

## **ACIS BASEBALL 2023**

**League Coordinator:** James Melillo (Staten Island Academy)

**Official Game Ball:** NFHS Ball with NOCSEA Stamp

- Wilson A1010HS1 will be used for NYSAIS Tournament

**Athletic Trainer:**

- Regular Season = Required and provided by the home team
- Playoffs = Required (Provided and paid for by the league)

**League Members:**

Avenues, Berkeley Carroll, Brooklyn Friends, Dwight School, Friends Seminary, Grace Church, Leman, Packer Collegiate, Saint Ann's, Staten Island Academy

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- The winner of the regular season will earn the league's automatic berth to the NYSAIS tournament.

**Game Protocol:**

- **A. Duration of games**
- **B. Warm-Up Rule:**
- **C. Player/Coach Ejections:**
  - If a player or a coach is ejected from a game, that player or coach must sit that team's next contest, whether it is an ACIS contest or a non-league game. If the player or coach does not sit, they must then sit two games and the matter will be referred to the league for discipline. The punishment carries over from regular season to playoffs and from one season to the next season. You MAY NOT quickly schedule a game to circumvent the spirit of the rule.
- **D. Home Team Responsibilities:**
- **E. Official Scorebook:**
  - The scorebook of the home team will be the official book. Players on the team who are eligible to play but aren't in the game should not serve as the scorekeeper. In the case that the home team does not have a scorekeeper, the scorebook of the visiting team will serve as the official book. In the case of a discrepancy in scorekeeping, play will continue according to the information recorded in the official book.

### **Umpires:**

- Assigned officials MUST referee games. No parent, assistant coach, etc. may referee a game. One official, if the other is either late, or a no-show, can referee games.
- Home Teams are responsible for providing umpires for all regular season games.
- The league will provide and schedule umpires for all postseason games.
- Umpires are responsible for approving all equipment equipment prior to the start of the game

### **Teams and fans:**

**Fan Conduct:** All fans are required to follow the NYSAIS Code of Conduct for Spectators.

**Role of Home Team Coach:** If fans of a game are not following the NYSAIS Code of Conduct, the Home Team Coach - after enlisting help from the officials and, when needed, the visiting coach - should request that those fans be escorted from the field.

### **Score Reporting:**

- Each coach - both the winning and losing coach - is required to email James Melillo (jmelillo@statenilandacademy.org) at the end of each game with the final score. Varsity scores must be accompanied by the names and numbers of two players from each team who were the "All-Stars" for that particular game. These names will be used to determine All-Conference awards at the end of the season.

### **Tie Breaking Procedures:**

- 1. Head-to-Head Record
- 2. Record against the top team in the standings and then working down the standings until an opponent is found against whom the records are different.
- 3. Runs Allowed Differential
- 4. Coin Flip

### **Playoff Schedule:**

- Top 4 Team will compete in the Playoff Tournament, high seed will host

### **NYSAIS Tournament:**

- I. The regular season boys' varsity champion will automatically qualify for at least a play-in game for the NYSAIS tournament.
- II. All other ACIS teams who wish to be considered for a bid to the NYSAIS tournament must submit a bid to the NYSAIS baseball selection committee through their school's AD.

### **All-Conference Selections:**

- After each **varsity** game, in addition to reporting the score, the coach of each team will email or text the league coordinator ([jmelillo@statenilandacademy.org](mailto:jmelillo@statenilandacademy.org)) with the names and numbers of the top two players from both the winning and losing team. At the end of the season, the top vote-getters from the league will be tallied, and a first and second All-Conference team will be determined. NOTE: Each school or coach can also reserve the right to name two league all-stars, independent of the all-conference voting.

### **Championship Day Protocol:**

- There may or not be an official ceremony, but awards will be delivered to host schools before championship games so that they can be handed out to teams after the game.

### **General Rules:**

League follows all NFHS rules

- NYSAIS Specific Rules-NFHS Modifications
  - Tournament will be played with wood bats, ash and maple only
  - 10 run Mercey rule after 5 innings will be in place during the opening round, quarterfinals and semi-finals
- Extra Innings procedure
  - After 7 innings, the game will proceed into extra innings
  - All adult base coaches are required to wear a hard-shell protective helmet while on the first and third baselines during the game.
- A team may not play more than 3 games in 2 consecutive days, and no more than 4 games in a week.
- As of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, the NFHS requires that baseballs must include a NOCSAE Stamp.
- All catchers shall wear a throat guard protector attached to the mask. It is recommended the protector be rubber.
- All catchers shall wear a Chest Protector that meets the NOCSAE standards for protection of the heart and the cardiac silhouette.

### **Bats:**

NFHS Approved Bat List

- <http://www.mme.wsu-ssl.org/certifiedbaseballbats.aspx>

A NYC Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the use of non-wood bats.

- Be it enacted by the council as follows:
  - Declaration of legislative finding and intent. The council hereby finds that the use of non-wood bats poses an unacceptable risk of injury to children, particularly those who play competitive high school baseball.
  - Title 10 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 10-165 to read as follows.

- 10-165 Prohibition of use of non-wood bats. Definitions. When used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- “Competitive baseball game” shall mean any organized baseball game at which a certified umpire takes place in the City of New York.
- “High school age children” shall mean persons older than thirteen years of age, but younger than eighteen years of age.
- “School” shall mean any public or private school which includes grade nine through twelve and which is in the city of New York.
- “Wood bat” shall mean any baseball bat constructed exclusively of wood or any wood laminate or wood composite bat, which is approved by major league baseball, pursuant to such organizations official rules, for major league or minor league baseball play; provided that such term shall not include any bat made in whole or in part of metal, including, but not limited to, aluminum, magnesium, scandium, titanium or any other alloy compound.
- Only Wood Bats shall be used in any competitive baseball game in which high school age children are participants and which involves the participation and/or sponsorship of a school.

### **Pitch Count for Baseball (Spring 2023)**

- NYS AIS adopted the Pitch Smart protocol. These guidelines are in line with the NYSPHSAA and PSAL adoption of the USA Baseball Pitch Guidelines.
- Please note that coaches must use the paper tracking system (Pitch Count Tracking Form) and the form must be signed by both coaches following the game.
- We recommend that during a pitching change, the coaches convene to agree on the number of pitches for the pitcher being removed from the game.
  - The NFHS does offer a free certification course on Pitch Count.
  - <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/61054/introduction-to-pitch-smart>
- A Pitcher at any level who reaches the pitch count limit in the middle of an at-bat will be allowed to finish that hitter.
- If a pitch is thrown on a balk call, the pitch will not count for the purposes of this rule.
- Schools will have the responsibility to maintain all pitching charts. They will also be required to make any game chart available to any school prior to any game to show the availability of pitchers for that given day.

### **Pitch Count for Varsity Baseball: March**

Number of Pitches: Number of Nights Rest

76-85: 4

46-75: 3

31-45: 2

1-30: 1

### **Pitch Count for Varsity Baseball: April**

Number of Pitches: Number of Nights Rest

96-105: 4

66-95: 3

31- 65: 2

1-30: 1

### **Pitch Count for Varsity Baseball: May, June**

Number of Pitches: Number of Nights Rest

103-125: 4

72-102: 3

41- 71: 2

1-40: 1

### **GAME, CALLED GAME, SUSPENDED GAME**

ARTICLE 1: A regulation interscholastic game is seven innings (turn at bat) for each team unless shortened as in 4-2-2 and 4-2-3, or unless extra innings are necessary to break a tie score.

ARTICLE 2: A called game is one which is ended by order of the umpire in accordance with 4-3.

ARTICLE 3: A suspended game is a called game to be completed at a later time.

All suspended games must be completed at the next available date. The suspended game will be continued from the point of interruption, without changes to line-ups that are consistent with the substitution rules, per rule 2, section 36.

In reference to eligible pitchers for suspended games.

- Only those pitchers that were “eligible” to pitch on the day of the original game can pitch in the suspended game and only if they meet pitch count regulations.
- Schools are not able to substitute “in” a pitcher that has already entered the game in the pitcher's position in the original game, has pitched to at least one batter, and has been removed from the game as a pitcher.
- Players that are not on the lineup card from the original game are not eligible to play in a suspended game.

