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BAT, CHOKE UP DEVICES

USSSA 3 Choke-up devices are not permitted.

ASA-USA

NFHS 1.5.2A Choke-up devices are not permitted

NCAA BAT, LEGAL

USSSA 2.10 Must have NEW USSSA BPF 1.20 mark.

ASA-USA 3.1 must bear ASA-USA 2000 or 2004 certification mark & not be listed on non-approved bat list and on approved list NFHS 1.5.4 must meet ASA-USA Standards

NCAA 3.2 must bear ASA-USA 2004 certification mark and meet ASA-USA Standards and not on Non-approved list on NCAA.org

BAT, THROWN PENALTY

USSSA 11.2.B Warning; 2nd violation offender restricted; coach ejected

ASA-USA RS52 No penalty unless intentional

NFHS 3.6.3 Team Warning; 2nd Restricted

NCAA 11.22.5.3 Warning; 2nd time batter out (defensive coach option)

BAT, WARM UP

USSSA 2.10/2.11 Two USSSA approved; no donut or fan

ASA-USA 7.1.B Two official bats and/or approved warm-up bats;

NFHS 1.5.3 Two bats; added devices commercially manufactured for softball

NCAA 3.4 Not less than 39 oz; No attachments are allowed on the warm up bat; fungo bats allowable

BAT, WARMERS

USSSA Pyrofyte approved USSSA Sponsor

ASA-USA 3.7 warming shelves not approved

NFHS CB 1.5.1 Illegal

NCAA 3.2.5 Illegal

BATTER's BOX – Erasing lines

USSSA NR

ASA-USA NR

NFHS 3.6.17 1st warning then 2nd ball/strike with offender & coach restricted to dugout.

NCAA 2.15.2 Effect, 11.2c strike/ball; Coach who removes warned then ejected

BATTER's BOX – Batter out when contacting ball

USSSA 7.13.G – Entire foot touching ground outside box.

ASA-USA 7.6.F– Entire foot touching ground outside box.

NFHS 7.4.8 – Entire foot touching ground outside box.

NCAA 11.2.5,11.15.1,11.21.4 Any part of foot touching ground outside batter's box.

BATTER HIT BY PITCH

USSSA 8.4.D Batter does NOT have to attempt to avoid being hit by pitched ball in batter's box to be awarded first base

ASA-USA 8.1.F Batter does have to attempt to avoid, dead-ball and ball.

NFHS 8.1.2 PEN 1 Batter does NOT have to attempt to avoid.

NCAA 11.16 Batter does NOT have to attempt to avoid

BATTER HIT BY PITCH special case

USSSA 7.5.B If batter prevented ball from being a strike, strike

ASA-USA 7.4.1 Batter prevents ball from entering strike zone, dead-ball and strike.

NFHS 7.2.1.h Batter prevents ball from entering strike zone, dead-ball and strike.

NCAA 11.15.3.4 No Pitch

BATTER INTERFERENCE – RUNNER ON 3rd

USSSA 7.12 batter out, ball dead, runners return.

ASA-USA 7.6 P-S batter out, ball dead, runners return

NFHS 7.4.4 batter out, ball dead, runners return

NCAA 11.21.2 EFFECT: batter out, ball dead, runners return EXCEPT less than 2 outs, runner advancing from third out.

BATTING HELMET

USSSA 2.1 NOCSAE approved batting helmets with extended ear flaps are mandatory; attached NOCSAE face mask/guard required. 3.8 Chin strap optional

ASA-USA 3.5.E Helmet NOCSAE. Youth chin strap required. Face mask guard NOCSAE.

NFHS 1-6, Helmet with permanently affixed NOCSAE. Face mask guard NOCSAE affixed.

NCAA 3.8.1 double-earflap helmet NOCSAE; 3.8.4; may wear NOCSAE approved face guard

BUNT, ATTEMPT

USSSA 3 Holding bat in strike zone; Must be pulled back.

ASA-USA RS10 Must move bat toward ball.

NFHS 2.8.2 Holding bat in strike zone; Must be withdrawn

NCAA 1.20 Holding bat in strike zone; Must be withdrawn

CHECK SWING

USSSA MM Should ask if requested.

ASA-USA RS-10 Plate Umpire should ask if in doubt or requested.

NFHS No Mention

NCAA 11.13.4 Plate Umpire must ask if requested by catcher

CLEATS AND TOE PLATES

USSSA 2.4 (13U & Older) Legal (12U & Younger) Metal cleats prohibited; Warning, Restriction; Metal toe plate prohibited. ASA-USA 3.6.G (14U,16U,18U) may wear (12U & Younger) Youth Metal cleats not allowed. No penalty.

NFHS 3.2.11 Metal cleats and Metal toe plate allowed.

NCAA 3.9 Metal cleats & toes legal

COACH'S BOX

USSSA 11.2.I scorebook only.

ASA-USA 4.7.C.1 scorebook (electronic or paper), pen, pencil, electronic marker or indicator.

NFHS 3.6.10 Only stopwatches and scorekeeping material/devises.

NCAA.

CONCUSSION

USSSA 5.9.B Player who exhibits signs of concussion removed for day until cleared by health-care professional in writing. ASA-USA NR

NFHS 3.3.9 Player who exhibits signs of concussion removed for day until cleared by health-care professional.

NCAA 4.5 Injured player shall not return without approval of medical personnel.

CONFERENCE, DEFENSIVE

USSSA 4.8.A 3 per game plus 1 per extra inning; pitcher removed as a pitcher for game.

ASA-USA 5.7.B 3 per game plus 1 per extra inning; remove pitcher

NFHS 3.7.1 Three charged conferences per game plus 1 per extra inning; After three remove pitcher

NCAA 6.11.1 1 One charged conference per inning; more not permitted (1 additional for each pitching change); ejection for defying.

CONFERENCE, OFFENSIVE

USSSA 4.8.B One per inning; deny any subsequent; No penalty.

ASA-USA 5.7.a One per inning; excess not permitted; ejection of manager who insists

NFHS 3.7.2 One charged conference per inning Excess not permitted, No Penalty

NCAA 6.11.2.1 One per inning, excess not allowed, person defying umpire is ejected

COURTESY RUNNER

USSSA 8.3 Player who has not been in game (except as a courtesy runner). Not for both positions in same inning. Not for DP unless pitcher or catcher of record. If no eligible players, LCAB may be used.

ASA-USA 8.10 Player who has not been in game (except as a courtesy runner). Not for both Pitcher and Catcher. Not for DP. NFHS 8.9.1 Player who has not been in game (except as a courtesy runner). Not for both Pitcher and Catcher. Not for DP.

NCAA NR

COURTESY RUNNER, INJURED

USSSA 8.3 another courtesy runner or the pitcher or catcher may run

ASA-USA 8-10 Not addressed

NFHS 8-9-6 EXC2 The player for whom she is running may return to run or a legal substitute

NCAA N/A

COURTESY RUNNER, UNREPORTED

USSSA 8.3.EFFECT - First offense: A team warning is issued. Second offense: The manager is ejected.

ASA-USA 8-10-G Illegal runner and disqualified

NFHS 8-9-7 considered to be an unreported substitute

NCAA N/A

DOUBLE FIRST BASE USSSA 1.2.D may be used – white & orange

ASA-USA 2.3.H shall be used – white & contrasting color.

NFHS 1.2.1 NOTE State Adoption. MPSSAA permitted for play all season long. will NOT be used in regional or state tournament games. NCAA 2.4 may NOT be used.

EJECTION, PLAYER

USSSA 12.2 Any youth player who is restricted or ejected shall remain in the dugout/bench area.

ASA-USA

NFHS 2.19 removed from further participation in the game

NCAA 13.1 may remain in the dugout

EQUIPMENT CHECK

USSSA NR.

ASA. Umpire Manual pg 32 Inspect all equipment

NFHS 10.2.3a Coach (not Umpire) is responsible for safety of equipment.

NCAA 3.3.4.3 Umpires must inspect all bats

FAKE TAG

USSSA 11.2.A A Fake Tag is obstruction; Team Warning then restricted to bench & coach ejected.

ASA-USA POE 20 continued fake tags should result in ejection - must impede runner to be obstruction

NFHS 3.6.2 Obstruction; Team warning then restricted to dugout

NCAA 12.16 Obstruction; No automatic ejection; subsequent violation - one base award_must impede runner to be obstruction

FITNESS OF GROUNDS

USSSA 4.1. Fitness of the grounds decided by umpire.

ASA-USA 5.2 Solely Home Plate Umpire

NFHS 4.1.1/4.1.7 Home coach to start game/Umpires after game starts

NCAA 5.2.1/5.2.2 On site administrator/coaches before game; Plate Umpire during game. 2nd game of DH

FOOT IN BOX BETWEEN PITCHES

USSSA 8.6 NR

ASA-USA 7.3.c batter must have one foot in box between pitches

NFHS

NCAA

FOUL TIP

USSSA 3.30 Foul tip is a batted ball that goes directly and speedily from the bat to the catcher's mitt or hand and is legally caught by the catcher.

ASA-USA 1 sharply & directly from bat to hand (no reference to height)

NFHS 2-25-2: sharply & directly from bat to hand (no reference to height)

NCAA 1.53 ... travels directly, in a straight line, from the bat to the catcher's hand or glove/mitt and is legally caught by the catcher.

GLOVE ADHESIVE COATING

USSSA 2.9 Gloves - No mention of adhesive, sticky, tacky

ASA-USA No mention of adhesive, sticky, tacky

NFHS 1-4-4: Added that gloves may not be designed or altered to create an adhesive, sticky, and/or tacky surface.

NCAA 3-7 glove is illegal if illegal use of a tacky substance.

GLOVE COLOR

USSSA 2.9.B All gloves any number of colors (not color of ball nor optic); no circle appearing like ball. Logo not a glove color ASA-USA 3.4 One solid color or multicolor; not color of ball. Logos part of glove

NFHS 1.4.2 No glove/mitt optic; maximum of two colors; not distracting; nothing appearing like ball Exclude lacing/logo

NCAA 3.7.1 Any Player's glove or lacing not color of ball; Pitcher's glove must be tan, brown, grey, white or black or combination.

HELMET, GLARE

USSSA NR

ASA-USA NR NFHS 1-6-1,1-7-1 Helmet Non Glare

NCAA 3.71 Helmet Not reflective; mirror like.

HELMET, REMOVAL OF

USSSA 2.1 deliberately removing the batting helmet while the ball is alive and person is in live ball territory, warning to the coach; subsequent violations coach ejected; player restricted

ASA-USA 3.5.e Runner out, ball remains alive

NFHS 1.6 2 Required for live ball; Penalty: 3.6.1 Team warning; then player and coach restricted; no out.

NCAA 3.8.a EFFECT: Out call, no ejection; force play still on

HUDDLES, ON FIELD

USSSA NR No Rule on on-field huddles.

ASA-USA NR

NFHS 2006 Points Of Emphasis #2 – Team should not huddle on the field after a third out while the other team is warming up.

NCAA 9.1 No huddles after out.

ILLEGAL PITCH PENALTY

USSSA 6.3.B Ball on batter; runners advance one base

ASA-USA 6.1 EFFECT same.

NFHS 6.1.1 PEN same.

NCAA 10.8 EFFECT Ball on batter

ILLEGAL PLAYER

USSSA 5.7 Illegal player & coach ejected, Out if just completed turn at bat.

ASA-USA (Def) Player enters without legal right 4.6.F Illegal player disqualified.

NFHS 3.4.1 Illegal substitute penalty - restricted to bench and out.

NCAA (Def) 1.60 competes but not entitled to participate; 8.3.4 Illegal Player no penalty if offending team reports. Offended team reports, player ejected; Out if at bat/on base, Choice of do-over if just made a defensive play.

INELIGIBLE PLAYER

USSSA. 5.7 NOTE2 Ineligible player is discovered, game lost;

ASA-USA (Def) Player not meeting requirements 4.6.F.

NFHS Not Defined

NCAA Not Defined

INTERFERENCE, UMPIRE hinder catcher's throw

USSSA 8.16.G Umpire interference - hinder a catcher's attempt to throw. Delayed dead ball. Runners returned if safe

ASA-USA 8.6.F Umpire interferes with catcher's throw. Delayed dead ball. Runners returned if safe.

NFHS 5.1.2.c If runner out, line ball; If runner safe, runners returned

NCAA 4.11.2.3 Umpire Interference – Delayed dead ball; if runner not out, runners returned

INTERFERENCE, UMPIRE hit with fair ball

USSSA 3.39.B Umpire interference - when a fair ball touches an umpire before passing infielder. Batter/Runner awarded First. ASA-USA 8.1.E.7 Batted ball strikes umpire before passing fielder, batter awarded First.

NFHS 5.1.1.f.1 Dead Ball – Award 1st base

NCAA 4.11.2.1 Umpire Interference - Dead Ball – Award 1st base

JEWELRY

USSSA 2.5 (Youth) exposed & dangerous must be removed; medical alert are not considered jewelry; 11.2.D Team Warning, 2nd offensive restrict to bench & eject coach

ASA-USA 3.6.f exposed & dangerous must be removed; medical alert are not considered jewelry

NFHS 3.2.12 Jewelry prohibited; taped medical alert & Religious medals not jewelry; hair control devices -- 3.6.1 Warning then restrict coach/ player.

NCAA No prohibition on jewelry

LEAVING BASE TOO SOON

USSSA 8.18.K Dead Ball; No pitch, Runner is out.

ASA-USA 8.7.S Dead Ball; No pitch, Runner is out.

NFHS 8.6.18 Dead Ball; No pitch, Runner is out.

NCAA 12.20.2 Delayed Dead Ball; Defensive has option of result of play or above.

LINE UP CARD

USSSA 5.1.B Lineup card shall contain first and last name, number, position.

ASA-USA 4.1.A.1 Lineup card shall contain first and last name, position and uniform number of each player. NOTE: if a wrong number is encountered, correct it and play on, no penalty Substitutes listed

NFHS 3.1.3 Include first initial and last name, position, jersey number, and batting order. Penalty Warn then restrict

NCAA 5.6 Include first and last name, uniform number, position of starting players, listed in batting order and first and last names of all eligible subs. Penalty 7.1.1.4 inaccuracy results in improper player

LINE UP CARD SUBSTITUTES

USSSA 5.1.B Eligible substitutes can be added.

ASA-USA 4.1.A.2 Eligible members may be added to substitute list.

NFHS 3.3.1 A player not listed as an eligible substitute shall not be prohibited from playing. Penalty to add Warn then restrict

NCAA 5.5 Note 1. Players not listed are not eligible to play

LINES, ERASING

USSSA / ASA-USA No mention

NFHS 3.6.17 by offense, Strike; by defense, Ball. Warning; next violation offender & coach restricted.

NCAA 10.20 by offense, Strike; by defense, Ball.

LOOK BACK RULE

USSSA 8.2 Runner may stop once then must move directly to next base or last base touched.

ASA-USA 8.7.T Runner may stop once then immediately advance/return

NFHS 8.7.2 Runner may stop once then immediately advance/return

NCAA 12.21.2 Runner must continue or immediately go back

LOOK BACK RULE Possession

USSSA 8.2 only if pitcher has ball (in hand or glove, under arm/chin, between legs).

ASA-USA 8.7.T pitcher has possession & control (rule sup 34 not between legs or under arm)

NFHS 8.7.1 pitcher must have possession (not necessarily in either hand)

NCAA 12.21.1 pitcher has ball (in hand or glove, under arm/chin, between legs)

LOOK BACK RULE OVERRUNNING 1st BASE

USSSA 8.2 runner obligated to move directly toward next base or last base touched.

ASA-USA 8.7.T overruns, turns left, stops, return/advance;. turns left, moves to 2^{nd;} must advance. overruns, turns left, moves back; must return. Overruns, turns right, must return.

NFHS 8.7.4 same as ASA

NCAA Rule 12.21.6.5 if runner is heading back to 1st base within the base path extended, she may go to either base

MERCY RULE

USSSA 4.4 Mercy rule: 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, or 8 runs after 5 innings

ASA-USA 5.9.a.1 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings 8 runs after 5 innings.

NFHS 4.2.3 State Adoption – MPSSAA Regional & State tournaments 10 runs after 4 ½ innings.

NCAA 6.13 8 runs after 5 innings

NUMBERS

USSSA 2.8.C - 0 and 00, 1 and 01 are examples of different numbers.

ASA-USA 3.6.D – 00 and 0; 01 and 1 are different numbers.

NFHS 3.2 - 0 and 00 are considered the same number

NCAA AR 3.10.4: 0 and 00 are considered the same number

OBSTRUCTION DURING RUN DOWN

USSSA 8.13 award base would have reached

ASA-USA 8.5.b.1 / NFHS 8.4.3 award base would have reached

NCAA 9.3.1 award base she would have reached unless warned previously then additional one base award

ONDECK CIRCLE

USSSA 7.1.A Ondeck batter can use on deck circle by her bench.

ASA-USA 7.1.A Either Circle

NFHS 2.37 Circle for each team

NCAA 11.1.1 nearest her dugout

PASSING A PRECEEDING RUNNER

USSSA 8.18.P Runner out if passes an unobstructed preceding runner.

ASA-USA 8.7.d Runner out if passes preceding runner. Does not address the obstructed runner

NFHS 8.6.4 Runner out if passes preceding runner. Passing preceding obstructed runner is not out.

NCAA 12.7.c Runner out if passes preceding runner unless passed runner was obstructed.

PITCHER PITCHING TO FIRST BATTER FACED

USSSA 5.5 Starting pitcher & replacement pitcher while team on defense shall pitch until first opponent completes time at bat/third out. USSSA 7.5.D.1.a Starting pitcher who does not complete one batter may not pitch.

ASA-USA 4.6.d Pitcher not required to pitch until first batter completes turn at bat.

NFHS 8.9.2 No requirement unless had CR in top of 1st inning. CR retroactively becomes her substitute.

NCAA 8.5.2.1 Pitcher may be removed before delivering a pitch.

PITCHER RETURNS TO PITCH

USSSA 5.5.B A player may be removed as a pitcher and returned as a pitcher only once per inning.

ASA-USA 6.9 No limit; No warm ups

NFHS 3.3.2 note Once per inning

NCAA 8.5.2.3 Returning pitcher not entitled to warm-up pitches in the same inning. No Limit.

PITCHING DISTANCE

USSSA 1.1 (13U & Older) 43 feet; (11U-12U) 40 feet; (10U & younger) 35feet

ASA-USA 2.1 (16,18) 43 feet; (12,14) 40 feet; (10) 35 feet

NFHS 1.1.2.6 43 feet

NCAA. 2.20 43 feet

PITCHING HAND

USSSA 6.1.H. Nothing distracting on pitching hand, wrist, arm. 6.1.I Tape for injury OK

ASA-USA 6.6-B Nothing distracting on pitching hand, wrist, arm, etc. No Batting glove on pitching hand

NFHS 6-2-2 No tape on contact points of pitching hand or fingers. Nothing distracting on pitching hand, wrist, arm.

NCAA 10.13.3 Nothing distracting on pitching hand, wrist, arm, etc. May use neutral color tape for injury.

PITCHING POSITION, PRELIMINARY (FEET)

USSSA 6.1.A Pivot foot partially on top of the pitcher's plate (rubber); non pivot in contact or behind. Within 24"

ASA-USA 6.1.A.2 both feet in contact with pitcher's plate within the 24 inch width of the pitcher's plate

NFHS 6.1.1 pivot foot on or partially on top surface of the pitcher's plate; non-pivot foot in contact with or behind pitcher's plate, both feet must be within the 24 inch width of the pitcher's plate

NCAA 10.2.1 both feet in contact with portion of pitcher's plate; pivot foot partially on top; within the 24 inch width of the pitcher's plate

PITCHING POSITION, PRELIMINARY (SHOULDERS)

USSSA 6.1.B NRRestriction on shoulders removed

ASA-USA 6.1.C. Shoulders in line with first and third

NFHS 6.1.1.A Shoulders in line with first and third

NCAA 10.2 No restriction

PITCHING POSITION, PRELIMINARY (NON PIVOT FOOT)

USSSA 6.1.E.2 One step forward; No step backward.

ASA-USA 6.1.A.2 One forward step only

NFHS 6.1.1 Any step backward must start before the hands come together.

NCAA 10.4.2 A portion of the nonpivot foot must remain in contact with the pitcher's plate at all times before beginning the forward step.

PITCHING POSITION, PRELIMINARY (HANDS)

USSSA 6.1.D Pitcher shall bring hands together in front of body - No Longer than 10 sec

ASA-USA 6.1.C Pitcher shall bring hands together. – No less than 1 sec; No more 10 sec

NFHS 6.1.c Pitcher shall bring hands together in front of the body. - No less than 1 sec; No more 10 sec

NCAA 10.2.3 Pitcher' hands must come together in view of the plate umpire. -No more 5 sec

PITCHING POSITION, TIME

USSSA 6.1.K/D Pitcher has 20 seconds to release next pitch; 10 sec after touch to release; Penalty Illegal Pitch

ASA-USA 6.3.0 Pitcher has 20 seconds to release next pitch. Illegal Pitch

NFHS 6.2.3 Pitcher has 20 seconds to release next pitch; Ball (Not illegal pitch)

NCAA 10.18 10 seconds in position; once pitcher/batter in position, 10 seconds hands together; 5 seconds deliver; BALL (not illegal)

PITCHING WINDUP/ DELIVERY

USSSA 6.1.G.4 not more than 1-1/2 revolution of the arm in the windmill pitch.

ASA-USA 6.3.D not make two revolutions of the arm in the windmill pitch.

NFHS 6.1.4.d maximum of one and a half clockwise revolutions.

NCAA 10.6 not more than 1-1/2 revolutions of the pitching arm

PITCHING LANE

USSSA / ASA-USA / NFHS No mention

NCAA 2.19 shall be drawn

PLAYERS TO START GAME

USSSA 5.2.B may start with eight; absent player in 9th batting position.

ASA-USA 4.1.d.1 may start with 8 and take an out

NFHS 3.1.1. Each team must start with nine players

NCAA 8.1 must have nine players at all times

PLAYER REPLACES ABSENT PLAYER

USSSA 5.2.C Eligible substitute MUST enter game or become ineligible. Player who left can not return except under blood rule. ASA-USA 4.1.D.2.B Eligible substitute MUST enter game or become ineligible. Player who left can not return except under blood rule NFHS 3.3.8.d Eligible substitute MAY enter game. Injuried player may re-enter. NCAA N/A

PLAYERS TO COMPLETE GAME

USSSA 5.2 may continue down to 8 batters. Restriction on ejection removed. Leaving runner out except if injuried.

ASA-USA 4.1.d.2 may finish with 8 and take an out. Leaving runner out.

NFHS 4.3.1.g may finish with 8 and take an out; 3.3.8.d. Leaving runner replaced by previous batter not on base.

NCAA 8.1 must have nine players in game.

OUICK RETURN PITCH

USSSA 6.4.C No pitch ASA-USA 6.7 Illegal pitch NFHS 6.2.4.b No pitch NCAA 10.9 No pitch

REENTRY

USSSA 5.6 Starters & Substitutes may re-enter

ASA-USA 4.5.a Starters & Substitutes may re-enter

NFHS 3.3.5 Starters & Substitutes may re-enter

NCAA 8.6 Starters may reenter; Substitutes may not reenter

REGULATION GAME, INNINGS FOR

USSSA 4.6.C.1 3 innings

ASA-USA 5.3.C 5 innings.

NFHS 4.2.2.a 5 innings.

NCAA 6.16 5 innings

REMOVING LINES

USSSA NR

ASA-USA NR

NFHS 3.6.17 Player shall not intentionally remove any lines. Strike if offense; Ball if defense; Team warning to coach

NCAA 2.15.2 Player shall not intentionally remove any lines/cover plate. Strike if offense; Ball if defense; 2.17.c If Coach, Warning **REQUEST UMPIRE FOR HELP**

USSSA 14.8 Umpire may ask for help on checked swing

ASA-USA

NFHS NR

NCAA 11.13.3 If catcher requests, plate umpire must ask for help on checked swing.

RUN RULE

USSSA 4.4 12 runs after 3 innings; 10 after 4; 8 after 5.

ASA-USA 5.9 15 after 3; 12 after 4; 8 after 5

NFHS 4.2.3 State adoption. MPSSAA 10 runs after 5 innings

NCAA 6.13 Eight Run Rule

RUNNER MISSES BASE – Ball becomes Dead

USSSA 9.6.A cannot return if advanced, touched and remains beyond missed base.

ASA-USA 8.5.G-Effect cannot return once advance to next awarded base.

NFHS 2.1.3.b.2 cannot return once touched final base of an award.

NCAA 7.1.1.2.6 cannot return once touched final base of an award.

RUNNERS SWITCHING BASES

USSSA NR No Specific Rule addressing Base runners switching bases after conference

ASA-USA 8.7.Y If base runners switch positions after conference, each out & head coach ejected

NFHS 8.6.4; CB 8.6.4.0 Each Runner Out; Possible Ejection(s)

NCAA 12.10.5 On appeal, each runner is out and Head Coach ejected

STRIKE ZONE

USSSA 3.57 Forward arm pit to top of knees any part of ball

ASA-USA 1. Between arm pits and top of knees any part of ball

NFHS 2.56.3 Forward arm pit to top of knees any part of ball

NCAA 1.110 Bottom of sternum to top of knees top/side of ball

TIEBREAKER

USSSA. 4.5 8th inning or time limit ASA-USA 5.11 8th inning or time limit NFHS 4.2.6 State Option; No Procedure defined – MPSSAA authorizes; No Procedure defined NCAA 6.15 Mutually agreement; Recommend 10th inning

TIEBREAKER WRONG RUNNER

USSSA 4.5 Correct runner inserted immediately. No penalty

ASA-USA RS54 Replace with correct runner; No penalty

NFHS State Option; No Procedure defined – MPSSAA authorizes; No Procedure defined

NCAA 8.3.4.1.5 Illegal Player

UNDERGARMENTS

USSSA 3.8.B All exposed undergarments solid color; undershirts same; undershorts same

ASA-USA 3.6.C Solid; must be alike worn by more than one.

NFHS 3.2.7 All exposed undergarments must be a solid color - black, white, gray or a single solid school color

NCAA 3.10.8 if more than one must be same in color; solid color

UNREPORTED SUBSTITUTE

USSSA 5.5 All play stands. First offense: A team warning is issued. Second offense: The manager is ejected.

ASA-USA 4.6.C Unreported substitute is now in the game (not disqualified) and all rules regarding reentry still apply

NFHS 3.6.7 Unreported substitute penalty Team Warning, 2nd time offender & coach restricted to bench.

NCAA 8.3.3 Offending team reports *lst*- no penalty; Offended team reports after pitch, no ejection, player in game, out if at bat/on base.

WALK, INTENTIONAL

USSSA 8.4.C Must have 4 balls.

ASA. 8.1.C.3 Slow Pitch only

NFHS 8.4.3a, 9.6.2 Coach, Pitcher or Catcher may request an intentional walk.

NCAA 10.15 All pitches must be pitched

WHEELCHAIRS

USSSA 2.6 crutches, canes, wheelchairs, etc., is prohibited.

ASA-USA RS55 Players, coaches, umpires can utilize wheelchairs.

NFHS / NCAA