

# USSSA FastPitch Umpire Mechanics

USSSA FP will follow NFHS Mechanics with the following exceptions.

1. **Rimming** – The Base Umpire is allowed to stay outside and not button hook on a hit to the outfield. In fact, it is encouraged from the A & B position with a hit to Left and Center Field.

2. **Not Trailing Runner** – On a routine hit with no runners on 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> where there will obviously be no play at First Base, the Plate Umpire can go toward the point of the pitching circle rather than trailing the baserunner to first.

3. **Umpire to Umpire Signals.** Umpires are allowed to use the following NCAA mechanics:

a. Timing Play – with 2 outs and runner(s) on base, tap the wrist with two fingers.

b. Uncaught 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike – Base Umpire can use the point down signal. Plate Umpire can use the safe signal.

c. No Violation – Umpire can use the safe signal to indicate no violation occurred. Z.b. I saw it but there was no interference.

d. Infield Fly / Home Run – Either a raised fist or one finger pointing up is acceptable.