

Major Rules Differences Between NFHS and Pro

NFHS	Pro
<p>Intentional BB (2-4-3) Head Coach or catcher may request batter be issued IBB, umpire then awards first base to batter.</p>	<p>6.08a Pitches must be thrown.</p>
<p>Players required to wear helmets. (1-4-5) Batters, on-deck batters, runners, retired runners, players in coaches boxes, non-adult ball and bat shaggers must wear helmet at all times when in live ball territory and ball is alive.</p> <p>First infraction results in team warning. Subsequent infraction(s) results in ejection of the offender from the game.</p>	<p>1.16 Only required to wear helmets while at bat.</p>
<p>Obstruction (2-22-1) Always a delayed dead ball.</p>	<p>7.06 Immediate dead ball if a play is being made on the obstructed runner.</p>
<p>Fielder without ball fakes tag (3-3-1b, 8-3-2) Considered obstruction. Runner awarded at least one base, other runners awarded bases at discretion of the umpire.</p>	<p>No rule</p>
<p>Illegal slide (2-32) No runner is ever required to slide, but if he does slide it must be a legal slide. A player may slide either head first or feet first. If he slides feet first, at least one leg and one buttock must be on the ground, and he must slide within reach of the base.</p> <p>Rule book lists six examples of illegal slides.</p>	<p>No rule.</p>
<p>Force play slide (8-4-2) On a force play at any base, if runner slides, he must legally slide DIRECTLY at the base; or he may avoid the fielder.</p> <p>Penalty: The runner AND the batter-runner are declared out (automatic double play); runners return to base occupied at the time</p>	<p>No rule.</p>

of the pitch.	
Malicious contact (3-3-1) Illegal; runner is declared out and ejected from the game.	No rule
Bench and field conduct (3-3-1) Players may not throw bats, helmets, wear jewelry, wear bandanas; coaches may not use TV or video equipment during the game, use tobacco in any form during the game.	No rule
Allowable movement from windup position (6-1-2) May only deliver a pitch or step backward off the pitching plate.	8.01a May also step and throw to an occupied base.
Defensive Conferences (3-4) Each team is allowed 3 defensive charged conferences per 7 inning game (and one in each extra inning). Any defensive charged conference in excess of 3 in a 7 inning game (or one in an extra inning) requires the pitcher to be removed as a pitcher for the duration of the game.	8.06b Second trip to the same pitcher in the same inning requires removal of the pitcher.
Offensive Charged Conferences (3-4-2) Each team is allowed one offensive charged conference per inning.	No rule
Finishing game with 8 players. (4-4-1f) Allowed.	4.17 Not allowed.
Balk (5-1-1k) Immediate dead ball in all cases.	8.05 Balk is ignored if batter and all runners advance at least one base on the play.
Appealing missed base or runner leaving base too soon on caught fly ball (8-2 Pen) Defensive team may appeal while ball is live by tagging base or runner; or when ball is dead, by coach or any defensive player verbally appealing to umpire.	7.10 Only live ball appeal is recognized.