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2022 USA SOFTBALL RULE CHANGES THAT EFFECT HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Rule 3. Section 1D: Delete the sentence; Any attachment such as a molded finger grip, flare cone or choke up device must be attached with grip tape.

Comment: Removes the requirement to use tape to attachments added to the grip.

Rule 3. Section 3A: The 12" Fast Pitch ball will have the following specifications: Size: 1 1 7/8 – 12 1/4, Weight: 6.50 oz – 7.00 oz., Compression: 275.0 LBS – 375.0 LBS, COR: . 470 Max, and Dynamic Stiffness: 7500 LBS. Max.

Comment: Creates common specifications for the 12" Fast Pitch ball for USA Softball, NCAA and NFHS. This is effective in 2024.

Rule 4. Section 1C [1]: Adds a letter D and E. D allows for ONE EP so you can bat 10. E allows you to use the DP/Flex with ONE EP to bat 10 players. In both D and E, any player in the line-up can play defense. Substitutions for the pitcher and catcher must be reported.

Comment: This allows for an EP in Junior Olympic Girls Classification of Play. In E the DP/Flex Rule is in effect so if the Flex is taken out of the defense it is a substitution. Also clarifies substitutions for the pitcher and catcher must be reported.

Rule 4. Section 2L: Creates an additional section in the ADA Rule which allows a player with a disability, who needs to come out of the game due to the disability, to have a replacement player until the disability subsides.

Comment: This allows players who have certain conditions such as a diabetic event, to leave the game and be replaced until they can return, without requiring a substitution.

Rule 4. Section 1C: Change the designation of "Baseman" to "Base player". **Comment:** This change better represents all who participate in our game. **Rule 4, Section 2L:** Creates an additional section in the ADA Rule which allows a player with a disability, who needs to come out of the game due to the disability, to have a replacement player until the disability subsides.

Comment: This allows players who have certain conditions such as a diabetic event, to leave the game and be replaced until they can return, without requiring a substitution.

Rule 6A. Section 3K: (Women's and JO Girls) Pushing off and dragging the pivot foot in contact with the ground or having both feet in the air is allowed.

Comment: Allows for Women and Junior Olympic Girls Classification of Play to have both feet in the air at the same time but must still stay within the 24" pitching plate.