

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
JV/VARSITY BASEBALL BY-LAWS
Adopted October 7, 2009**

1. The current National Federation of State High School Association Baseball Rules, NYSPHSAA Rules & Regulations and the following OCIAA adopted modifications will apply.
 - a. Play to completion all varsity games. JV baseball games will use a fifteen (15) run rule. The fifteen (15) run rule will be used after 4 1/2 innings if the home team is leading by 15 runs or more, or 5 innings if the visiting team is leading by 15 runs or more.
 - b. The 6:00 p.m. curfew rule would prevail IF there was a local school rule designating this fact. The local rule would be that no inning may start after 6:00 p.m., regardless if the varsity game is or is not in sight of the JV contest.
2. The official OCIAA baseball shall be the Rawlings R100. The home school is responsible for three (3) new baseballs. Weather conditions may necessitate the need for additional baseballs.
3. Unsportsmanlike Conduct:
 - a. When a coach is ejected from a game please refer to NYSPHSAA Handbook # 27 Sportsmanship.
 - b. When a player(s) is ejected from a game for fighting or unsportsmanlike conduct, the following action will be taken:
 - (1) First ejection - that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next scheduled game.
 - (2) Second ejection - that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next two scheduled games.
 - (3) Third ejection - that player(s) cannot attend or participate in any remaining scheduled games including sectionals or any higher level of competition.
 - c. The official who ejected the player(s) will notify the OCIAA Athletic Coordinator (294-5799), prior to 12:00 noon the following day, of the name(s) of the player(s) and the type of infraction(s).
 - d. The coach of the player or players who was ejected will notify his/her Athletic Director. The Athletic Director will then contact the OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Office to confirm that the player or players will not be allowed to participate in that school's next scheduled game or games as required above.
 - e. A player(s) who is ejected from a game, will not be allowed to be present at the site of any game that player(s) has been disqualified from participating in (home or away).
 - f. For unsportsmanlike violation that occurs during the OCIAA season, penalties will carry over into sectional play. Once penalties are served, sectional unsportsmanlike conduct rules apply.

4. Baseball Umpires:
 - a. Will be assigned by the Athletic Coordinator, which includes all league, non-league and scrimmages games.
 - b. All JV and Varsity coaches will rate officials for all league and non-league games and send in the rating cards through their Athletic Director to the Athletic Coordinator within two weeks.
5. Pre-game Procedure:
 - a. 3:25 p.m. till 3:40 p.m., home team has field for warm-up.
 - b. 3:40 p.m. till 3:55 p.m., visiting team has field for warm-up.
 - c. 3:55 p.m., group rules
 - d. 4:00 p.m., play ball
 - e. Visiting team may have batting practice if there are two (2) batting areas.
 - f. If the visiting team arrives late, an adequate warm-up of no less than 15 minutes will be allowed. The home team should already have warmed-up and be ready to play.
6. Championships:
 - a. The OCIAA Baseball League will consist of divisions. There will be a champion in each division based on win/lose record within division play. In case of a suspended game the contest will be played out for all Division and AA crossover contests. If there is a tie based on division record, the following will be used to determine that division champion:
 - (1) Head-to-head between the teams which are tied.
 - (2) If teams are still tied co-champions will be declared.
7. Awards (Varsity only):
 - a. Plaques: 5 Division
 - b. OCIAA Patches: Each individual school may purchase their own patches if they choose to do so.
8. Schedules:
 - a. Will be developed by the Athletic Coordinator.
 - b. Each Varsity and Junior Varsity team may not schedule more than the approved maximum contests.