

Rule Changes for High School Baseball

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Beginning next year, high school baseball teams will be given the option to use an 18-inch first base or the double first base. The larger base is presented as an alternative to the previously mandated double first base, which goes into effect in 2027.

The larger first base option was one of seven rules changes recommended by the NFHS Baseball Rules Committee at its meeting last month in Indianapolis and which were subsequently approved by the NFHS Rules Review Committee and NFHS Board of Directors.

In conjunction with the double first base, allowing a larger first base has proven to be effective in reducing player collisions and enhancing player safety.

One-way electronic communication will now be allowed from the



coach to the pitcher and/or the catcher for the purposes of calling pitches. Prior, the catcher was the only defensive player allowed to receive communication from the coach. While the coach must still be located in the dugout/bench area, the committee believes this change responsibly integrates electronic communication that enhances game management.

Bat certification was addressed with USA Baseball assuming bat-testing standards. Effective in 2028, there will be an additional class of permitted non-wood

bats. Bats that are not made of a single piece of wood shall meet either the USA Baseball Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (USA Baseball BBCOR) of .50 or the USA Baseball Bat Performance Standard (-4, -5, -6). Bats must be labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark.

Additional rules changes include:

- Eye shade must be a solid stroke and not include words, numbers, logos or other symbols within the eye shade.

- Use of electronic communication devices by players on the field

while in the coach's box.

- When using a tie-breaker to end a regulation game, an option is now available to start each half-inning with a runner on second base. The runner would be the last scheduled batter in that respective half-inning.

A complete listing of the baseball rules changes will be available on the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org. Click on "Sports" at the top of the home page and select "Baseball" and then "Rules." The print ver-

sion of the 2027 Baseball Rules Book will be available for purchase in October at www.NFHS.com, and the digital version will be available in September via NFHS Digital at www.NFHS.org.

According to the 2024-25 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, baseball is the fifth-most popular sport for boys with a total of 472,598 boys participating at 16,110 schools across the country. In addition, 1,381 girls played high school baseball.

KY Time Capsule Project

Secretary of State Michael Adams today announced the launch of the Kentucky Time Capsule Project, a statewide initiative commemorating America's 250th anniversary. As the nation marks this historic milestone, Kentuckians have a unique opportunity to reflect on who we are as a Commonwealth and what we want future generations to remember about this moment in our history. The Kentucky Time Capsule Project invites Kentuckians from every corner of the state to contribute their voices, stories, photographs, artwork, and hopes for the future. **Those interested in submitting can do so through the Secretary of State's website at sos.ky.gov.**

"Housed in a modified traditional Kentucky bourbon barrel, the time capsule symbolizes both our rich heritage and our shared commitment to the future," said Adams. "We hope this project inspires Kentuckians to reflect on their role in democracy and civic life."

When the time capsule is opened in 2051, it will provide a snapshot of Kentucky and America during this pivotal chapter in our nation's story. Kentuckians are encouraged to participate and help preserve the Commonwealth's history for future generations.

The bourbon barrel time capsule will travel across Kentucky throughout the year and will ultimately house the winning entries from the Secretary of State's 2026 annual essay and slogan contests. Prominent Kentuckians have been invited to offer their contributions to the barrels, including U.S. Sens. Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul, and Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman with others to be announced soon. The University of Kentucky Athletics department will participate in the project, as will other partners to be announced.

The first stop for the Time Capsule will be at Somerset Community College from July 6 – 19 for their Master Musicians Festival. Kentuckians will also have the opportunity to view the

barrel in person at this year's Kentucky State Fair. Following its statewide tour, the barrel will be permanently housed in the Office of the Secretary of State until it is opened in 2051. *submitted*

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MCTC Alumnus Servicing Northern KY Area

Chase Stafford is sharing his story as a Maysville Community and Technical College alumnus. Stafford, a 2020 graduate of the HVAC program, has used the skills that he gained in college across the South, including Dallas, Texas; Charleston, South Carolina; Houston, Texas; and Brunswick, Georgia. Now, Stafford is a service manager at Gillespie's Heating & Cooling in Brooksville, Kentucky. The company services all of Northern Kentucky, he said.

"My education from MCTC provided the foundation I needed to earn my journeyman's license and provide quality service to homeowners and businesses all over the southeastern US," Stafford remarked. He shared some advice



with his fellow alumni and prospective students. "My advice to anyone interested in MCTC or the trades is to chase that dream relentlessly," Stafford said.

According to Stafford, he has never had a "problem finding a job." "The opportunities are endless. MCTC paved the way to an excellent living and adventure for myself and my family," he remarked. *submitted*

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A county treasurer must keep records and make reports as set out in KRS 68.210, 68.020, 68.300, 68.360 and 66.480 and must also keep the following records as required by the Uniform System of Accounts for Kentucky Counties:

1. Cash Receipts Journal and Cash Receipts Ledger
2. Check Distribution Ledger
3. Appropriation Ledger
4. General Ledger
5. Fixed Asset Schedule
6. Liabilities Schedule
7. Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
8. Investment Journals
9. Subsidiary Ledgers and Journals

10. Account for each individually: a. General Fund, b. Road and Bridge Fund, c. Jail Fund, d. LGEA Fund (where applicable), e. A special account for each grant (not necessarily a separate fund)

11. Prepare financial reports for the fiscal court and jailer each month, pursuant to KRS 68.360 and KRS 441.235.

12. Prepare a quarterly financial statement for the State Local Finance Officer.

13. Prepare an annual settlement for the fiscal court within 30 days of the close of the fiscal year pursuant to KRS 68.020(5).

14. Prepare an annual financial statement, pursuant to KRS 424.220.

15. Countersign checks only if the following conditions exist:

Claim reviewed by the fiscal court

Sufficient fund balance and adequate cash in the bank to cover the check

Adequate free balance in a properly budgeted appropriation account to cover the check.

16. The county treasurer is the sole officer bonded to receive and disburse county funds and could be liable on the county treasurer's bond if correct records are not maintained and the procedures are not followed as required by law.

Other duties:

On call during regular business hours,

Address e-mails and other correspondence received,

Banking - make deposits daily, open new accounts, transfer money, security pledging for deposits,

Process ALL payrolls for county employees,

*General

*Road

*Jail

*Dispatch 911

*Sheriff

*Clerk

Process training incentive payments for elected officials and county treasurer,

Process Employers Payroll Reporting -

Prepare and submit state tax - twice monthly,

Prepare and submit W/H Taxes - due at time of processing each payroll,

Enroll new employees and prepare and submit retirement w/h and county match contribution on each employee and submit monthly(act as go-between on retirement questions),

Prepare and submit city taxes w/h quarterly,

Prepare and submit unemployment wage report quarterly,

Prepare and submit 941 form and schedule B quarterly,

Prepare W-2's and submit annually to IRS, Kentucky Department of Revenue and employees,

Prepare and submit city tax w/h quarterly and

Process payroll when Finance Officer is absent.

Prepare 1099's annually and submit to IRS and recipient.

Prepare and submit Form 720 annually.

County Clerk Report submitted annually.

US Treasury - Request money for ARAP, LATCF and OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT and do timely reporting on these funds.

Prepare revenue accounts for new budget, balance the budget when appropriations are completed, prepare long-term debt sheet and print new budget to be presented to the Fiscal Court.

Prepare GASB and SEFA reporting annually.

Prepare budget amendments when needed.

Publish audited financial statement in the Bracken County News.

Reconcile bond statement account (Justice Center Bonds).

Correct all mistakes on payroll processing, general ledger postings, check numbers posted, insurance postings, out of balance batches, etc.

Other duties as asked to perform.

Check Signing – No checks shall be signed if the Fund Balance is negative or the budget account has a negative balance. The same goes for the pre-approved accounts. No check shall be signed if the pre-approved budget account has a negative balance.

Deposits – Required on a daily basis per state.

Judge – wants posted to G/L daily.

This is a Fiscal Court appointed position. The current term expires June 30, 2027. Reappointment will be based on job performance.

Job Requirements:

- High School Diploma or equivalent

- Drug Screen

- Background Check

Salary:

- \$18.00/\$22.00/Hour based on experience

Benefits:

- Health/Vision & Dental Insurance

- Life Insurance

- Retirement

- Vacation

- Sick Leave

- Paid Holidays

Applications can be obtained in the Bracken County Judge Executive's office located in the Bracken County Courthouse, 116 West Miami St., Brooksville, KY 41004 during normal business hours. The applications can be returned via mail to PO Box 264, Brooksville, KY 41004, emailed or dropped off at the office. If you prefer email, please email the applications to tjacobs@brackencountykentucky.com.

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