

2012 NFHS Baseball Rules Changes

1-3-2d

Clarified the allowable size and usage of the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) mark.

1-3-5

Modified the restriction of intentionally altering the temperature of the bat.

1-5-8

Clarified how state associations may provide reasonable accommodations.

1-5-10

Clarified that the umpire is responsible for resolving any compliant equipment issues.

3-1-6

Clarified that any amount of blood found on a player's equipment or uniform requires immediate attention.

3-3-1g7

Modified the coaching decorum rule for post-game incidents.

3-3-1q

Clarified where a player's location should be during a fight or physical confrontation.

4-1-3a-b

Clarified the coach's responsibility for compliant equipment used in a game.

6-2-2e

Clarified the time allowance for relief pitchers warming up. **Exception**

10-1-2

Clarified the game officials' administrative responsibilities.

10-2-3

Modified the officials' responsibility regarding pre-game equipment checks.

Suggested Double First Base Rule

Clarified the specific situation when the defensive player would be able to use either the orange or white base for registering an out.

Minor Editorial Rule Changes

8-4-1e

Editorial revision to align with 2011 rule change.

Dead Ball and Delayed Dead Ball Table

Awards or Penalties #2.

Points of Emphasis

(For a complete discussion of these points of emphasis, see pages 65-66 of the NFHS rules)

1. Good Sporting Behavior
2. Altering of Bats
3. Pace of the Game
4. Coach's Responsibility