

2012 NATIONAL SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION FAST PITCH RULE CHANGES

1. RULE 2 THE PLAYING FIELD
SECTION: NEW
USE OF A PORTABLE FENCE
A fielder may be touching or leaning on the fence when making a catch as long as they have possession of the ball before falling to the ground or over the fence. The vertical plane from the ground to the top of the fence forms the dead ball line.

2. RULE 3 SECTION 3 EQUIPMENT
RULE 8 SECTION 5(d)
Add PENALTY to the existing rule.
Penalty shall read: If illegal glove or mitt is involved in a play, delayed dead ball and 3 bases awarded to batter; unless the ball is deflected by illegal glove or mitt and goes over the fence, then coach can take result of play. If illegal glove or mitt is spotted prior to a play, umpire has the player remove glove or mitt and resume play.

3. RULE 8 BASERUNNING
SECTION: 8(g)
Add *NOTE to the existing rule.
*NOTE shall read: The runner is out when a runner is positioned behind and not in contact with a base to get a running start on any fly ball.