

How it works ...

Coaches on each island propose changes and vote on their island's suggestions. Those approved by the island's coaches are taken to the tournament by the Island Coordinator (IC's) from each island and then at a meeting, IC's vote on the collection of suggestions from all islands. Those approved by the IC's are incorporated into our state rules. As a side note, rules not covered by our state rules are covered by SSUSA rules.

2023 Maui State Rule Change Proposals

1. ADD **Coaches Vote: Yes 10 ... No 6**
DH (Designated Hitter) rule

Explanation: There may come a point where a player may be able to play on defense but for some reason cannot swing the bat. This would allow the player to at least play on the field. This is not a rule where it will be used often, but it will be there if needed.

2. CHANGE **Coaches Vote: Yes 5 ... No 11**
 - 1.1 Distance between bases: **60 feet**

Explanation: For safety reasons.

3. CHANGE **No vote since #2 Failed**
 - 1.2 Distance to pitcher's mound: **50 feet** (measured from the forward edge of home plate to the forward edge of the pitcher's plate). A pitcher will pitch with one foot within the pitcher's box upon delivery from a distance measuring **50 feet to 55 feet** from home plate. **The pitcher's box is 2 feet in width.**

Explanation: For safety reasons.

4. ADD **Coaches Vote: Yes 10 ... No 6**
 - 5.4 second paragraph

If a team is dissolved while the season is in play, **or a team is unable to participate in the state tournament**, players from the dissolved team may become members of another team within the same division or higher within the league no later than June 30 of the current year, unless otherwise restricted by a county's home rules. Upon approval of Island Coordinators, these names must be highlighted when State tournament rosters are submitted.

5. ADD

9.1 h

h. Second paragraph **Coaches Vote: Yes 15 ... No 1**

To avoid contact, a runner does not have to touch the base. He/she must run on either side of the base. However, if it is a force play, the defensive player must touch the base with the ball in his/her possession and control. **A runner attempting to advance beyond a base that is blocked by a defensive player is not required to touch the blocked base to avoid contact with the defensive player.**

6. ADD **Scratched ... covered by SSUSA Rules**

9.2 g

g. A courtesy runner may not run for an existing courtesy runner except for an injury. **The injured courtesy runner, replaced by another courtesy runner due to injury cannot bat later in that inning. A substitute, a player that has not previously entered the game, can bat in their place subject to substitution rules. The injured player, if a starter, can re-enter on defense subject to re-entry rules. If no substitute is available to replace the injured player Rule 9.5 applies.**

7. ADD **Coaches Vote: Yes 3 ... No 13**

7.9 A safety net or screen will be placed in front of the pitcher's mound. If the ball hits the net/screen while at bat, the ball is dead and the batter hits again. If the ball hits the net/screen a second time while at bat, batter is called out.

Explanation: For safety reasons.