



Rules Reference	NFHS 2014 Baseball Rules Changes, Rationale, Comments
6-1-3	<p>ART. 3 . . . For set position...behind his back. Before starting the delivery, he shall stand with his entire non-pivot foot in front of a line extending through the front edge of the pitcher's plate and with his entire pivot foot in contact with or directly in front of and <u>parallel</u> to the pitcher's plate.</p> <p>Rationale: To further eliminate any confusion or circumvention of the set position pitching rule by a pitcher or coach. Also, to emphasize the pivot foot requirement to be in a legal set position.</p> <p>Comments: The discussion of the hybrid pitcher's position last year sparked tremendous discussion. After a year of observing how the rule was interpreted it was felt that a more clearly defined statement should be added to assist umpires, coaches, and players. Specifically spelling out the physical position of the pivot foot in the set position eliminates any confusion or circumvention of the pitching rule. Rule 6 is very clear on dictating the two legal positions for a pitcher, the wind-up and set position.</p>
7-3-5c	<p>ART. 5 . . . Interfere with the catcher's fielding or throwing by:</p> <p>c. Making any other movement, <u>including backswing interference</u>, which hinders action at home plate or the catcher's attempt to play on a runner, or</p> <p>Rationale: Prior rule did not address this specific type of interference.</p> <p>Comments: There are numerous infractions that involve a batter altering or disrupting the flow and execution of the game. One of these infractions includes interfering with the catcher's responsibilities and duties. This particular type of batter's interference was not addressed in the prior rule.</p>