

(February 2022)

Start Times:

All Varsity & JV Division games will begin at 4:00 p.m., played at opposite sites

Pre-Game Warm-up:

- Infield practice will be no longer than 10 minutes
- Format for pregame:
 - o 3:35-3:45 p.m. Home team infield
 - o 3:45-3:55 p.m. Visiting team infield
 - o 3:55-4:00 p.m. Introductions, Plate Conference, and National Anthem
 - o 4:00 p.m. First Pitch

Game Format:

- All Division games are doubleheaders, with at least 15 minutes between games
- Games will be 7 innings
- Host teams will be the home team for both games
- Sub-varsity games may be reduced to 5 or 6 innings in doubleheaders if agreed upon in advance by both teams
- Sub-varsity games may use a time-limit if agreed upon in advance by both teams (1 hour, 45 minutes is recommended)

MHSAA Rules:

- MHSAA run differential will be 15 runs after 3 completed innings and 10 runs after 5 completed innings
- Sub-varsity may use an 8-run mercy rule after 5 completed innings if agreed upon in advance by both teams
- Suspended Games: by default, a game will be considered suspended any time the game is called before it reaches regulation, or if called any time when the score is tied
 - If both schools agree, a game called prior to regulation or a tied game may be declared a "no game"
 - Games resumed from the point of suspension do not count as an additional game, pitching limitations apply
- The MHSAA pitch count rule will be in effect, with a maximum number of pitches in one day = 105
 - Rest Period per Number of Pitches

76-105 Pitches
51-75 Pitches
20 Days of Rest
26-50 Pitches
1 Day or Rest

25 Pitches or Less
 No Required Days of Rest

- O Day of Rest: A calendar day in which a student does not participate in any game on that day as a pitcher (starter or relief pitcher)
- Counted Pitch: All regulation pitches that are thrown to a batter that result in a ball, strike (called
 or swinging), foul ball or fair batted ball put into play are considered a "counted pitch" for purposes
 of this rule; an illegal pitch, a pitch that follows a balk or timeout being called, warm-up pitches,
 throws when playing a batted or thrown ball and pick-off throws to a base are NOT counted under
 this rule
- Daily Pitches: These are all the counted pitches that are thrown on any given calendar day; if a
 pitcher participates in multiple games of a doubleheader or tournament on a given calendar day,
 those counted pitches must be added together in establishing that pitcher's daily number of pitches