

## Changes in Eighth Edition Playing Rules after printing

CLASSIFICATIONS AND AGE REQUIREMENTS Sec 1. Any player 17... shall be eligible to participate in the Adult/Open World Series Tournament.

Rule 1. Sec 1. The Female Pitching Distance is 43 feet for 15U thru 18U.

Rule 2. Sec 3. THE BALL- Compression: Maximum of 375#

Rule 6 Sec 1. Gorilla Gold is a type of resin and is allow by USSSA Fast Pitch.

Table 1 - EJECTIONS and RESTRICTIONS, page 58 - The penalties for 11.2.A – 11.2.I are incorrectly stated they do not include the player called out.

## Changes in Ninth Edition Playing Rules

Rule 1 Sec 1 Pitching distance for 13U on up will be 43' beginning 1/1/2011. Using 43 Ft. is optional at the state level during calendar year 2010. Pitching distance for 15U on up was previously set to 43 Ft..

Rule 2 Sec 4 Metal cleats and Toe Plates are allowed for 15U on up beginning immediately.

Rule 2 Sec 5. JEWELRY – allow more hair restraining options by adding *Unadorned devices with no sharp edges or points, such as bobby pins, barrettes and hair clips, no longer than 2 inches, may be worn to control a player's hair are permitted.*

Rule 5 Sec 2 para A - Playing Short add exception to "If the player leaving the game is the batter or a runner, they shall be declared out. *Exception: If the injury is caused by a rule violation by the defensive team (for example batter hit by pitch, obstruction, malicious contact), the player may be replaced by the player not currently on base who had the last completed time at bat. This exception does not apply to any future time at bat.*"

Rule 6 Sec 1 Para I - Clarify tape on pitching hand by adding *The pitcher's fingers, hand, wrist, forearm or elbow may be taped for injury, providing such tape is a neutral color.*

Rule 6-1-K. Change Pitcher 20 second release penalty to: *Dead ball; a ball on the batter.* Previously it was an illegal pitch, delayed dead ball and runners advanced.

Rule 7-12 Make batter interference consistent with other interference Penalties. *This is a dead ball and the batter is out.*

Rule 8 Sec 3 Para D Allow the Courtesy Runner for injured runner. Exception added *Unless there is an injury and there is no substitute available, the courtesy runner must be used as a substitute and take the place of the injured player. Should the courtesy runner be on base, the pitcher or catcher for whom the courtesy runner is running, must run in their place.*

Rule 15 Sec .3 Removed our current "non caught" 3rd strike rule exception for 9U & 10U. The exception will continue to apply for 8U on down.

Add New Section to ARTICLE VI. Sec 2 to specify in World Series *The Home Team for each game shall be decided by a coin toss.*

ARTICLE VI. Sec 15. World Series Tournament Umpire Qualifications

Establish a bare minimum registration date

A. Umpires must be registered *by June 1* and

Set a World Series Umpire Uniform Standard by stating

*The Worlds Series Umpire In Chief will determine uniform requirements for the specific tournament. The World Series Umpire uniform shall limited to:*

*USSSA Licensed mesh pullover shirt. The colors for World Series shall be Red, Cream and/or Black.*

*USSSA Licensed Umpire cap. The World Series cap shall be all black with red USSSA letters embroidered.*

*Black ball bag.*

### **Restructured Special Category Rules**

RULE 16. Men's Rules – **NEW** –

RULE 17. Coach Pitch Rules: *Rewritten*

RULE 18. Machine Pitch Rules: *Rewritten*

RULE 19. T Ball- **NEW**

RULE 20. Arena Indoor Fast Pitch, Six on Six – *minor update*

### **Editorial Changes**

Rule 3 Sec 7. The definition of BATTER-RUNNER was modified to clarify when the batter has left the batter's box. *The batter-runner is a player who has finished their time at bat and has left the batter's box (both feet touching completely outside the box) but has not yet been put out or reached first base.*

Rule 3 Sec 34. INELIGIBLE PLAYER. Definition added

Rule 5 Sec 8. Elevate INELIGIBLE PLAYER to its own section and move penalty form previous note.

Rule 6 Sec 1 Art G Para.4 restate/clarify Windmill Revolutions by changing from *not more than one revolution* to *1-1/2 revolutions.*

The intent is to have no change to currently legal windmill motion. It is changed to make the wording easier to understand.

Rule 6 Sec 3 Elevate Illegal Pitch to its own section and move Effect from 6.1.

**Rule 8 Sec 19 Double First Base reworded**

*B. Whenever a play is being made on the batter-runner, the defense must use the white portion and the batter-runner the colored portion.*

- 1. If the batter-runner touches only the white portion when there is a play being made at first base, it is treated the same as missing the base. The batter-runner is out providing the defense appeals prior to the batter-runner returning to first base. Once the runner returns to the white or colored portion, no appeal can be made.*
- 2. If the defense touches only the colored portion, it is treated the same as being off the base.*

***Exceptions:** The defense and batter runner can use either portion when:*

- 1. The ball is thrown from the foul side of first base line.*
- 2. An errant or missed throw pulls the defensive player into foul ground.*

**Rule 12 Sec 2 Coach is ejection penalty reworded:** *The coach is barred from coaching in the tournament until that team has completed their next game.*