Baseball Advisory Committee Summary

June 11, 2026

* 1. Recommend to the NFHS approval of the experimental use of one-way communication devices from the dugout to both the pitcher and catcher, including during postseason play.

* 2. Recommend that the NFHS approve the experimental use of one-way communication devices from the dugout to the entire defensive team, including during postseason play.

*** 3. Recommend to send to Athletic Director Advisory to review the Baseball Advisory recommendation on establishing minimum facility requirements for hosting district tournament baseball games. The requirements would include:

- Bullpens for both teams located on opposite sides of the field and meeting regulation pitching distance and mound height requirements.
- A properly constructed infield radius, with a recommended NFHS standard of 95 feet and a minimum of 90 feet.
- A reasonable distance from home plate to the backstop, with a minimum of 20 feet. Backstops located less than 40 feet from home plate must be equipped with a minimum of 2-inch closed-cell foam padding.

* 4. Recommend establishing minimum facility requirements for hosting sectional and quarterfinal baseball games. The requirements would include:

- Bullpens for both teams located on opposite sides of the field and meeting regulation pitching distance and mound height requirements.
- Outfield dimensions with a minimum distance of 290 feet down each foul line and a recommended distance of 350 feet to center field.
- A properly constructed infield radius, with a recommended NFHS standard of 95 feet and a minimum of 90 feet.
- A reasonable distance from home plate to the backstop, with a minimum of 20 feet. Backstops located less than 40 feet from home plate must be equipped with a minimum of 2-inch closed-cell foam padding.

* 5. Recommend implementing a rotation of Class 1 & 2 and Class 3 & 4 sectional through state championship dates beginning with the 2027–28 school year.

* 6. Recommend reducing the number of districts in Classes 1 through 4 from 16 districts to 8 districts, with a corresponding increase in the number of teams assigned to each district.

* 7. Recommend implementing a best-of-three series format for Classes 1 through 4 in the quarterfinal round, contingent upon approval of Item 6.

* 8. Recommend modifying the district tournament format in Classes 1 through 6 to include a single-elimination structure through the early rounds, followed by a four-team double-

elimination format once the field is reduced to four teams. This recommendation is contingent upon the proposed alignment of Classes 1 through 4 transitioning to eight total districts.

* 9. Recommend extending the Class 5 & 6 quarterfinal window to allow games to be played on Thursday rather than beginning on Friday.

* 10. Recommend forming a subcommittee to explore the implementation of a double-elimination format at either the district or state series level. The subcommittee will include Mike Hollander, Joe Kinder, Michael Calhoun, Nathan Gegg, Daryl Bradley, and others to be determined

* Denied
** Tabled
*** Approved as Amended
**** No Action
All Others Approved