

2018 NSA FAST PTICH RULE CHANGES

Updated: December 21, 2017

- 1) RULE 1 DEFINITIONS  
PAGE 12 SECTION: 29  
CLARIFICATION OF FOUL TIP  
A foul tip is a batted ball that goes directly from the bat to the catcher's hands or glove and is legally caught by the catcher. A foul tip is a strike. The ball remains alive and in play. Runners may advance at their own risk.
- 2) RULE 1 DEFINITIONS  
PAGE 14 SECTION: 44  
DELETE the existing definition of OVERSLIDE from the rulebook.
- 3) RULE 1 DEFINITIONS  
PAGE 14 SECTION: 48  
CLARIFICATION OF A QUICK PITCH  
A quick pitch is an attempted pitch made before the batter is in the batter's box, or if the batter is in the box, he/she is not yet positioned and ready.  
NOTE: The umpire shall stop play and declare "NO PITCH". The ball is dead. All action is nullified.
- 4) RULE 1 DEFINITIONS  
PAGE 15 SECTION 51  
DELETE the existing definition of stealing/double steal.
- 5) RULE 3 EQUIPMENT  
PAGE 16  
In the first paragraph delete the words "or if an equipment check was performed or not".
- 6) RULE 3 EQUIPMENT  
PAGE 18-19 SECTION 1(a) Exception  
EXCEPTION WILL NOW READ: Wooden bats must be stamped "Softball" or "Official Softball"
- 7) RULE 3 EQUIPMENT  
PAGE 21 SECTION: 3  
Delete the following sentence from the existing rule "The glove worn by a pitcher must be uniform in color".
- 8) RULE 3 EQUIPMENT  
PAGE 23 SECTION: 8  
SAFETY EQUIPMENT AMENDED TO BE A NOTE:  
Beginning August 1, 2018, all pitcher 10U and Under must wear a FACE GUARD while pitching  
Beginning August 1, 2019, all pitcher 12U and Under must wear a FACE GUARD while pitching  
Beginning August 1, 2020, all pitcher 14U and Under must wear a FACE GUARD while pitching  
Beginning August 1, 2021, all pitcher 16U and Under must wear a FACE GUARD while pitching  
Beginning August 1, 2022, all pitcher in all age groups must wear a FACE GUARD while pitching

- 9) RULE 4 PLAYERS/SUBSTITUTIONS  
PAGE 24 SECTION 1 & 1(a)  
The line-up card shall contain the minimum last name of the player.
- 10) RULE 4 PLAYERS/SUBSTITUTIONS  
PAGE 26 SECTION: 7 & 7(e)  
Change the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence to read: A player shall be officially in the game when he/she is announced by the manager or team representative and entered on the official scoresheet, or enters the game unannounced, and a pitch (legal or illegal) is thrown.  
Regarding substitutes DELETE the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence, "A pitch does not need to be thrown....."  
  
ADD (e): A substitute pitcher is legally in the game when he/she is announced by the manager or team representative, is entered on the scoresheet and throws a warm up pitch.
- 11) RULE 4 PLAYERS/SUBSTITUTIONS  
PAGE 27 SECTION: 8  
Change PENALTY to: Using the wrong courtesy runner is an out. DELETE the words "CORRECTABLE" and "COACH EJECTION".
- 12) RULE 4 PLAYERS/SUBSTITUTIONS  
PAGE 27 SECTION: 10  
ADD: Player eligibility is determined by the player's birth certificate.
- 13) RULE 5 THE GAME  
PAGE 31 SECTION: 11  
ADD: No drones will be flown over playing fields during any NSA event.  
EFFECT: Person flying the drone will be removed from the ballpark.
- 14) RULE 6 PITCHING  
PAGE 32 SECTION: 5  
DELETE letters "e" and "f" along with the PENALTY.  
Letters "e" and "f" are already located on Page 36 Rule 7 Section 8(d) and (e)
- 15) RULE 6 PITCHING  
PAGE 32 SECTION: 8  
DELETE the words "UMPIRE'S APPROVAL" and the word "POWDERED".
- 16) RULE 7 BATTING  
PAGE 35 SECTION: 3  
DELETE Section 3 entirely
- 17) RULE 7 BATTING  
PAGE 37 SECTION: 11(b)  
ADD: OFFICIALLY IN THE GAME OR NOT – to read – When any batter, OFFICIALLY IN THE GAME OR NOT, appears in the batter's box with, or is discovered using an altered, senior, non-approved, or an illegal bat prior to hitting the ball, .... etc.

- 18)      RULE 8                              BASERUNNING  
            PAGE 44                             SECTION: 8(f) Note  
            CLARIFICATION:  
            ADD: Congratulatory actions between coaches and runners (for instance a high five or fist bump) are legal.
- 19)      RULE 8                              BASERUNNING  
            PAGE 46                             SECTION: 8(v)  
            DELETE THE FOLLOWING: "Upon leaving the field of play".  
            ADD THE FOLLOWING: "when he/she enters into a dead ball area".
- 20)      RULE 9                              DEAD BALL/BALL IN PLAY  
            PAGE 48                             SECTION 1(j)  
            ADD to the sentence "IF AVAILABLE".