

# This Week In Baseball

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This is the third in a series of Weekly Bulletins to keep coaches in Ohio up-to-date with current topics and issues for OHSAA baseball coaches.

- A 'suspended' game that never gets completed is not counted as a win, tie or loss. It is simply "no game" and you may schedule another game to take its place. This occurs frequently with non-league games, especially long-distance games.
- Baseball is not permitted to play more than 2 games in one day. Softball DOES have that capability, baseball does not.
- If a player plays in one inning of a game, that counts as one game of participation for that player. Players are permitted to play in 27 regular season games. The OHSAA tournament does not count in any of this total.
- At upcoming Sectional/District tournament draws, you will be asked to submit your current record by Division. You might want to start looking at your Won/Loss record and looking up the division of your opponent. A direct link to this can be found at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/members/hsenroll09.htm>. Enrollments are listed and simply place enrollment in the division listed to the right.
- This is a good time to remind your players (especially freshmen and sophomores) that they are not permitted to tryout, practice *or* play in any non-interscholastic baseball (such as 'travel' ball).
- If a player WOULD tryout, practice *or* compete in non-interscholastic baseball, he would be ineligible for the OHSAA tournament. That date is referred to as the "non-interscholastic date" within the OHSAA handbook. That date is April 19, 2010. Next year, this will change and though players and teams would still receive consequences, it would not prohibit a player from playing in the OHSAA tournament. NEXT year.
- OHSAA General Sports' Regulations do permit a player to receive hitting instruction from non-school coaches any time during the season. This is not a violation of the non-interscholastic rule. As a point of reference, it is covered in Sports' Regulation 5.3 on page 66 of the OHSAA Handbook, or directly at <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rqfts/GenSportsReq09-10.pdf>
- Did you know if a player moves from your school during the season, he is INELIGIBLE for the remainder of the season at his new school if that move is within a 50 mile radius? That rule was put in several years ago to protect schools when players start to realize they may not play as much as they thought they would.
- There remain many calls regarding bats: The unusual bats that manufacturers came out with last year (the Demarini, the Reebok Vector-O, the Mattingly) are all legal bats. They were made legal last year, have the BESR approval, but will NOT be legal in 2012 when the BBCOR bat standards take place.

## **Divisional Breakdown**

Div. I	409 or more
Div. II	232 – 408
Div. III	134 – 231
Div. IV	133 or less

## **Situation of the Week** ***Valid Defensive Appeal?***

R1 is on third and attempts to score on a squeeze play. B4 attempts to bunt, but misses the pitch and F2 comes up with the ball and gets R1 in a rundown between third and home. F2 eventually attempts to throw R1 out at third, but makes a bad throw into left field. R1 steps on third, but his momentum takes him several steps down the foul line behind third base. Seeing the bad throw, R1 turns, misses third base as he advances to home. After R1 has touched home plate and enters the dugout, the defense calls "Time" and verbally appeals R1 missing third.

**Ruling:** R1 is out on the valid defensive appeal. R1 must touch third base again on his way to home plate. (Explained in Rules 8-2-1, 8-2-6c in the 2010 Baseball Rules Book)