

2007 PLAYING RULE CHANGES

Rule 1 : Line-up card : The official document listing players and substitutes of a given team
(defines a term commonly used throughout the rulebook)

Rule 2 Section 1: change the fence minimum and maximum distance for Girls' Junior Olympic Fast Pitch to the following :

G10-U from 150' - 200' to 175' - 225'

G12-U from 175' - 200' to 200' - 225'

G14-U from 175' - 200' to 200' - 225'

Rule 2 Section 3C : The batters box for **SLOW PITCH** (excluding 16") will measure 4'W x 7'L

Rule 3 Section 4 : The pitcher's glove may be of one solid color or multicolored as long as the color(s) are not the color of the ball being used in the game being played.

Rule 3 Section 6D : an Arabic whole # of contrasting color or outlined in contrasting color
(allows contrasting which was not allowed prior)

Rule 4 Section 1C 3c & d : Men's Senior Slow Pitch teams have the option of having all their players in the batting order. The shorthanded rule will be in effect if a player in the batting order leaves the game.

Rule 5 Section 5A : one run shall score each time a runner , when using the Tie-breaker rule and starting at 2nd base, touches third base and home plate.
(clarifies the method by which a run scores using tie-breaker rule)

Rule 5 Section 8A 3 : Master's Slow Pitch 35-Over , 40-Over , and 45-Over will allow 4 over the fence home runs per team

Rule 5 Section 8A EFFECT : On any over the fence home run in Men's Class D Slow Pitch the batter is called out and the inning is over regardless of the number of outs prior to the over the fence home run.

Rule 6 Section 3F : FAST PITCH The pitch shall be delivered on the throwing arm side of the body and not behind the back or between the legs

Rule 6 Section 3H : Men's Fast Pitch : remove the words 'within the 24 inch length of the pitcher's plate'

Rule 6 Section 3H : Modified :the pitch shall be delivered on the throwing arm side of the body and not behind the back or between the legs

Rule 7 Section 6B : when a batter enters the batter's box with or is discovered using an altered or non-approved bat, EFFECT : the batter shall be **EJECTED** from the game and if in a tournament shall be **EJECTED** for the remainder of the tournament.

Rule 7 Section 6Q when actively hindering the catcher while in the batter's box. (removes 'intentionally' from the rule and allows umpire to judge interference and not intent.)

Rule 8 Section 2F 3 : when a batter-runner interferes with a thrown ball while out of the batter's box. (removes 'intentionally' from the rule)

Rule 8 Section 4G (10-Under Class B Fast Pitch)

The section on stealing and running the bases in 10-under now applies to 10-under Class B Fast Pitch. 10-under Class A Fast pitch will play by the same rules as other Junior Olympic age groups)

Rule 8 Section 7E when any offensive team member other than another runner physically assists a runner while the ball is alive.

Rule 8 Section 7J 3 when a runner interferes with a thrown ball. (removes 'intentionally')

Rule 8 Section 7P when , after being declared out or after scoring , a batter-runner or runner interferes with a defensive player's opportunity to make a play on another runner. (clarifies that batter-runner is included and removes 'intentionally')

These rules are obviously intended for all ASA tournament play. Leagues have the option of "house-ruling" in certain areas such as the home run rule or fence distance (as an example). However should your teams advance to compete in a sanctioned tournament please make sure they are aware of the proper rules.