

## 2010 National Softball Association Slow Pitch Rule Changes

### 1. CO-ED SOFTBALL

Rule Classification                      Classification

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Classification in CO-ED will be the UPPER AND LOWER DIVISIONS.

UPPER DIVISION: All players are eligible and 2 home runs allowed with the one-up rule.

LOWER DIIVISION: No Men's "C" or above players allowed. No Women's Upper players allowed.

Home run rule Men's Class "D" one, then 2<sup>nd</sup> is out and 3<sup>rd</sup> is out with progressive penalty.

### 2. Rule 7                                      Batting

Page 56                                      Section 1- (b)

Rule shall read: When a male batter is walked intentionally or unintentionally, the male batter is awarded second base, 'WITH TWO OUTS' the following female batter has the option to bat or walk.

### 1. WOMEN'S SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

Rule 5                                      The Game

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Classification

Women's classification will now be "UPPER & LOWER"

"UPPER" Division: All players are eligible and 2 home runs allowed with the one-up rule.

"LOWER Division: No Upper Women's Players allowed, Home run rule Men's Class "E"- Zero with the progressive home run

### 1. YOUTH SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

Rule 5                                      The Game

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Youth slow pitch run rule:

15 runs after 3 innings

12 runs after 4 innings

10 runs after 5 innings

## 2010 National Softball Association Fast Pitch Rule Changes

### 1. Rule 1                                      Defintion

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Any non-swinging movement of the bat intended to tap the ball into play. The mere holding of the bat in the strike zone is considered a strike. To take a pitch the bat must be pulled backward away from the ball.

### 2. Rule 2                                      The Playing Field

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In 2010 the Tournament Director will have the option to pitch from either 43 or 40 feet in the 14U age division at the State level.

The World Series in the 14U age division will pitch from 40 feet.

3. Rule 2 The Playing Field  
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In 2010 States have the option in the 16 year old division to pitch from either 43 or 40 feet.

The World Series in the 16 year old division will pitch from 43 feet.

- 4 Rule 3 Equipment  
Page 100 Section 6- (f)

Delete the paragraph.

Rule shall read: The National Softball Association strongly recommends that any type of jewelry not be worn in any NSA play.

5. Rule 4 Players/Substitution  
Page 107 Section 8- ©

Teams may have no more than twenty- (20) players on their roster. After the World Series FALL ROSTERS will be extended to twenty-five- (25) players until the new sanction year begins.

6. Rule 5 The Game  
Page 143 Section 1- (f)

#### 8U COACH PITCH

The batter will be allowed five- (5) pitches or three- (3) strikes whichever comes first. No base on balls will be awarded. If the batter hasn't hit the ball fairly after five- (5) pitches, the batter is out.

EXCEPTION: The at bat cannot be completed on a foul ball.