

2025 NFHS Baseball Rule Changes

Rule: 1-3-2c1

Modified that resin, pine tar or any other drying agent is permitted on a non-wood bat not to exceed 18 inches from the base of the knob

RATIONALE: This change allows the batter to have better control over their non-wood bat, so it does not slip out of their hands due to moisture or perspiration. It also makes the rule similar for both wood bats and non-wood bats.

RULE: 4-4-1c

Modified the definition of forfeiture of a game to include not obeying an umpire's order to remove a coach or team personnel who has been ejected for a violation of the rules.

RATIONALE: This modification of the subsection "c" is the result when a coach, player or team personnel does not conform to the instructions of the umpire. An ejection is a serious violation of sportsmanship and game decorum. To aggravate the violation with a game forfeiture is egregious and contrary to the basic premise of education-based athletics.