



MHSAA BASEBALL INTERPRETATIONS and POINTS OF EMPHASIS (BY TOPIC)

TOPIC

DATE of LAST UPDATE

2/17/20

BASEBALLS

A NOCSAE-certification is required to be stamped on all baseballs used in MHSAA games beginning in the 2019-20 season. Notification of this requirement started three seasons ago, and was even pushed back a season to allow schools to replenish their supply of baseballs appropriately. This stamp certifies that the ball has met certain safety standards and must be on baseballs used during competitions. **Failure to have the NOCSAE stamp prohibits using the baseballs. If no baseballs with this stamp are available, the game should not be played.**

LINEUPS FOR WEATHER

If the game is suspended (postponed) after lineups have been exchanged at the plate meeting, but before a pitch is thrown, teams may use a new lineup when the game is ultimately started without any substitutions. Once a pitch has been thrown, the lineups are locked into place.

For tournament games, the results of any coin toss conducted remain in place.

PITCHER STEPPING TO A BASE

The only base that the rule book requires a pitcher throw to when they step toward is first base. This means that the pitcher has met all of his requirements by simply stepping to second or third base. The only thing the pitcher may not do in this step is to throw to another base. The pitcher may though, throw to a defensive player playing at his position.

WRISTBANDS (PITCHER)

The pitcher may not wear wristbands, as they may be considered distracting. This includes play-card wristbands or sweatbands, and also includes the prohibition of wristbands on either arm.