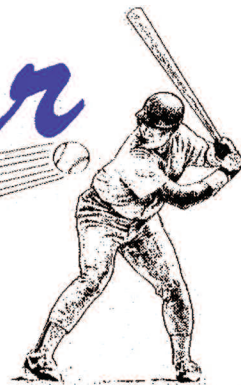




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Quick Pitches

*News and Notes
on Wisconsin Softball*

** The 2007 rule change that's most likely to have the greatest impact in slow pitch is Rule 5 Section 8A which states that "on any over the fence home run in Men's Class D slow pitch the batter is called out and the inning is over (for the team at bat) regardless of the number of outs prior to the over the fence home run."

This should make the WASA's Class D state tourney in Marshfield July 20-22 very interesting, to say the least.

Theoretically, it is now possible for a pitcher to deliver seven pitches, give up seven homers, and end up throwing a perfect game!

This proactive rule, which is designed to get power hitters into classifications where they belong, could encourage plenty of former pitchers who masqueraded as "gourmet chefs" on the mound (for the choice offerings they routinely served up to salivating hitters) to emerge from early retirement.

** Speaking of new rules, what lasted longer, the rule mandating a wider batter's box in slow pitch, or any of Roger Clemens' retirements?

** Wisconsin clubs have enjoyed massive success in ASA Men's Major Fast Pitch during (See Quick Pitches page 2)



2007 Wisconsin ASA Season Ready to Roll

Between 60 and 70 years ago many of America's major railroads transformed their passenger units into sleek, flashy trains that were much lighter, faster and far more aerodynamic than their predecessors.

These mighty marvels became known as streamliners and the Streamliner Era included such famous passenger railroading names as the Super Chief, El Capitan, Empire Builder and the 20th Century Limited as well as the Milwaukee Road's Hiawathas.

This edition of *The Messenger* has incorporated some of the aforementioned qualities since it is brief and to the point in a streamlined attempt to provide pertinent information as the new Wisconsin ASA championship season pulls out of the station.

Therefore, let the games of 2007 begin, or maybe it's better to cry out "All aboard!" for what promises to be an exciting journey.

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Quick Pitches

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ing recent years with The Farm Tavern of Madison winning back-to-back ASA national titles in 2003-2004 and Denmark's Circle Tap capturing first place last summer.

As if they really needed an extra edge, in 2008 Wisconsin entries will enjoy home state advantage as Stevens Point has been selected to host the national championship July 31 through August 3 at Zenoff Park.

"The Men's Major has flourished in the Midwest and we're eagerly looking forward to our first men's fast pitch national in Stevens Point," stated Mike Disher, president of the Stevens Point Softball Association.

The SPSA has run four award-winning ASA national championships in slow pitch and modified pitch since 1993 and has hosted a pair of visits by the United States Women's Olympic fast pitch team.

Detailed information on the 2008 Men's Major will be forthcoming after the completion of the 2007 season.

** The WASA's 2007 Fall Meeting will be held Saturday, Oct. 6 at the Country Springs Hotel & Convention Center in Stevens Point.

The meeting's agenda will be posted on the WASA's Web site after it is determined.

** 2007 is a Hall of Fame induction year for the Wisconsin ASA. As of this writing, the members of the Class of 2007 were not completely finalized but the WASA has just confirmed that the ceremony will be held in Ashwaubenon on Saturday, July 28 to coincide with the Men's Class B and the Women's Class A modified state tourneys at the Ashwaubenon Sports Complex.

More data on the 2007 WASA Hall of Fame inductions will be available in the near future and posted on the WASA Web site <www.wisconsin-asa.org>.

** In 1995 Dairy State Bank of Plymouth won the WASA Women's Slow Pitch Class C state title and they still reign because there hasn't been a women's slow pitch state tournament since then despite a number of attempts.

That might change this summer.

Ashwaubenon plans to run a Women's Class D slow pitch championship July 13-15 at the Ashwaubenon Sports Complex in conjunction with the 2007 WASA Women's Fast Pitch Class A, B and C state tourneys and

WASA officials are confident that the slow pitch event will be a go.

"There will be a tournament this year," WASA Assistant Commissioner Tom Rausch emphasized, before adding cautiously, "At least I'm very hopeful there will be one."

Teams should contact tournament director Rex Mehlberg at (920) 492-2331 if interested in either the slow pitch or fast pitch events.

** Cardinal Youth Softball of Kimberly will host the 2007 Women's National Pro Fastpitch Championship Series at Sunset Point Park Aug. 24-26.

The series will total six or seven games featuring the top teams in the six-team National Pro Fastpitch League that boasts an impressive array of former college stars, Olympians and national team members.

The New England Riptide won last year's series after the Chicago Bandits took the regular season crown.

For more information on the NPF championship series go to <www.cardinalyouthsoftball.com> or contact CYS president Brian Menting at (920) 213-9056.

Menting and the Cardinals are also running the 2007 WASA Junior Olympic Girls Fast Pitch Class B State Tournaments July 6-8.

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Bartingale Named 2006 WASA Umpire of the Year

EAU CLAIRE – Bill Bartingale of Eau Claire has been named the 2006 Wisconsin Amateur Softball Association's Umpire of the Year.



Bill Bartingale

Bartingale, 61, has been calling slow pitch games for nearly 30 years and has 32 WASA state tournaments and two ASA national championships on his distinguished resume.

The Umpire of the Year designation definitely came as a surprise to the lifelong Eau Claire native.

“When Jim Mitchell informed me it really caught me off guard,” Bartingale stated during a recent phone conversation. “I was kind of flabbergasted. It’s quite an honor and it puts me almost at a loss for words.

“Some good friends have won this award and it’s humbling to join them and some of the finest umpires I’ve ever known.”

Bartingale is the 25th WASA Umpire of the Year since the tribute was established in 1982. Both he and 2005 recipient Tom Ueberroth from Hales Corners will be officially presented with their awards at this year’s WASA Hall of Fame induction ceremony, which occurs every two years.

Despite being on the other side of 60, the congenial Bartingale has no immediate intention to walk away from the umpiring profession. He’s currently working two nights a week in the Eau Claire recreation leagues and another evening in Altoona as a one-man “crew.”

He’s also slated for the 2007 WASA Men’s Slow Pitch Class D state tourney in Marshfield July 20-22.

“I still enjoy umpiring,” Bartingale asserts. “And if the umpire’s having fun I hope it rubs off on the players and they have fun, too.”

Besides, Bartingale tried retiring from another passion, basketball refereeing, and it seemed to work until his niece’s husband began blowing the whistle and needed a partner.

So, guess who came out of retirement?



Wisconsin ASA Umpire of the Year

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>
1982	Ken Gracner	Madison
1983	Ed Johnson	La Crosse
1984	John Baltus	Eau Claire
1985	Clyde Schuette	Green Bay
1986	George Gannon	Chippewa Falls
1987	Arden Geisler	Wis. Rapids
1988	Fred Kratz	Montello
1989	John Peterson	Madison
1990	Joe Hamilton	Eau Claire
1991	Tim Joly	Green Bay
1992	Mike Lipp	Madison
1993	Joe Cyran	Stevens Point
1994	Wes Templeton	Madison
1995	Jim Mitchell	New Richmond
1996	Tim Irish	Onalaska
1997	Lorn Roehm	Sparta
1998	John Eckendorf	Stevens Point
1999	Pete Dake	Eau Claire
2000	Lew Smith	Green Bay
2001	Ron Deutsch	Eau Claire
2002	Tim Townsend	Greenfield
2003	Bill Gongoll	Wausau
2004	Mike Mikalsen	Cottage Grove
2005	Tom Ueberroth	Hales Corners
2006	Bill Bartingale	Eau Claire

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2006 WASA State Champions

<u>TOURNAMENT</u>	<u>CHAMPIONS</u>	<u>CITY</u>
<u>Fast Pitch:</u>		
Women's Class A	Wisconsin Surge	Kaukauna
<u>JO Girls:</u>		
18 & Under Class A	Precision	Racine
18 & Under Class B	Wisconsin Elite	Green Bay
16 & Under Class A	Chippewa Valley Flash	Chippewa Falls
16 & Under Class B	Hallie Hot Rodders	Chippewa Falls
14 & Under Class A	Competitors Black	Greendale
14 & Under Class B	Plover	Plover
12 & Under Class A	Racine Belles	Racine
12 & Under Class B	KAM	Kaukauna
10 & Under Class A	Kenosha Cyclones	Kenosha
10 & Under Class B	South Appleton Rockers	Appleton
<u>Modified Pitch:</u>		
Men's Class B	Steve Fischer Construction	Pulaski
Men's Class C	Eagles	Fond du Lac
Women's Class A	Crossroads Inn	Tigerton
<u>Slow Pitch:</u>		
Men's Class C	Timber Technologies	Colfax
Men's Class D	Comatose	Beloit

Six Slow Pitch Teams Movin' On Up in 2007

STEVENS POINT – In accordance with the Wisconsin Amateur Softball Association's Competition Procedures Code, six men's slow pitch teams are subject to mandatory reclassification for the 2007 season as a result of their finishes in 2006 WASA state tournaments. The teams affected and their 2007 classifications are:

<u>Team</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Reclassification</u>
Timber Technologies	Colfax	Class B
A. J. Construction	Superior	Class B
Marquee Designs/Pope Transport	Whitewater	Class B
Comatose	Beloit	Class C
Weirdo's/Casey's	Janesville	Class C
Luisa's Lugnuts	New Munster	Class C



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SLOW PITCH

MEN'S

Class B	July 20- 22	Stevens Point	Randy Wievel PO Box 663 Stevens Point, WI 54481	(715) 341-2804 July 13, 2007
	\$275.00			
Class C	July 20 - 22	Stevens Point	Randy Wievel PO Box 663 Stevens Point, WI 54481	(715) 341-2804 July 13, 2007
	\$275.00			
Class D	July 20 – 22	Marshfield	Gordy Adler P.O. Box 543 Marshfield, WI 54449	(715) 384-9176 July 11, 2007
	\$275.00			

WOMEN'S

Class D	July 13 - 15	Ashwaubenon	Rex Mehlberg 2155 Holmgren Way Green Bay, WI 54304	(920) 492-2331 July 5, 2007
	\$250.00			

CO-ED

Class A	July 13 - 15	Marshfield	Gordy Adler P.O. Box 543 Marshfield, WI 54449	(715) 384-9176 July 5, 2007
	\$275.00			

MODIFIED PITCH

MEN'S

Class A 10 Man		No Tournament		
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Class B 10 Man	July 27 - 29	Ashwaubenon	Rex Mehlberg 2155 Holmgren Way Green Bay, WI 54304	(920) 492-2331 July 19, 2007
	\$300.00			

Class C 10 Man	July 13 - 15	Fond du Lac	Julie Flaherty W4113 Pheasant Run Fond du Lac, WI 54935	(920) 929-9459 July 5, 2007
	\$300.00			

WOMEN'S

Class A	July 27 - 29	Ashwaubenon	Rex Melhberg 2155 Holmgren Way Green Bay, WI 54304	920-492-2331 July 19, 2007
	\$175.00			

FAST PITCH

WOMEN'S

Class A/B/C	July 13 - 15	Ashwaubenon	Rex Melhberg 2155 Holmgren Way Green Bay, WI 54304	920-492-2331 July 5, 2007
	\$250.00			

J.O. (Youth) FAST PITCH

GIRLS

18/16/14/12/10 & Under Class A	July 6 - 8	Watertown	Scott Pomerence N9650 Dewey Rd. Watertown, WI 53094	(920) 261-9212 June 23, 2007
	\$350.00			

18/16/14/12/10 & Under Class B	July 6 - 8	Kimberly	Brian Menting PO Box 82 Kimberly, WI 54136	(920) 882-2040 June 26, 2007
	\$350.00			

2007 WASA State Championship Series (SCS) Tournaments

YOUTH:

Tournament Information	Contact Person	Telephone Numbers	Other Information
The Girls of Summer June 8-10, 2007 Host: Triple Play Sports Tournament will be held at:	Paul Wagner 802 Blue Harbor Dr. Columbus, WI Qui Que Oc Sports	920-694-0287 Ages: 10U, 12U, 14U Entry Fee: \$350 Complex - Plymouth, WI	4-Game Guarantee pwagner@tripleplayfunzone.com 12 Teams Each Division
Stoughton Summer Sizzler 1 June 9-10, 2007 4-Game Guarantee	Nick Weiss Race Track Park Stoughton, WI	608-873-7101 Age: 10U & 12U Entry Fee: \$275	Cell: 608-712-4705 nweiss66@charter.net No Gate Fee - No Carry Inns
Dan Pollard Memorial Futures June 15-17, 2007 3 Pool Games, Then 2 Bracket	Roger Schlieve 601 N. Cedar St. Horicon, WI 53032	920-382-7014 Age: 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 18U Entry Fee: \$400	Entry Deadline: May 20, 2007 rogeres@charter.net Host: Wisconsin Bandits Softball
5th Annual Dick Mulry Classic June 22-24, 2007 4-Game Minimum	Bryan Menting P.O. Box 82 Kimberly, WI 54136	920-882-2040 Age: 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 18U Entry Fee: \$275	Check Payable: CYS, INC. bmenting@tds.net Host: Cardinal Youth Softball
Wisconsin Grand Slam June 29-July 1, 2007 4-Game Guarantee/80-Team Limit	Jim Moreland 13420 W. Park Ave. New Berlin, WI 53151	262-782-6175 Age: 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 18U Entry Fee: \$325	Checks Payable To: MMFL jmoreland1@wi.rr.com Host: MMFL
Stoughton Summer Sizzler 2 July 13-15, 2007 4-Game Guarantee	Nick Weiss Race Track Park Stoughton, WI	608-873-7101 Age: 14U & 16U Entry Fee \$2750	Cell: 608-712-4705 nweiss66@charter.net No Gate Fee - No Carry Inns
Shockers Summer Slam July 13-15, 2007 4-Game Guarantee/24-Team Limit	Jack Fitzpatrick 716 S. Beaumont Ave. Kansasville, WI 53139	262-878-4525 Ages: 12U, 14U, 16U Entry Fee: \$325	Check: Union Grove Lil' Broncos shockersfp@yahoo.com Host: Union Grove Lil' Broncos
Beloit Summer Slam July 20-22, 2007 4-Game Guarantee Max Teams 10 Per Age Group	Jerry Garbe 1703 Fairview Dr. Beloit, WI 53511 Host: Stateline Starz	608-931-4196 Ages: 12U, 14U, 16U, 18U Entry Fee: \$350	Check Payable & Mail: BWFPA 2508 Butlin Ave. Beloit, WI 53511 jerrygarbe@yahoo.com
Wildfire Tournament July 20-22, 2007 4-Game Guarantee/8 Teams Each	Steve Austin 740 Park St. Waupun, WI 53963	920-219-0745 Age: 14U & 16U Entry Fee: \$350	Check: Wildfire Softball spAustin@mariancollege.edu Host: Wisconsin Wildfire Softball
XPLOZION July 27-29, 2007 In Lieu of Admission \$3 Parking	John Roth 479 Fuller St Columbus, WI 53925	920-623-0514 Age: 18U, 16U, 14U, 12U, 10U Entry Fee: \$325	4 Game Guarantee xplosion@charter.net Host XPLOZION Teams

Consult the WASA Web site <www.wisconsin-asa.org> for updates to this list.

2007 National Championship Schedule

2007 ASA FAST PITCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Major Fast Pitch	South Bend, IN	August 2-5
Women's Major Fast Pitch	South Bend, IN	August 4-7
Men's Class A Fast Pitch	Rockford, IL	Aug. 30-Sept. 3
Women's Class A Fast Pitch	Prescott, AZ	August 9-12
Men's Class B Fast Pitch	Altamonte Springs, FL	Aug. 29-Sept. 3
Women's Class B Fast Pitch	Prescott, AZ	August 9-12
Men's Class C Fast Pitch	Killeen, TX	Aug. 30-Sept. 3
Women's Class C Fast Pitch	Prescott, AZ	August 9-12
Men's Masters 40-Over Fast Pitch	Hoover, AL	August 22-26
Men's Masters 45-Over Fast Pitch	Gadsden, AL	September 6-9
Men's Masters 50-Over Fast Pitch	Mobile, AL	July 6-9
Men's 23-U Fast Pitch	North Mankato, MN	August 2-5
Women's 23-U Fast Pitch	Stratford, CT	July 26-29
Boy's 18-U Fast Pitch	North Mankato, MN	August 1-5
Boy's 16-U Fast Pitch	North Mankato, MN	August 1-5
Boy's 14-U Fast Pitch	North Mankato, MN	August 1-5
Boy's 12-U Fast Pitch	North Mankato, MN	August 1-5
Boy's 10-U Fast Pitch	North Mankato, MN	August 1-5
Girl's GOLD 18-U Fast Pitch	Oklahoma City, OK	August 5-12
USA/ASA Girl's 18-U A Fast Pitch	College Station, TX	July 29-August 5
USA/ASA Girl's 16-U A Fast Pitch	Sioux Falls, SD	July 29-August 5
USA/ASA Girl's 14-U A Fast Pitch	Normal, IL	July 29-August 5
USA/ASA Girl's 12-U A Fast Pitch	Roseville, CA	July 29-August 5
USA/ASA Girl's 10-U A Fast Pitch	Auburn, AL	July 29-August 5
ASA Girl's 10-U A Fast Pitch - Eastern	York, PA	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 10-U A Fast Pitch - Southern	Ridgeland, MS	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 10-U A Fast Pitch - Western	Beaverton, OR	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 10-U A Fast Pitch - Northern	Brooklyn Park, MN	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 12-U A Eastern	York, PA	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 12-U A Southern	Tallahassee, FL	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 12-U A Western	Portland, OR	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 12-U A Northern	Brooklyn Park, MN	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 14-U A Eastern	Sterling, VA	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 14-U A Southern	Broken Arrow, OK	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 14-U A Western	Phoenix, AZ	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 14-U A Northern	Bloomington, IN	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 16-U A Eastern	Sterling, VA	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 16-U A Southern	Fort Worth, TX	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 16-U A Western	Sunnyvale, Ca	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 16-U A Northern	Burlington, IA	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 18-U A Eastern	York, PA	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 18-U A Southern	Plant City, FL	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 18-U A Western	Lancaster, CA	August 1-5
ASA Girl's 18-U A Northern	St. Ann, MO	August 1-5
Girl's 18-U B Fast Pitch - Eastern	Sunbury, PA	August 1-5
Girl's 16-U B Fast Pitch - Eastern	Sunbury, PA	August 1-5
Girl's 14-U B Fast Pitch - Eastern	Harrisburg, PA	August 1-5
Girl's 12-U B Fast Pitch - Eastern	Harrisburg, PA	August 1-5
Girl's 10-U B Fast Pitch - Eastern	Harrisburg, PA	August 1-5
Girl's 18-U B Fast Pitch - Western	Spokane, WA	August 1-5
Girl's 16-U B Fast Pitch - Western	Salem, OR	August 1-5
Girl's 14-U B Fast Pitch - Western	Stockton, CA	August 1-5
Girl's 12-U B Fast Pitch - Western	Las Cruces, NM	August 1-5
Girl's 10-U B Fast Pitch - Western	Las Cruces, NM	August 1-5
Girl's 18-U B Fast Pitch - Northern	St. Ann, MO	August 1-5
Girl's 16-U B Fast Pitch - Northern	Owensboro, KY	August 1-5
Girl's 14-U B Fast Pitch - Northern	Bloomington, IN	August 1-5
Girl's 12-U B Fast Pitch - Northern	Salina, KS	August 1-5
Girl's 10-U B Fast Pitch - Northern	Springfield, MO	August 1-5
Girl's 18-U B Fast Pitch - Southern	Tulsa, OK	August 1-5

Girl's 16-U B Fast Pitch - Southern	Clinton, MS	August 1-5
Girl's 14-U B Fast Pitch - Southern	TBA	August 1-5
Girl's 12-U B Fast Pitch - Southern	Garland, TX	August 1-5
Girl's 10-U B Fast Pitch - Southern	Gadsden, AL	August 1-5

2007 ASA SLOW PITCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hooters Championship Series	Oklahoma City, OK	September 27-30
Women's Open Slow Pitch	Oklahoma City, OK	September 27-30
Men's Class A Slow Pitch	Oklahoma City, OK	September 27-30
Men's Class B Slow Pitch - East	Seminole County, FL	Aug. 30-Sept. 3
Men's Class B Slow Pitch - West	Waxahachie, TX	Aug. 30-Sept. 3
Men's Class C Slow Pitch - East	Montgomery, AL	Aug. 30-Sept. 3
Men's Class C Slow Pitch - West	Portland, OR	Aug. 30-Sept. 3
Women's Class C Slow Pitch - East	Dothan, AL	Aug. 30-Sept. 3
Women's Class C Slow Pitch - West	West Salem, OR	Aug. 30-Sept. 3
Men's Class D Slow Pitch - East	Salem, VA	Aug. 30-Sept. 3
Men's Class D Slow Pitch - West	Lancaster, CA	Aug. 30-Sept. 3
Men's Class D Slow Pitch - North	Topeka, KS	Aug. 30-Sept. 3
Men's Class D Slow Pitch - South	McAllen, TX	Aug. 30-Sept. 3
Women's Class C Slow Pitch - East	Auburndale, FL	Aug. 30-Sept. 3
Women's Class C Slow Pitch - West	San Antonio, TX	Aug. 30-Sept. 3
Men's Industrial Slow Pitch	La Grange, GA	August 24-26
Men's Church Slow Pitch	Tallahassee, FL	August 10-12
Men's Masters 35-Over Slow Pitch	Augusta, GA	September 7-9
Women's Masters' 35-Over Slow Pitch	Gadsden, AL	August 10-12
Men's Masters 40-Over Slow Pitch	Decatur, AL	August 24-26
Men's Masters 45-Over Slow Pitch	Jackson, MS	September 7-9
Men's Senior 50-Over Slow Pitch	Burlington, NC	Aug. 31-Sept. 3
Men's Senior 55-Over Slow Pitch	Burlington, NC	Aug. 31-Sept. 3
Men's Senior 60-Over Slow Pitch	Burlington, NC	Aug. 31-Sept. 3
Men's Senior 65-Over Slow Pitch	Burlington, NC	Aug. 31-Sept. 3
Men's Senior 70-Over Slow Pitch	Burlington, NC	Aug. 31-Sept. 3
Men's Senior 75-Over Slow Pitch	Burlington, NC	Aug. 31-Sept. 3
Men's Major 16-Inch Slow Pitch	Marshalltown, IA	Aug. 31-Sept. 3
Men's Class A 16-Inch Slow Pitch	Mt. Prospect, IL	Aug. 31-Sept. 3
Co-ed Major Slow Pitch	Rochester, MN	September 14-16
Co-ed Class A Slow Pitch	Alton, IL	August 23-26
Co-ed Class B Slow Pitch	Dallas, TX	August 23-26
Co-ed Industrial Slow Pitch	Pending	Pending
Boy's 18-U Slow Pitch	Pending	July 18-22
Boy's 16-U Slow Pitch	Pending	July 18-22
Boy's 14-U Slow Pitch	Pending	July 18-22
Boy's 12-U Slow Pitch	Pending	July 18-22
Boy's 10-U Slow Pitch	Pending	July 18-22
Girl's 18-U Slow Pitch	Columbus, GA	July 26-29
Girl's 16-U Slow Pitch	Columbus, GA	July 26-29
Girl's 14-U Slow Pitch	Columbus, GA	July 26-29
Girl's 12-U Slow Pitch	Columbus, GA	July 26-29
Girl's 10-U Slow Pitch	Clinton, MS	July 26-29

2007 ASA MODIFIED PITCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's Modified Pitch	Pending	August 10-12
Men's Modified Pitch (9) A	Spokane, WA	Aug. 31-Sept. 3
Men's Modified Pitch (9) Major	Spokane, WA	Aug. 31-Sept. 3
Men's Modified Pitch (10)	Marietta, GA	Aug. 31-Sept. 3

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8U Coach Pitch	Ft. Smith, AR	July 20-22
8U Coach Pitch	Mobile Bay, AL	June 28

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2007 ASA Playing Rule Changes & Comments

Rule 1: Line-up card: The official document listing players and substitutes of a given team. Comment: To define a term commonly used throughout the rule book.

Rule 1: Play: An attempt by a defensive player to retire a batter-runner or runner. A pitch is not considered a play except as it relates to an appeal. Comment: To define a term commonly used throughout the rule book.

Rule 2 Section 1: Change the fence minimum and maximum distance for Girls' Junior Olympic Fast Pitch to the following:

G10-U	from	150'	to	200'	to	175'	to	225'
G12-U	from	175'	to	200'	to	200'	to	225'
G14-U	from	175'	to	200'	to	200'	to	225'

Comments: These classifications of players are very good athletes and this will provide more consistency in our Junior Olympic program.

Rule 3 Section 4: The pitcher's glove may be of one solid color or multicolored as long as the color(s) are not the color of the ball being used in the game being played. Comments: The rule is designed to have a glove that will not distract the batter. The color can be any color that does not match the color of the ball.

Rule 3 Section 6D: An Arabic whole number of contrasting color or **outlined in contrasting color...** Comments: The purpose of the previous rule was to make the numbers distinguishable and outlining the numbers does this as effectively as making the numbers contrasting colors.

Rule 4 Section 1C 3c & d: Men's Senior Slow Pitch; Teams have the option of having all their players in the batting order. The Shorthanded rule will be in effect if a player in the batting order leaves the game. Comments: Senior Slow Pitch players want to play and this allows all players that come to game to participate. If a player leaves the batting order an out will be called each time they are supposed to bat as the Shorthanded rule requires.

Rule 5 Section 5A: One run shall score each time a runner
1) Touches first base, second base, third base and home plate; or
2) When using the Tie-Breaker rule, a runner starting at 2nd base, touches third base and home plate. Comments: Clarifies a method by which a run can score when using the Tie-Breaker rule.

Rule 5 Section 8A 3: Master's Slow Pitch 35-Over, 40-Over, and 45-Over will allow 4 over the fence home runs per team. Comments: This allows these classifications an additional over the fence home run per team.

Rule 5 Section 8A EFFECT: On any over the fence home run in Men's Class D Slow Pitch Classification, the batter is called out and the inning is over regardless of the number of outs prior to the over the fence home run. Comments: For the betterment of ASA Slow Pitch Softball.

Rule 5 Section 10 Time Limit: When the time limit rule is in effect, time begins with the first pitch. If the game is tied after the time limit expires, the tie breaker rule is in effect at the start of the next inning and play will continue until a winner is determined. The time limit rule is as follows:

A. In Junior Olympic 10-Under Class A and in 10-Under Class B Fast Pitch pool play, the time limit is one hour and fifteen minutes, finish the inning and play one additional inning, if it is not a complete game.

B. In Junior Olympic 10-Under Class A and 10-Under Class B Fast Pitch elimination play, no inning will start after one hour and 40 minutes.

C. In all Junior Olympic Class A 12-Under, 14-Under, 16-Under and 18-Under; Class B 12-Under, 14-Under, 16-Under and 18-

Under; and Gold pool play; no inning will start after one hour and 40 minutes.

D. In all Junior Olympic Class B 12-Under, 14-Under, 16-Under and 18-Under elimination play; no inning will start after one hour and 40 minutes.

Exception: In all Junior Olympic Class B 12-Under, 14-Under, 16-Under and 18-Under elimination play there will be no time limit for the upper and lower bracket final games, and the championship and the "if necessary" games.

Rule 6 Section 3F: Fast Pitch The pitch shall be delivered on the throwing arm side of the body and not behind the back or between the legs. Comments: This will clarify that the pitch can not be thrown behind the back or between the legs.

Rule 6 Section 3H: Men's Fast Pitch: Remove the words "within the 24 inch length of the pitcher's Plate". Comments: For the betterment of ASA Men's Fast Pitch Softball

Rule 6 Section 3H: Modified: The pitch shall be delivered on the throwing arm side of the body and not behind the back or between the legs. Comments: This will clarify that the pitch can not be thrown behind the back or between the legs.

Rule 7 Section 6B: When a batter enters the batter's box with or is discovered using an altered or non-approved bat. EFFECT: The batter shall be **EJECTED** from the game and if in a tournament shall be **EJECTED** for the remainder of the tournament. Remove the **NOTE**. Comments: Reflects how the ASA code is written.

Rule 7 Section 6Q: When actively hindering the catcher while in the batter's box. Comments: Removes "intentionally" from the rule and allows the umpire to judge interference and not intent. It also matches the rule to the definition.

Rule 8 Section 2F 3: When a batter-runner interferes with a thrown ball while out of the batter's box. Comments: Removes "intentionally" from the rule and allows the umpire to judge interference and not intent. It also matches the rule to the definition.

Rule 8 Section 4G: (10-Under Class B Fast Pitch) Comments: The section on stealing and running the bases in 10-Under now only applies to 10-Under Class B Fast Pitch. 10-Under Class A Fast Pitch will play by the same rules as the other Junior Olympic Fast Pitch age classifications.

Rule 8 Section 7E: When any offensive team member other than another runner physically assists a runner while the ball is live. Comments: The rule as written last year could have been interpreted that if a defensive person helped the runner an out could have been called. This is why the wording 'anyone' was changed to 'offensive team member'.

Rule 8 Section 7J 3: When a runner interferes with a thrown ball. Comments: Removes 'intentionally' from the rule and allows the umpire to judge interference and not intent. It also matches the rule to the definition.

Rule 8 Section 7P: When, after being declared out or after scoring, a batter-runner, or a runner interferes with a defensive player's opportunity to make a play on another runner. Comments: This rule now clarifies the previous interpretation that the batter-runner was also included. It also removes "intentionally" from the rule and allows the umpire to judge interference and not intent. It also matches the rule to the definition.

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