



2015 Playing Rule Changes and Comments

Note: All changes below are EFFECTIVE **January 1, 2015** unless otherwise noted.

Rule 1, Stealing A: Adds Junior Olympic Boys 18 and Under and Men's 21 and Under classification of play to those who can steal in Slow Pitch.

Comment: Allows Junior Olympic Boys 18U and Men 21U to steal in Slow Pitch.

Rule 2, Section 1: The pitching distance for Women's Modified classification of play shall be 43 feet.

Comment: Changes the pitching distance in Women's Modified Pitch to 43 feet.

Rule 3, Section 3F [2]: **EFFECTIVE 2016** The use of the yellow optic cover, red stitch 11-inch ball with a core of .520 or under and a compression of 300.0 lbs. for Women's Slow Pitch, Coed Slow Pitch (Women batters only), Women's Seniors, Women's Masters and Boy's and Girl's Junior Olympic Slow Pitch.

Comment: Allows the use of the 52/300 11-inch ball in 2016 for all of the above classifications of play.

Rule 4, Section 1D[2A] Exception: In all Junior Olympic Fast Pitch Pool Play Only; When a team elects to bat more than nine batters the game will continue with the skipped batter being recorded as an out whenever a player leaves the game for any reason other than an ejection. Teams cannot play with less than 8 players.

Comment: Defines the shorthanded rule when batting more than 9 batters in all Junior Olympic Fast Pitch pool play.

Rule 5, Section 5A [2] EXCEPTION: Removes Senior Slow Pitch classification of play from those who have to run out home runs.

Comment: Allows for Senior's to choose not to run the bases on a Home Run or Four Base Award.

Rule 5, Section 9A [3]b: Senior Slow Pitch Run Ahead Rule will be – 20 after 4 innings and 15 after 5 innings.

Comment: Removes Run Ahead Rule after 3 innings and defines the new run ahead rule for Senior's Slow Pitch Classification of Play.

Rule 5, Section 10A Exception: (Code310P) The Championship and "If" game in Junior Olympic 10 and Under ASA/USA Championship will have a two hour time limit.

Comment: Allows for the Junior Olympic 10U ASA/USA only to have a 2 hour time limit in the Championship and "IF" game.

Rule 7 Section 2E: (Fast Pitch) In Junior Olympic Pool Play only, teams have the option of having all roster players present bat. The Shorthanded Rule that applies to Fast Pitch will apply. Rule 4, Section 1 [a-d] and 2 [a-g] Exception

Comment: Allows Junior Olympic Fast Pitch teams to bat everyone in pool play.

Rule 7 Section 3D: (Junior Olympic) After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot between pitches and while taking signals and practice swings.

Comment: Removes the requirement to keep one foot in the batter's box for Modified Pitch Classification of Play.