

## **YOUTH FAST PITCH RULE CHANGES 2016-2017**

**Rule 4**

**Players/Substitutions**

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**Section: 2**

### **Addition to the existing rule**

If one of the twin players is a pitcher/catcher, the use of a courtesy runner must be for the pitcher/catcher who has earned her way on to a base.

**Rule 4**

**Players/Substitutions**

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**Section: 8**

Delete existing Penalty and add new Penalty.

PENALTY: Using the wrong runner can be replaced with the proper one. Head coach is ejected.

## **EIGHT & UNDER FAST PITCH RULES**

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**Title Page**

### **Change to the existing Title.**

Title to now read: Eight & Under Player Fast Pitch Rules.

**Rule 3**

**Equipment**

**Page 135**

**Section: 2**

Change existing rule to now read:

The official NSA ball be stamped 11", 275 pound; with a .52 C.O.R. must be used with no tolerance. Strike all the other information.

**Rule 5**

**The Game**

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**Section: 1 (d)**

Delete the existing rule. Add new rule.

New rule shall read: Two defensive coaches are allowed behind the outfielders on the left field line and the right field line.

**Rule 5**

**The Game**

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**Section: 1 (j)**

Change run rules:

Change current run rule from 17 runs after 4 innings and 10 runs after 5 innings;

TO 16 runs after 4 innings and 11 runs after 5 innings.

**Rule 7**

**Batting**

**Page 138**

**Section: 1 (c)**

Add to the existing rule:

Each team must let all players present bat according to the batting order. If a player is sick, hurt or refuses to bat, this must be brought to the attention of the other coach, umpire and the scorekeeper. Each team is allowed to bat all players that are present at game time. If they elect not to, they will follow Rule 4, Player and Substitutions Section 1 (a, b, and c)

**Rule 8**

**Baserunning**

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**Section: 1 (a)**

Add Penalty to the existing rule.

Penalty shall read: Runner leaving early, the ball becomes dead, the runner is out and no pitch is declared.

**MACHINE PITCH**

**Rule 10**

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**Title Page**

Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch: this is when you have a combined division of coach pitch teams playing with machine pitch team.

CURRENT: Rule 10. MACHINE PITCH

Section 1: Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch.

CHANGE TO: Rule 10. MACHINE PITCH.

Section 1: Applies to Machine Divisions and Machine-Coach Combo Divisions.

**Rule 10**

**Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch**

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**Section: 1 (d/f)**

Delete the words "Coach Pitch Only" in both sections d and f.

**Rule 10**

**Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch**

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**Section: 1 (i)**

Delete the existing rule.

Add new rule which reads: Each team on defense will have an option to field nine (9) players consisting of the regular six (6) infielders; 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, catcher and pitcher and three (3) outfielders who must stay in the outfield until the ball is hit OR ten (10) players consisting of the regular six (6) infielders; 1B, 2B, SS, 3B catcher and pitcher and four (4) outfielders who must stay in the outfield until the ball is hit.

\*\*Keep the Penalty and the Note as written.

**Rule 10**

**Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch**

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**Section: 1 (j)**

Delete the existing rule.

Add the New rule which reads: When the defensive teams stops the progress of the lead runner, the umpire will call "time out" and the play will be stopped. When the ball is in the possession of a defensive player within the 16' circle, any runners between bases must immediately advance to the next base, and one base only, or return to the last base touched. If the runner fails to return or advance immediately, the umpire will call "time out" and play will be stopped. Baserunners do not have to be on base to establish stopping of progress. (This will be in the umpire's judgment).

**Rule 10**

**Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch**

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**Section: 1 (I-Note)**

The existing rule was amended at the convention and will read:

The NSA highly recommends wearing protective equipment and the youth pitcher standing on either side of the adult pitcher.

**Rule 10**

**Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch**

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**Section 1 (n)**

Delete the EXCEPTION and in its place add the following:

Any player(s) arriving after the beginning of the game will assume the last position in the batting order. If they elect not to, they will follow Rule 4, Player and Substitutions, Section 1 (a, b, and c)

**Rule 10**

**Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch**

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**Section: 1(x)**

Delete in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Note the following: In the Baseball Players Association Baseball Program

Add the following: The National Softball Association and the Softball Program.