

2018 NSA SLOW PITCH RULE CHANGES

Updated: December 21, 2017

- 1) RULE 3 EQUIPMENT
PAGE 17 SECTION 1(a) EXCEPTION
EXCEPTION WILL NOW READ:
Wooden bats must be stamped "Softball" or "Official Softball".
- 2) RULE 3 EQUIPMENT
PAGE 20 SECTION 3
Change slow pitch glove rule to read: All fielders must wear gloves made of leather or other approved materials. Gloves optic yellow circles on the outside, giving the appearance of a ball, may not be worn by any player and will be considered illegal. Maximum height of the glove shall be 15".
- 3) RULE 4 PLAYERS/SUBSTITUTIONS
PAGE 22 SECTION 1(d)
The line-up card shall contain the minimum last name of the player.
- 4) RULE 4 PLAYERS/SUBSTITUTIONS
PAGE 23 SECTION 6
Player eligibility is determined by the player's birth certificate.
- 5) RULE 5 THE GAME
PAGE 27 SECTION 9
Change Bronze Home Run limit.
- 6) RULE 5 THE GAME
PAGE 27 SECTION 9
Delete the 3rd NOTE – the Progressive Penalty Explanation.
- 7) RULE 5 THE GAME
PAGE 28 SECTION 15
ADD: No drones will be flown over the playing fields during any NSA event.
EFFECT: Person flying the drone will be removed from the ballpark.
- 8) RULE 7 BATTING
PAGE 34 SECTION 9(c)
ADD: Add the following words to the existing rule – "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.....

- 9) INTERNET RULE SPECIALTY PROGRAM
SENIOR SOFTBALL SECTION: NEW
A player may only play with a team from their state or a state whose borders touch the borders of the player's own state. The team's "Home State" is established by where the majority of the players reside with their primary residence.

NOTE: The Senior Women's Program has no state boundary restrictions.

- 10) INTERNET RULE SPECIALTY PROGRAM
SENIOR SOFTBALL SECTION: NEW
ADD: PITCHER'S MANDATED SAFETY EQUIPMENT
Pitcher's must wear a protective face mask while pitching and must wear the mask consistent with the manufacturer's intended usage of their product.

EFFECT: If the player refuses to wear a protective mask, they will be removed from the pitching position.

- 11) INTERNET RULE – RULE 5 SPECIALTY PROGRAM
SENIOR SOFTBALL SECTION 11
ADD HOME RULE RULES:
AA One (1) home run then each over the limit will be an out
AAA Three (3) home runs then each over the limit will be an out
MAJOR Five (5) home runs + the one up rule. Each over the limit will be an out
MAJOR + Seven (7) home runs + the one up rule. Each over the limit will be an out

- 12) INTERNET RULE SPECIALTY PROGRAM
35 & OVER HOME RUN SECTION 11
ADD: 35 & OVER HOME RUN LIMITS
RECREATION DIVISION: Zero (0) home runs. Any home run will result in an inning ending out
OPEN DIVISION: Six (6) home runs and the one-up rule.