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TO: Athletic Directors and Softball Coaches
 FROM: Cindy Simmons, Assistant Executive Director
 RE: 43' Softball Pitching Distance – NFHS Experiment

Thanks to all of you who completed the survey I sent you concerning the above topic.

The OSAA Executive Board, on December 8, granted approval for us to move forward with this NFHS experiment. Please note the following:

- ❖ We will pitch at 43' beginning this spring, March of 2009. This is not optional – all OSAA softball teams will use the 43' pitching distance.
- ❖ 43' will be for all classifications, varsity and sub-varsity levels.
- ❖ 43' will be for all OSAA sanctioned contests, regular and post-season play.
- ❖ If you are hosting an out of state team please notify them ahead of time that they will be pitching at 43'. If you travel out of state you will be pitching at 40'.
- ❖ I will be required, by the NFHS, to gather data for the NFHS Softball Rules Committee. This will involve every softball school so I will send you that information at a later date. The gathering of this data will involve a short questionnaire.

It is exciting that we are involved in this very important national experiment as we are one of only two states in the country doing so. I commend you for your interest in this – thank you. As always, do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

SURVEY SUMMARY

Question: Do you support experimenting with the 43' pitching distance, for all classifications, varsity and sub-varsity levels, beginning the spring of 2009?

Survey Results:

	<u>1A</u>	<u>2A</u>	<u>3A</u>	<u>4A</u>	<u>5A</u>	<u>6A</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
NO	2	9	1	9	8	5	34
YES	8	11	14	19	17	28	94

221 Schools Offer Softball

128 Schools Responded / 58%