

## NSA Canada Rule Changes 2018

### **Sec. 3 RULE 2 – New wording**

c. THE BATTER'S BOX, one on each side of home plate, shall measure three feet by seven feet. The inside lines of the batter's box shall be six (6) inches from home plate. The front line shall be three (3) feet in front to the center of the plate. The lines are considered as being in the box.

### **Sec 1, RULE 3 – New wording**

k. A flare or cone grip attached to the bat will be considered an altered bat if the flare or cone is smooth throughout its length and the grip does not leave at least 1/8 inch of safety knob of the bat exposed.

### **Sec. 6 RULE 3 – New wording**

b. Uniforms must be identical. All players on a team shall wear uniforms alike in colour and style. Shorts or pants can be worn simultaneously, however, any combination should be similar in colour and style. Uniform matching requirement is by gender. Ball caps and visors are not mandatory, but if worn, must be identical. Caps and visors that are worn by more than one player will be identical and will be worn properly, visor facing forward.

### **Rule 3, Sec 7 – New wording**

RECOMMENDATION. NSA Canada, in all NSA Canada play HIGHLY recommends protective equipment for softball. This includes, but is not limited to, batting helmets, face masks, shin guards, chest protectors. (Please note: that the use of any form of protective equipment is at the individual participant's discretion unless the league/tournament the participant chose to play in has made certain protective equipment mandatory within their guidelines and or rules)

NOTE I: Any player that teases or taunts another player for using ANY form of protective equipment shall be immediately ejected from the game with no warning.

### **RULE 4 Note II – The following note is added**

Note II: For all post season events or tournament director/committee chosen events the player classification system shall be enforced. This system can be found on the NSA Canada website and all players that participate in any post season event MUST be registered on this site. Teams may use two (2) players from a level above their designated level of play or one (1) player from two (2) levels above. If a team is caught using more than the allowed number of players from higher levels the manager/coach and all higher-level players shall be ejected from the tournament with no avenue of appeal.

### **Rule 4 – New wording**

NOTE III: The Tournament Director or the Tournament Umpire-in-Chief may declare a higher-class player ineligible, immediately, without having a team protest, no matter their roster status.

**Sec. 9 RULE 5 – New wording**

NOTE I: NSA Canada's Official Roster Signing Date will be set by the individual tournament committees of the particular event whether it be World Series event or qualifying event. The participants upon registering for the event will be notified of the official roster submission date.

**Sec. 11 RULE 5 – New note added**

Note II: Once a home run has been declared by the home plate umpire all runners may proceed to their dugout and a run will be scored for each runner.

**Sec.6 RULE 7 Sub-Section – Sub Section h added**

h. Any pitched ball that contacts any part of home plate, regardless of if it hits a part of the strike mat.

**Sec.1 RULE 7 Sub-Section d – The following is added to the rule**

NSA Canada's policy on supplementary discipline for the use of an altered bat can be found on the NSA Canada web site under the Altered Softball Bat Policy.

**Sec. 2 RULE 10 – Sub Section g added**

g. Shall be responsible for announcing the correct count when it is requested.

**Sec. 5 RULE 11 - New wording**

b. A protest fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) will be paid in all qualifying and postseason tournaments sanctioned by NSA Canada. If upheld, the protest fee shall be returned. If protesting player eligibility, the fee is \$175.00 per player being protested. The protest fee for a bat is \$400.00.

Anyone who has questions or concerns about any of these rule changes should contact NSA Canada's head office in Calgary.

These rule changes are effective immediately and for all play in any and all NSA Canada sanctioned events and leagues.

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