Baseball Pitching National Federation Rules 2 and 6

PITCHING Codes

- ► MLB
- NCAA
- ► NAIA
- Youth League
- Baseball v Softball
- National Federation

Know the Differences

IHSA BASEBALL RULE BOOK



Definitions



Pitching

Section 1 Articles 1,2,3

- Two distinct positions determined by the feet
 - Windup
 - Set
- Pitching regulations/restrictions begin....
 - When the pivot foot is on the rubber
- The SIGNAL- Must be from the rubber
- The SHOULDER- can rotate until the hands come together
- The CATCHER- must be in the catchers box

Section 1 - Articles 2

The WINDUP Position

- Ball in the glove or pitching hand
- Non-pivot foot
- Wind up
- ► Start....
- Don't stop and Deliver

Section 1 - Article 3

The SET Position

- Holding the ball
- Hands together
- Continuous and the Stop...
 - ► Complete & discernable
- Below the Chin
- Throws to 1st- No fake
- Fake to 2nd or 3rd

Section 1 - Article 4,5,6

Pitcher - on the rubber

Fielder not in contact with the rubber

Balk

Section 2 - Art 1

Illegal Acts by Pitcher

- Foreign/Spit/Rub/Discolor
- Bandages or Tape
- Distracting items
 - ▶ On hands, wrists, arms
- Glove or Sleeves
 - ▶ The white & gray (Matches uniform) No Camo
- Hand in contact with mouth

Penalties

- Deface/spit/rub/discolor
 - May warn or eject
 - If pitched then discovered = illegal pitch
- Hand to mouth....engages rubber
 - Award a "Ball" to batter each time
- Distraction/White-Gray
 - Correct without penalty
 - The plate umpire (UIC) sole authority as to whether item is distracting and needs to be removed

Section 2 - Article 2

► Warmups

- ▶ 8 then 5
- One minute!
- Injury or weather exceptions

Summary

- Two positions- Wind up and Set
- Pitcher v Fielder
- Hands together from set position- begins restrictions
- Fakes to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Plate
- Mental Prep for the Level
- Get into the Rule Book- every day