

## **NIAA HANDBOOK – BASEBALL REGULATIONS**

**NAC 386.705 Baseball: Date for beginning practice; end of season. (NRS 386.430)** The Board shall establish the date upon which a school may begin practicing for a baseball season at least 2 years before the beginning of the season. Each season ends upon completion of the state tournament for baseball.

**(Added to NAC by Nev. Interscholastic Activities Ass'n by R206-03, eff. 11-2-2004)**

**NAC 386.706 Baseball: Interschool scrimmages. (NRS 386.430)**

1. A team that participates in baseball as a sanctioned sport may, before participating in the first regularly scheduled game of a season, participate in not more than two interschool baseball scrimmages. The team shall not participate in a scrimmage after it participates in the first baseball game of the season.

2. As used in this section, "scrimmage" means a practice baseball game in which:

- (a) The score is not kept;
- (b) Unpaid sports officials are used;
- (c) A coach may substitute a player in the game for another player in the game; and
- (d) A coach may temporarily stop the game to correct an error committed by a player in the game for whom he is a coach.

**(Added to NAC by Nev. Interscholastic Activities Ass'n by R206-03, eff. 11-2-2004)**

**NAC 386.707 Baseball: Protest of game. (NRS 386.430)**

1. A coach of a team that participates in a baseball game as a sanctioned sport may protest the game by notifying an umpire for the game of that fact. The protest must be submitted to the umpire:

- (a) At the time the play that is the subject of the protest is completed, but before the next pitch after that play; or
- (b) If the play that is the subject of the protest is the final play of the game, before the umpire leaves the field of play.

2. An umpire who is notified of a protest pursuant to subsection 1 shall, if he is not the umpire-in-chief for the game, bring the protest to the attention of the umpire-in-chief. If a protest is brought to the attention of the umpire-in-chief pursuant to this subsection, the umpire-in-chief shall immediately inform the coach of the opposing team and the scorekeeper of the game that the game is played under protest.

3. If a coach protests a game pursuant to subsection 1, the coach or the school for which he coaches shall, within 48 hours after completion of the game, submit the protest in writing to the Commissioner. Each written protest submitted pursuant to this subsection must:

- (a) Describe clearly each play for which the written protest is submitted; and
- (b) Include a statement setting forth any adverse or unusual circumstances under which the play was conducted.

4. As soon as practicable after receiving a written protest pursuant to subsection 3, the Commissioner shall confer with the Executive Director concerning the protest. As soon as practicable after conferring with the Executive Director, the Commissioner shall provide a written report to each school that participated in the game for which the protest was submitted. The written report must include the determination of the Commissioner relating to the protest.

5. If the Commissioner upholds a protest pursuant to subsection 4 and determines that the game must be replayed, each team that participated in the game shall replay the game in accordance with the provisions of NAC 386.708.

**(Added to NAC by Nev. Interscholastic Activities Ass'n by R206-03, eff. 11-2-2004)**

**NAC 386.708 Baseball: Replay of suspended game. (NRS 386.430)**

1. Each team that participates in a suspended baseball game shall, if the suspended game is replayed:

- (a) Begin the game from the point at which the game was suspended; and
- (b) Subject to the rules of the game, use the same lineup and batting order of players that were used by those teams during the suspended game.

2. If a team is not located in Carson City, Fallon, Henderson, Las Vegas, Minden, Reno or Sparks, Nevada, or South Lake Tahoe, California, the suspended game must be replayed:

(a) Before the beginning of the first game that is conducted after the suspended game, if the teams that participated in the suspended game are scheduled to play each other again during the season in which the suspended game was played; or

(b) At a location that is agreed upon by each team that participated in the suspended game, if those teams are not scheduled to play each other again during the season in which the suspended game was played.

3. If a team is located in Carson City, Fallon, Henderson, Las Vegas, Minden, Reno or Sparks, Nevada, or South Lake Tahoe, California, the suspended game must be replayed on the next date that is available on the schedule of games for each team that participates in the replayed game.

4. As used in this section, "suspended game" means a baseball game:

(a) That is stopped for any reason, including, without limitation, the failure of any artificial lights or water system used for the game; and

(b) For which a winner is not determined.

**(Added to NAC by Nev. Interscholastic Activities Ass'n by R206-03, eff. 11-2-2004)**

**NAC 386.709 Baseball: Determination of championship team. (NRS 386.430)**

The championship team for baseball for each class established pursuant to NAC 386.667 must be determined in the manner specified by the Board.

**(Added to NAC by Nev. Interscholastic Activities Ass'n by R206-03, eff. 11-2-2004)**

**NAC 386.710 Baseball: Determination of home team and choice of dugout for games of tournament. (NRS 386.430)**

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a team that is undefeated during a league, regional or state tournament for baseball is the home team for each game of the tournament. If both teams that participate in the same game of the tournament have been defeated during the tournament, the team that is seeded highest for the tournament is the home team for the game.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if a team that participates in a championship game of a league, regional or state tournament for baseball is undefeated during the tournament, and if the other team that participates in the game has been defeated during the tournament, the team that has been defeated is the home team for the game.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, for each game of a regional or state tournament for baseball in which teams that are seeded similarly have equal scoring records during the tournament, the home team for the game must be determined by the toss of a coin.

4. For the championship game of a regional tournament for class 4A baseball, the home team must be determined by the toss of a coin if, during the tournament, the winner of each subbracket for the tournament is undefeated or has an equal scoring record after completing the subbracket.

5. For each game of a league, regional or state tournament for baseball, the home team may choose the dugout that it will use for the game.

**(Added to NAC by Nev. Interscholastic Activities Ass'n by R206-03, eff. 11-2-2004)**

**NAC 386.711 Baseball: Procedure when tournament is cancelled or not completed because of unforeseeable and uncontrollable cause. (NRS 386.430)**

1. If a league, regional or state tournament for baseball is cancelled or not completed because of weather or any natural disaster, or other unforeseeable and uncontrollable cause, the director of the tournament shall:

(a) If arrangements for travel and weather permit, reschedule the tournament for completion on the next date that is available for each team that participates in the tournament; or

(b) If arrangements for travel and weather do not permit, declare the team with the fewest losses for the tournament to be the championship team for the tournament. If no games have been conducted for the tournament or each team has an equal number of winning games for the tournament, the director of the tournament shall declare each team to be co-champions for the tournament. If the director of a tournament declares co-champions for a tournament pursuant to this paragraph and if that declaration affects the placement of a team in a bracket for a state tournament, the director of the tournament shall toss a coin to determine the bracket placement for the team for the state tournament.

2. The director of a league, regional or state tournament for baseball shall not schedule a game pursuant to this section for completion on a Sunday.

**(Added to NAC by Nev. Interscholastic Activities Ass'n by R206-03, eff. 11-2-2004)**

**NAC 386.712 Baseball: Use of coaching boxes and head protection. (NRS 386.430)**

1. A coach of a team that participates in a baseball game as a sanctioned sport may coach from the first or third base coaching box during that game if the team for which he is a coach is at bat.

2. A coach may allow a pupil to coach from the first or third base coaching box during the game if:

(a) The pupil is in uniform and wears a protective batting helmet during any period in which he is in the first or third base coaching box;

(b) The pupil is a registered member of the team; and

(c) The team of which he is a registered member is at bat.

3. Each pupil who participates in a baseball game as a sanctioned sport shall wear appropriate equipment to protect his head from injury during any period in which he enters the batter's box located on the field of play for the game until the completion of the play for which he is a batter or runner.

**(Added to NAC by Nev. Interscholastic Activities Ass'n by R206-03, eff. 11-2-2004)**

**NAC 386.713 Baseball: Limitations on participation by pitcher; penalty. (NRS 386.430)**

1. A pupil who is a pitcher on a team that participates in baseball as a sanctioned sport during a baseball season shall not, during 4 consecutive days of that season, pitch more than 11 innings or more than 33 outs, including, without limitation, any inning that is conducted to break a tie score between two or more teams.

2. For the purposes of this section, each inning of a baseball game consists of three outs and an out is one-third of an inning.

3. If a pupil specified in subsection 1 violates a provision of that subsection, the team of which he is a member forfeits the game in which the violation occurs.

**(Added to NAC by Nev. Interscholastic Activities Ass'n by R206-03, eff. 11-2-2004)**

**NAC 386.714 Baseball: Rules of conduct; 10-run rule; period for junior varsity games. (NRS 386.430)**

1. Each baseball game must be conducted in accordance with the rules of baseball adopted by the National Federation of State High School Associations or its successor organization.

2. The 10-run rule set forth in the rules of baseball specified in subsection 1 applies upon the completion of four and one-half innings of each baseball game.

3. A team that participates in a baseball game as a sanctioned sport at the level of junior varsity may not begin a new inning of the game after the expiration of 2 hours and 15 minutes after the first pitch of the game unless the game is tied.

**(Added to NAC by Nev. Interscholastic Activities Ass'n by R206-03, eff. 11-2-2004)**