrapped bat below is an illegal bat because it was rewrapped incorrectly. That wrapping eliminates the taper of the handle/knob so there is no discernable difference. The image of the blue wrapped bat shows a compliant and correctly wrapped bat regardless of the knob shape or bat manufacturer.



### **Exchange of Lineups**

For some reason there has been a movement to not give the umpires a copy of the lineup, or the umpires not wanting a copy of the lineup. By rule the umpire-in-chief will record all substitutions, therefore they need copies of the lineup card.