

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
BASEBALL COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 18, 2016 ~ A M E N D E D

A meeting of the Baseball Committee was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Derek Galway, Mike Lane, Jack Molloy, Phil St. Onge (Chair), and David Utterback.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Dan Deshaies, Lars Jonassen, and Kevin Joyce.

GUEST: Nick Caiazza (Maine Baseball Coaches' Association).

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Burnham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Utterback/Galway, the minutes of the June 24, 2016 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file:

- A memo from the NFHS discussing the 2017 baseball rule changes.
- An e-mail from a school discussing the formation of a cooperative team.
- A series of e-mails from companies that have developed electronic tools that helps with the tracking of game data.
- A copy of the current Pitch Count Rules used in Little League baseball.
- A copy of the Pitch Smart recommendations developed by *USA Baseball*.
- Copies of Pitch Count Policies that have been developed in a number of other states.
- A series of e-mails discussing the implementation of a Pitch Count Rule in Maine.

COACHES' REPORT:

- The 2016 Senior All-Star Games were outstanding with great attendance at all games.
- The coaches are pleased that Legion Baseball has now developed a Pitch Count Rule.
- The coaches congratulated Mr. Deshaies on his induction into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame.

OFFICIALS' REPORT:

- The officials have developed a pay scale for schools that would like to utilize a three-man umpiring crew.

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NFHS

- The NFHS has developed a three-step process leading up to the ejection of coaches:
 - ❖ Step 1 – Warning
 - ❖ Step 2 – Restriction to Dugout
 - ❖ Step 3 - Ejection

REVIEW 2017 BASEBALL BULLETIN: The 2017 Baseball Bulletin was reviewed and updated.

OTHER:

Pitch Count Proposal: After discussion, the committee agreed on the following Pitch Count Rule for varsity pitchers:

- ✓ Maximum pitches one day – 110
- ✓ 1-20 pitches – 0 days rest
- ✓ 21-39 pitches – 1 day rest
- ✓ 40-65 pitches – 2 days rest
- ✓ 66-95 pitches – 3 days rest
- ✓ 96-110 pitches – 4 days rest

- The following Pitch Count Rule will be used for sub-varsity pitchers:
 - ✓ Maximum pitches one day – 90
 - ✓ 1-15 pitches – 0 days rest
 - ✓ 16-35 pitches – 1 day rest
 - ✓ 36-55 pitches – 2 days rest
 - ✓ 56-74 pitches – 3 days rest
 - ✓ 75-90 pitches – 4 days rest

- The following recommendations were made for pitchers at the middle level:
 - ✓ Maximum pitches one day – 85
 - ✓ 1-15 pitches – 0 days rest
 - ✓ 16-30 pitches – 1 day rest
 - ✓ 31-50 pitches – 2 days rest
 - ✓ 51-70 pitches – 3 days rest
 - ✓ 71-85 pitches – 4 days rest

- The Pitch Count is based on the number of pitches thrown in a game. This includes balls, strikes, foul balls, and outs. A pitch thrown and a balk is called shall not count as a pitch.

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- If a pitcher reaches the pitch count limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until 1) the batter reaches base; 2) the batter is put out; or 3) the third out is made to complete the inning.
- Each team must maintain a pitch count for their team as well as one for their opponent. Pitch counts will be confirmed after each half-inning. If there is a discrepancy it shall be reported to the umpire. The records of the home team shall be used as the official record.
- At the conclusion of the game each head coach will sign the MPA Pitching Chart Form. Each school must retain a copy of the Pitch Chart Form and it must be available to the MPA upon request. Violation of the Pitch Count Rule shall constitute the use of an ineligible player and will result in forfeiture of the game.
- It is recommended that an athlete avoid playing catcher while not pitching.

Classification: The committee agreed to follow the classification recommendation presented by the MPA Softball Committee.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Baseball Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the MPA office.

ADJOURNMENT: On a MOTION by Lane/Molloy, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, the meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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