

2009 NFHS Baseball Rules Changes

1-2-2 **Change:** All **non-permanent lines on the playing field shall be marked white** with a material not injurious to the eyes or skin. Lime or caustic material of any kind is prohibited.

Rationale Clarification for proper lining instructions for grass and turf fields.

6-2-3 **Change:** Intentionally **pitch** close to a batter.

Rationale To reinforce the responsibility of the pitcher while he has engaged the pitcher's plate.

7-3-4

Penalty **Change: Penalty: The batter remains at bat (pitch is a ball or strike) unless the pitch was a third strike or ball four.**

Rationale Instead of penalizing with a multi-base award. Just remove the glove and replace or rectify the situation.

10-1-9 and Umpires' Manual **Delete:** ... word "**heather**" gray

Rationale Heather gray slacks are slowly becoming difficult to acquire. Equipment dealers are transitioning into charcoal gray slacks. This rule change will provide umpires the opportunity to purchase any shade of dark gray and be in compliance.