

## 2005 FAST PITCH RULE CHANGES

### \*\*\*NOTE: 10 & UNDER DIVISION RULES

The 10 & Under division rules throughout the fast pitch section of the rulebook will be changed to match the rules of the other age divisions.

### RULE 1. DEFINITIONS

- 1. Page 75 New Section - Approved bat section will be added**  
New Section shall read: Approved Bat. A bat model becomes approved after the bat manufacturer submits the bat to the NSA for testing and the NSA has test results demonstrating the bat model meets the requirements of a legal bat as defined in Rule Section 1. The NSA will maintain a list of currently approved bats on the web site.
- 2. Page 79 Section 36 Change existing definition of leap**  
Definition shall read: LEAP- The pivot foot must remain in contact with the pitcher's plate or the ground until the non-pivot (front foot) foot touches the ground
- 3. Page 79-80 Section 39 Change definition of OBSTRUCTION**  
Definition of OBSTRUCTION shall read: Obstruction is the act of the defensive team member that hinders or impedes a batter's attempt to make contact with a pitched ball or that impedes the progress of a runner or batter/runner who is legally running the bases, unless the fielder is in possession of the ball or is fielding a batted ball. The act may be intentional or unintentional, physical or verbal.

### RULE 3 EQUIPMENT

- 1. Page 83 Section 1 Add Penalty for altered and non-approved bats**  
Penalty shall read: Player is declared out and both the player and coach are ejected from the game.
- 2. Page 84 Section 4 Penalty for wearing metal spikes**  
Penalty shall read:
  - Offensive player wearing metal spikes will result in a out being recorded and the player being ejected
  - Defensive player wearing metal spikes will result in the player being ejected.
  - If available a substitute will be inserted into the game, and if no substitute is available then the vacant spot in the batting order will be recorded as an automatic out.
- 3. Page 84 Section 6 c Numbers on uniforms**  
Section c shall read: Numbers must be worn and be located on the back of the team uniform and be visible. The number of the back of the uniform must be a minimum of six (6) inches in height. No players on the same team may wear identical numbers. If this occurs the umpire must ensure that this is corrected immediately.
- 4. Page 85 Section 7 Face guards**  
Section shall read: Face guards are mandatory in 2005. Face guard should be NOCSAE approved. In 2006 all face guards must be NOCSAE approved

### RULE 4 PLAYERS/SUBSTITUTIONS

- 1. Page 86 Section 1 Exception to the Number of players finishing a game**  
Exception shall read: A team shall be permitted to finish a game with eight (8) players if the reason is a player who is injured.  
Penalty. An out is recorded in the batting order when that player's position is due to bat
- 2. Page 88 Section 6 Addition to the existing penalty**  
Penalty shall read: An illegal player violation results in the immediate ejection of the illegal player and his/her coach.

3. **Page 89 Section 6 (f) Add to the existing rule/identification of catcher/pitcher**  
Addition shall read: The pitcher and catcher are identified as the last players who physically played that position on defense. In the top to the first inning only, the pitcher and catcher are identified as those players listed on the lineup as the pitcher and catcher. The pitcher and catcher must bat and reach base legally in order to be eligible for a courtesy runner.
4. **Page 89 Section 6 (f) Addition and Exception for Substitution for a courtesy runner**  
Addition shall read: A courtesy runner can only be replaced by an eligible substitute in the event of an injury or disqualification. Once a courtesy runner is used, the pitcher or catcher for whom she/he is running may not return to run.  
Exception shall read: If the courtesy runner is injured or disqualified with no available substitutes and the team has the required number of players to continue, the pitcher or catcher from whom the courtesy runner is running must run in his/her place
5. **Page 89 Section 6 (f) Penalty for using the wrong Courtesy Runner**  
Penalty for using the wrong courtesy runner is the violation of the illegal player rule that is found on Page 78, Section 28 (b) ejection of the illegal player and the coach

## **RULE 6 PITCHING REGULATIONS**

1. **Page 95 Section 15 Add Note to the existing rule**  
Note shall read: It is not a charged conference when the representative of a team enters the field of play and removes the pitcher from the pitching position. That player removed may return to the pitching position
2. **Page 95 Section 15 Charged conference**  
The rules for a charged conference do not change in extra innings.
3. **Page 95 Section 15 Deletion of 2<sup>nd</sup> note**  
Delete: A team is permitted one additional charged defensive conference in each extra inning

## **RULE 8 BASERUNNING**

1. **Page 100 Note Change to the existing rule**  
Change shall read: The orange safety base at first base is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for all NSA Post-Season play
2. **Page 100 Note Addition to the existing rule**  
Addition shall read: Any throw to the person covering first base can go to any of the two bases to avoid contact. If the first baseman has to go to the base himself unassisted and in foul territory, he/she would be able to touch either side of the base in order to avoid contact
3. **Page 106 Section 8 (n) and Section 8 (e) Move letter (n)**  
Move Section 8 (n) to immediately after Section 8 (e) so the effect of Section 8 (j) does not apply