

Military Rules

Any softball rules not covered or found in this section will be covered or found in Part I of the official NSA Rulebook.

RULE 4 PLAYERS & SUBSTITUTIONS

Any non-player who is not yet considered an adult, may not be between the fences or boundaries that are considered the playing field without a NOCSAE approved helmet with a NOCSAE approved face mask properly attached. Any youth division bat boys/bat girls who are the teams official bat boy/bat girl or who are team members serving as bat boy/bat girl must wear a NOCSAE approved helmet with a NOCSAE approved face mask properly attached. The coach/manager or player representing the team is responsible for insuring that the non-player be in compliance with the batting helmet rule or age rule.

PENALTY: The player, non-player, bat boy or bat girl will put the helmet on or be removed from the playing area.

SECTION 10 DIVISIONS OF PLAY

a) MEN'S MILITARY OPEN: The Open Division teams will be a team comprised of male players that can provide a valid Common Access Card or Department of Defense Card.

EXCEPTION: *This will not be a Department of Defense Service team.*

b) MEN'S VARSITY "A": The Varsity A Division teams will be a team comprised of male players from one (1) installation or a team that is comprised of male players from combining of two (2) installations from the same State.

c) MEN'S VARSITY "B": The Varsity B teams will be a team comprised of male players from one (1) installation.

d) MEN'S INTRAMURAL: The Intramural Division teams will be a team comprised of players (teams may have women play) from the same unit.

The following levels of Command apply:

- 1) Air Force Squadron or lower
- 2) Army Company or lower
- 3) Navy Command, squadron or unit of 1,000 or less
- 4) Marine Corps Division or lower
- 5) Coast Guard Group of 1,000 or less

e) WOMEN'S VARSITY "A": The Varsity A Division teams will be a team comprised of female players from one (1) installation or a team that is comprised of female players from combining two (2) installations from the same State.

f) WOMEN'S VARSITY "B": The Varsity B Division teams will be a team comprised of female players from one (1) installation.

***NOTE:** *To participate in the NSA Military World Series a team will have to play in one (1) Military Tournament or two (2) NSA Sanctioned Tournaments.*

RULE 5 THE GAME

Softball is a contact sport, played with Composite, Aluminum, Wood and other approved materials in the design of approved bats and softballs. The game of softball can be a dangerous sport to participate in. In playing the game of softball, the player and the parents of the youth

players participating in the game of softball assume for themselves and for the youth children participating in the game of softball the risk of serious injury or possible death. By agreeing to be placed on an NSA roster, the participants or parents of participants understand these risks. To reduce the risk of Injury, the National Softball Association HIGHLY RECOMMENDS THAT EVERY PLAYER wear protective equipment!

SECTION 11 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY/ROSTERS

- a) An Official Men's Military team will consist of Active Duty, Reserves, National Guard, Active Duty dependents (18 years or older), Military Retirees along with Department of Defense civilians assigned to the same duty installation.
- b) An Official Women's Military team will consist of Active Duty, Reserves, National Guard, Active Duty dependents (18 years or older), Military Retirees along with Department of Defense civilians assigned to the same duty installation.
- c) All players must have a valid ID card or a Common Access card (CAC) for verification. Retired military personnel and retired Department of Defense civilians are eligible to play with a team from the State where they retired or a team from the State of their proven place of residence. If the distance of that installation is over a reasonable distance away, the player with the Military Program Director's approval may be able to play with the installation geographically closest to their residence.
- d) Personnel who are on Temporary Duty (TDY) for 45 days or more may participate in any NSA Military Tournament. Personnel will present a copy of their orders to the tournament director for eligibility. Personnel who have Permanent Change of Station (PCS'D) have a 30 day grace period in which they may participate in any NSA Military Tournament with the installation that they have left. Personnel will present a copy of their orders to the tournament director for eligibility.
- e) A person who wants to participate in the NSA Military World Series and they do not have a base team that is participating in the tournament must submit in writing to the NSA Military Program Director to request to play. If approved the Director will put the Personnel in a players pool, that any Open or Varsity "A" team may be able to pick up.

***NOTE:** All players must have a Department of Defense ID Card.

SECTION 12 HOME RUN LIMITS

MEN'S PROGRAM

OPEN	Seven (7)	one-up home run rule
Varsity "A"	Five (5)	one-up home run rule
Varsity "B"	Three (3)	one-up home run rule
Intramural	One (1)	progressive home rule

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*Refer to Rule 5, Section 12

WOMEN'S PROGRAM

Varsity "A"	Three (3)	one-up home run rule
Varsity "B"	One (1)	one-up home run rule

****NOTE:** When a lower Class team plays an upper Class team, the home run rule will be the split difference between the 2 teams.

EXAMPLE: Team "A" versus team "B". The home run rule will be four (4) with the one-up home run rule.

EXAMPLE: *If an Intramural team plays any Varsity team, the home run rule will be two (2) with the one-up home run rule.*