

TO: NJSIAA Baseball Umpires
FROM: Craig Yetman, NJSIAA Baseball Interpreter
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RE: Pitch Count Procedures

We are 3 weeks away from seeding the NJSIAA Baseball Tournament. For various reasons, there have been 5 instances where a forfeit win was awarded due to a pitch count violation. **This is totally a coach's responsibility.**

What should not happen is a coach knowing that the opponent will violate and not doing anything prior to the violation. This is **UNSPORTSMANLIKE** behavior.

I am asking your cooperation so that NJSIAA does not need to award a forfeit win that affects seeding at this point in the season.

Prior to the game, umpires should verify that:

- Before every game, both Head Coaches shall exchange their pitching logs as part of the pre-game conference with umpires. This shall include names, numbers and pitches thrown by each pitcher.
- In addition, the name(s) and number(s) of all ineligible pitchers for that game shall be identified on each team's lineup card.

Please take a minute at the pregame to verify that the above took place. No need to get a copy or be aware of all details. That is a Coach responsibility.

Remind Home Coach that if any pitcher reaches the 110 or 150 pitch limit during an at-bat., the Home Team's pitch counter has an obligation to stop the game and inform the Plate Umpire that this is the pitcher's last batter. Failure to notify does not excuse a violating coach.

The NFHS rule is in place to protect the student-athlete; not award cheap wins.