

## **2017 NFHS Point of Emphasis on Baseball Rule 3.3.1 regarding NFHS Authenticating Mark**

Please be aware in your school's baseball program of the following NFHS Point of Emphasis on Baseball Rule 3.3.1 regarding NFHS Authenticating Mark that AIA Baseball Officials have been notified of.

**Rule 3.3.1 requires baseballs to have the NFHS Authenticating Mark.**

### **NFHS Authenticating Mark Program (AMP)**

**The NFHS AMP program was designed in 2000 to ensure that the equipment used in interscholastic contests is manufactured consistently and meets certain physical requirements. By using conforming equipment, players, coaches and officials can rest assured that the baseballs used are designed for the age group for which playing rules are written for interscholastic competition. All such balls are required to display the NFHS Authenticating Mark. Manufacturers make balls to our standards and expect that their products are purchased for game competition. Using non- AMP balls puts players, coaches, fans and umpires at risk of injury and inconsistent playability which hurts high school baseball. Using baseballs that meet the AMP requirements are good for our young people and even better for our game.**

It is a point of emphasis this 2017 season NFHS Baseball Rulebook.