Official NFHS Baseball Signals

A. DO NOT PITCH

B. PLAY BALL

C. FOULBALL/TIME OUT/DEAD BALL

D. DELAYED DEAD BALL

E. STRIKE/OUT

F. INFIELD FLY

G. SAFE

H. FAIR BALL

I. FOUL TIP

J. COUNT

K. TIME PLAY

A. Right arm straight out front with palm outward and fingers up — signifies do not pitch, the ball is dead.

B. Pointing with right hand index finger while facing pitcher — signifies play is to start or be resumed and simultaneously umpire calls “Play.”

C. Both hands open above the head — signifies foulball, time-out or ball is dead immediately.

D. Left fist extended to the side at shoulder height — signifies an infraction for which (1) the penalty may be ignored or (2) bases may be awarded after no further advance is possible.

E. Fist up and then out away from body. Coordinate, verbal call, “He’s out!” or “Strike!”, with the hammering action of the closed fist.

F. Index finger of right hand is held above the head — signifies infield fly.

G. Coordinate verbal call, “Safe.” Signal also used for dropped balls in the outfield and to determine if a batter’s checked swing was legal.

H. Point toward fair ground with open hand. No verbal call.

I. The palms of the hands glance off each other as they pass above eye level, followed by a strike call.

J. Left hand indicates balls followed by the number of strikes thrown on the right hand. Verbally give count.

K. Place two fingers of the right hand on the left wrist, as if on top of a watch. This signal will only be used in two-out situations where a time play involving a potential run is likely.