Official NFHS Baseball Signals

A. **DO NOT PITCH**
   - Right arm straight out front with palm outward and fingers up – signifies do not pitch, the ball is dead.

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

C. **FOUL BALL, TIME-OUT, DEAD BALL**
   - Both hands open above the head – signifies foul ball, time-out or ball is dead immediately.

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

E. **INFIELD FLY**
   - Index finger of right hand is held above the head – signifies infield fly.

F. **DOUBLE TAG ROTATION**
   - Bump both fists on top of each other with the index finger of the right hand extended.

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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 index finger. 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.