



2025 UIL Baseball Update

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Sportsmanship

2024 (2023)

Coach Ejections: 54 (67) -19%

Player Ejections: 379 (335) 13%

Fan Ejections: 37 (66)

- Have asked for organizational help
- Importance of sustained and consistent coaching
- Active Engagement
 - 90% of fall ejections from programs not actively engaged with the Texas Way



Dugout Protocols

- The **Head Coach** is responsible for the personal conduct and behavior of all team members and team personnel.
- Communicate behavioral expectations to athletes, including dugout behavior.
- “**Bench Jockeying**” or negative personal comments directed at opponents are unacceptable and should not be tolerated. **(Rule 3-3-1)**
- **Consequences** should be clearly outlined for athletes, so they fully understand the expectations.



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Dugout Protocols

- **“Bench Jockeying” (Rule 3-3-1)**
 - Met with TASO
 - Asked to address and warn individuals
 - Notify head coach to allow for direct action
 - Eject if necessary
 - Cannot ignore it



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2025 New Playoff Structure

- **Conference 1A:** Top two teams from each district advance to the playoffs to compete for one state championship.
- **Conference 2A-6A:** Top four teams from each district advance to the playoffs. The two advancing schools with the largest enrollments, as submitted in October 2023 are bracketed into Division I and the other two schools are bracketed into Division II, with both divisions playing for separate state championships.

Playoff Rounds

- Bi-District
- Area
- ~~Regional Quarters~~
- Regional Semifinals
- Regional Finals
- State Semifinals (Own Week)
- State Finals

2025 New Playoff Structure

EXAMPLE:

District Finish:

1. Green HS – Enrollment 1004
2. Red HS – Enrollment 935
3. Blue HS – Enrollment 985
4. Orange HS – Enrollment 785



Certified into Division I:

- 1. Green HS
- 2. Blue HS

Certified into Division II:

- 1. Red HS
- 2. Orange HS

- Enrollment figures used to determine division I and division II status for 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, and 6A can be found on the UIL website at <http://www.uiltexas.org/alignments>.
- If the enrollment figures of the 2nd and 3rd largest qualifying schools are exactly the same, the two schools will be required to submit their updated enrollment numbers to the UIL as submitted for the TEA October 25, 2024, snapshot submission to determine division placement. Should the two schools have the same updated enrollment figures, a coinflip should be conducted to determine division placement. The UIL will contact the schools which could possibly be in this predicament directly to guide them through this process.

2025 State Championships

Thursday, June 5, 2025

9 am - 2A DII
12 pm - 2A DI
4 pm - 3A DII
7 pm - 3A DI

Friday, June 6, 2025

9 am - 4A DII
12 pm - 4A DI
4 pm - 5A DII
7 pm - 5A DI

Saturday, June 7, 2025

9 am - 1A
12 pm - 6A DII
4 pm - 6A DII



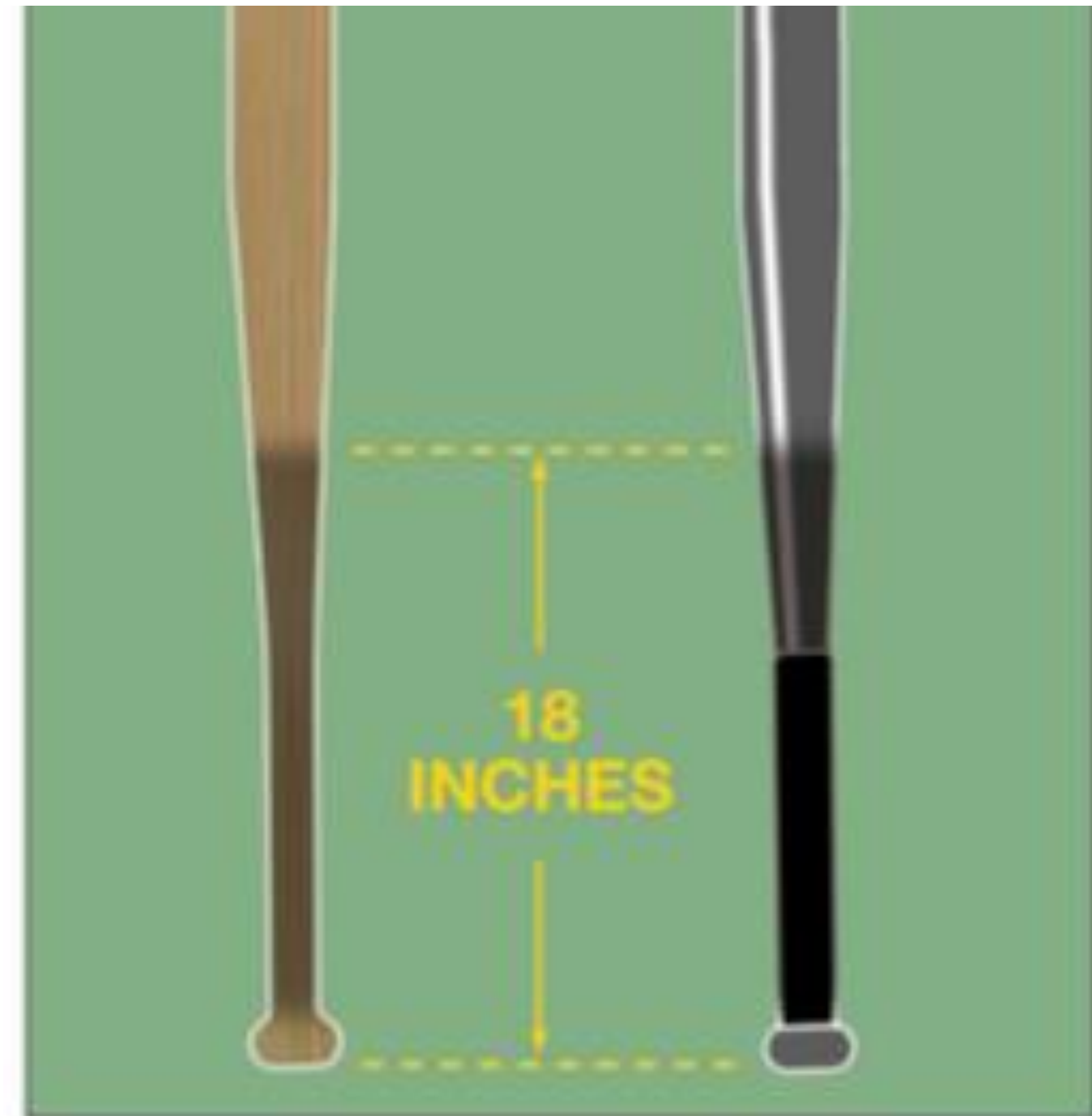
Baseball New Information

1 2025 NFHS Rule Changes

- Drying substance on bat
- Modified forfeiture language

2 2025 New Playoff Structure

- 11 State Champions
- D1/D2 Bracket (2A-6A)



Pitch Counts

UIL Pitching Regulations and procedures apply to all levels of play. (JH, 9th, JV, and Varsity)

- Each game needs an official pitch counter provided by the home team.
- The official pitch counter cannot be in the dugout for Varsity games.
- Coaches/team representatives should meet between innings to verify counts.
- Pitch counts must be verified after the game with a signature on a verification form.

Post Season

- Official pitch count verification forms must be uploaded to the UIL on the UIL Baseball web page.
- **Pitch counts should be verified after every inning/game. *****



Pitch Counts

- Should any dispute arise, the primary source for final pitch count will be the official pitch counter provided by the home team.
- DEC will maintain a record of pitch counts and establish procedures accordingly. District Chairs are responsible for keeping the Certification of and providing access to those numbers when requested.

High School Pitch Count (Grades 9 through 12)

0-30 pitches	0 days rest
31-45 pitches	1 day rest
46-65 pitches	2 days rest
66-85 pitches	3 days rest
86-110 pitches	4 days rest

Junior High Pitch Count (Grades 7 and 8):

0-20 pitches	0 days rest
21- 35 pitches	1 day rest
36 - 50 pitches	2 days rest
51 - 65 pitches	3 days rest
66 - 85 pitches	4 days rest



GAME TIES - DISTRICT TIES

- **Tie Games** - National Federation Baseball Rule 4, Section 3, Article 1, Note 1: A regulation called game where a winner cannot be determined shall be counted as 1/2 game won and 1/2 game lost for each team, and the game shall not be replayed **unless district minutes specify otherwise prior to the season.**
- **Game Called Before Completion** - In district and non-district games if a game is called before completion of the number of innings and conditions as specified in the National Federation Baseball Rule Book, the umpire shall declare the contest “no game.” **Unless otherwise specified by district minutes prior to the season,** the game will be replayed from the start.
- **Ties in Win-Loss Percentage** - Districts should outline procedures **(before the season begins)** for determining playoff representatives in their district. Definite procedures should be outlined (in writing) to provide orderly facilitation for teams tied in win-loss percentage. Remember to outline a procedure to be used when three teams are tied for second and third place.



Important Baseball Reminders

NOCSAE EQUIPMENT

- Baseballs - All Levels
- Catcher's Gear
 - Chest Protector
 - Helmets



COACH 2 CATCHER

- Year 2 - Only the catcher.
- Any Issues?
- Coach must be in dugout.

5A/6A PLAYOFFS

- 2/3 Series unless mutually agreed to one game.
- Year 2 of Pilot.
- Will look to expand if warranted.

PLAYER EJECTIONS

- All Ejections - 1 Game Suspension
- Ejections cannot be overturned by the in-game official.
- Contact UIL if you have any questions.

Topics & Questions

State Testing

- Plan Ahead
- Regular Season
- Playoffs
- Testing Calendar

Camps & Clinics

- **School Year**
(6th & Under)
- **Summer**
(9th & Under)

Playoff Planning

- Plan for everything
- Date/Time/Site
- Umpires
- Split Crews???
- Weather Plans
- Noisemakers

School & Calendar Week

- **School Week Limit**
- **Calendar Week Limit**



Common Questions

True or False: In the Playoffs, if a 2-out-of-3 series does not get a complete game in by the end of the day Friday, automatically reverts to a one-gamer?

True or False: In the Playoffs, you can be forced to flip for “split crews” when it comes to officials.

Is it okay to do a split squad scrimmage for any level (Varsity, JV, Freshman)?

Can we play a district baseball game on the same day a state test is administered?

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Thank You

QUESTIONS???

