

2016 ASA Rule Changes with Comments as of November 08, 2015

NOTE: All changes below are EFFECTIVE January 1, 2016 unless otherwise noted.

Rule 3, Section 3F[2]: Beginning **January 1 2017** the 11" .520 COR or under with a compression of 300.0 lbs. or under will be the only ball allowed in Women's Adult Slow Pitch, Coed Women's Slow Pitch and Junior Olympic Girls and Boys Slow Pitch.

Comment: The 11" ball with a COR.440 or under, with a ball compression of 375.0 lbs. or under will no longer be allowed in Women's Adult Slow Pitch Divisions of Play, Women's Adult Coed Slow Pitch Classification of Play, Junior Olympic Girls, 12-Under, 14-Under, 16-Under, 18-Under Slow Pitch Classifications of Play, Junior Olympic Boys, 10-Under and 12-Under Slow Pitch Classifications of Play.

Rule 3, Section 5E: Remove the requirement for Chin Straps to be worn with batting helmets in all Junior Olympic Divisions of Play.

Comment: Chin straps on batting helmets for all Junior Olympic Divisions of Play will no longer be mandated but still allowed.

Rule 3 Section 6 Exception: Men's D Slow Pitch, Men's E Rec Slow Pitch, **Women's C and D Slow Pitch and Coed C and D Slow Pitch:** the only uniform requirement is matching shirt with number.

Comment: Adds Women's C & D Slow Pitch Classification of Play and Coed C and D Slow Pitch Classifications of Play to the exception on uniforms that only need matching shirts with numbers.

Rule 5 Section 8A Effect: For any in excess, the ball is dead, the batter is out, and no runners can advance.

Comment: Removes the half inning ending out for an over the fence home run in Men's E/REC Slow Pitch Classification of Play.

Rule 7 Section 1A Exception: Men's Fast Pitch, Men's Modified Pitch and all Junior Olympic Fast Pitch Divisions of Play may use either on-deck circle.

Comment: Adds all Junior Olympic Fast Pitch Divisions of Play to the ability to use either on-deck circle.

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Rule 8 Section 9B2: (All Adult Slow Pitch except Seniors) Any eligible player on the official line-up including available substitutes may be used as a courtesy runner. A courtesy runner may be used once per inning.

NOTE: Any Courtesy Runner used in Coed must be gender specific.

Comment: Allows for all Adult Slow Pitch Divisions of Play to use a Courtesy Runner once per inning.