

2018 Baseball

Classification — based on grades 9-12

5A	1,280 and over	2A	319-160
4A	1,279-640	1A	159 and under
3A	639-320		

2018 Baseball Season

First day of practice	February 24
First baseball game	after 10 days of practice
Last day of 2018 season	May 20

Umpires

Approved officials must be used for all interschool contests. Two umpires should be used at all games. Both must be certified.

Game Limitation

A team or individual is limited to 22 games or 20 games plus one tournament, not to exceed 24 games. If a school loses a scheduled tournament game or a school is unable to attend a tournament due to reasons beyond their control, the school can reschedule lost games. A contestant who exceeds the limitations of regular season participation will become ineligible for district, state or any other additional IHSA sponsored competition of that sport.

Rules

All contests will be played under National Federation rules. Rule books and case books are to be picked up and signed for by the school representative at the district rules clinic.

Idaho Rules Modifications

The National Federation of the State High School Associations Baseball Rules are the official rules for Idaho high school baseball games, except as modified by the IHSA Board of Directors. The following modifications have been approved and must be observed:

1. All varsity games must be seven innings. A game shall end when a team is behind 10 or more runs after 5 innings. Games may also be shortened by following procedures outlined by National Federation Rule 4-2-4.
2. If weather or darkness causes a tied game to be called, such game shall be considered a suspended game and shall be continued from the point of suspension at a later time.
 - a. If a game is called before five full innings have been played and the score is not tied, such game shall also be considered a suspended game, unless the home team has scored a greater number of runs in four or four and fraction turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five terms at bat, in which case it is a regulation game.
 - b. If a game is called after play has gone beyond five full innings, the score is not tied, and the teams have had an equal number of completed turns at bat, it is a regulation game. The final score shall be recorded when the game is called.

Pitching Rules

1. No pitcher may throw more than 110 pitches in a game. A pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if they hit the maximum limit (110 in varsity play; 85 in sub-varsity) during an at-bat, but must exit the position after the hitter.

2. A pitcher who throws more than 60 pitches over two days will be required to have one day of required rest. No sub-varsity pitcher can throw more than 60 pitches over two days. That limit will result in one day of mandated rest. (Note: Swing players who play multiple days at multiple levels should combine pitches thrown and use the VARSITY chart for mandated rest.)
3. A pitcher cannot throw three consecutive days no matter how many pitches they have combined to throw the previous two days.
4. Starting with the first day of practice, pitchers cannot throw more than the amount listed on the charts below. This will be for the first 30 days of practice and games. After 30 days pitchers will use the other chart.
5. During each contest, the home team hosts the official book. A record of pitches should be recorded with the opposing team after each full inning. Verification of all pitchers and pitches thrown should be agreed on by both teams after the game. Each school will use MaxPreps to record their own teams total pitches of each game prior to their next contest.

Varsity - First 30 Days of Season

Pitches	Required Rest
71-88	3 Days
50-70	2 Days
29-49	1 Day
1-28	0 Days

Varsity- After 30 Days

Pitches	Required Rest
86-110	3 Days
61-85	2 Days
36-60	1 Day
1-35	0 Days

Sub-Varsity - First 30 Days of Season

Pitches	Required Rest
50-70	3 Days
29-49	2 Days
1-28	0 Day

Sub-Varsity- After 30 Days

Pitches	Required Rest
61-85	3 Days
36-60	2 Days
26-35	1 Day
1-25	0 Days

The Idaho pitching rules must be observed by Idaho teams even when playing in other states.

If a school/pitcher violates the pitching rules, the game in which the violation occurred will result in a forfeit.

Speed-up Rules

The IHSAA Board of Directors has approved the use of the courtesy runner speed-up rule for those leagues or districts that wish to adopt the rule. In inter-leagues or inter-district competition, both teams must agree to allow the speed-up rule before it may be used.

1. The team at bat may use courtesy runners for the pitcher and the catcher as soon as they get on base. The same runner may not be used for both positions. Neither the pitcher nor the catcher will be required to leave the game under such circumstances.
2. Players who have participated in the game in any other capacity are ineligible to serve as courtesy runners.
3. A player may not run as a courtesy runner for the pitcher or the catcher and then be used as a runner or batter for another player in that inning.
4. For illegal substitution of a courtesy runner, such substitutes shall be disqualified for the duration of the game.

State Tournament

The IHSAA does not sponsor an official state baseball tournament.