

# NFHS Baseball Rules Changes - 2016

**1-5-3:** Clarified the color of compression sleeves for pitchers.

*(This applies to compression sleeves ONLY and does not affect or change any rules regarding uniform sleeves.)*

**3-3-1 PEN:** Clarified the sequence of administering penalties to the members of the coaching staff and offending players.

*(Coaches will be issued an official warning that must be documented – written on the umpire’s game card or lineup notes – and then restricted to the bench for the remainder of the game for “minor” violations rather than being immediately ejected.)*

**3-3-1q:** Added additional inappropriate acts by the offender that would require an immediate ejection.

*(List specific violations for which the immediate ejection of a coach is allowed)*

## Points of Emphasis

1. Intermediate penalties – restriction to the bench/dugout
2. Proper catcher’s equipment
3. Sportsmanship – Celebrations around or near home plate