

## **YOUTH FAST PITCH RULE CHANGES 2015-2016**

**Rule 1/ Rule 5**

**Definitions/ The Game**

**Page 7/ Page 26**

**Section 2/ Section 7-New**

### **Addition to the existing rule.**

Section 2. An appeal may be made after the 3<sup>rd</sup> out, to negate a run if made properly.

Page 107 Letter “e”: If the 3<sup>rd</sup> out is declared on an appeal play resulting in a force out, it takes precedence if enforcing would negate a score.

Page 107 Letter “f”: When there is more than 1 out to end the half-inning (i.e. the 4<sup>th</sup> out appeal) the defensive team may choose the out which is to their advantage.

**Rule 1**

**Definitions**

**Page 88**

**Section 32- ©**

### **Addition to the existing rule.**

Add the words “or a non-approved bat” to the end of the letter “c”.

**Rule 1**

**Definitions**

**Page 90-91**

**Section 54**

### **Deletion/Addition to the existing rule.**

**Delete:** This would involve the last batter of the previous inning, whose turn at bat had been completed, assuming a position on second base.

**Add:** This would involve the last recorded out, assuming a position on second base.

**Rule 3**

**Equipment**

**Page 97**

**Section 6- (b)**

### **Addition to the existing rule.**

**Add:** No player will be permitted to wear pants or SHORTS with the main color of the leg being “optic yellow” or “lime green” or any similar color that would resemble the softball. “Optic yellow” or “lime green” pinstripes or side leg trim will be allowed.

**Rule 3**

**Equipment**

**Page 97**

**Section 6- ©**

**Deletion/Addition to the existing rule.**

**Delete:** Players may wear solid colored undergarments under their uniform shirts or shorts.

**Add:** Players may wear multi-colored undergarments under their uniform shirts or shorts.

**Rule 4**

**Players/Substitutions**

**Page 100**

**Section 2- (d)**

**Deletion to the existing rule**

Remove the word "OFFENSE"

**Rule 4**

**Players/Substitutions**

**Page 100**

**Section 4**

**Rewording GUEST PLAYER:**

- a. Not all states may offer this program. Check with State Director
- b. Guest players are legal in non-championship play
- c. If a team home state allows guest players and the team plays in a different state from their own, the team shall play under the guidelines set by the state in which the team is playing in. Teams traveling to a different state from their own should contact their State Director prior to leaving their own state.  
"B" would become "d"  
"C" would become "E"  
"D" would become "F"

**Rule 4**

**Players/Substitutions**

**Page 101**

**Section 7- Penalty**

**Deletion/Addition to the existing rule.**

**Delete:** Immediate ejection of coach/manager for an unreported substitution.

**Add:** For an unreported substitution the first offense will be a warning. Any repeated offense will result in immediate ejection.

**Rule 5**

**The Game**

**Page 105**

**Section 3- (b)**

**Addition to the existing rule.**

**Add:** The clock will start when the pre-game conference is concluded. The official game clock will be kept by the umpires.

**Rule 6**

**Pitching**

**Page 111**

**Section 1-3**

**Rule Book Clarification:**

**Move** the Modified Pitching Rule 6; Sections 1-3- (page 111) to the end of the men's section.

**Move** the 8 and Under youth page- (page 135) to pitching regulations Rule 6 Section.

**Rule 8**

**Baserunning**

**Page 123**

**Section 8-(j). Effect**

**Deletion to the existing rule.**

**Delete:** The pitcher must have the ball in his/her possession inside the 16 foot circle.

**Rule 8**

**Baserunning**

**Page 125**

**Section 8- (z)**

**Deletion/Addition to the existing rule.**

**\*\*Keep the first 3 sentences and "DELETE THE REST".**

**Add:** The defensive player may use the orange bag on a dropped third strike. In this situation, the batter/runner is required to the white bag if the orange bag is occupied by the defense.

**\*\*KEEP THE NOTE.**

**Rule 4- 8 AND UNDER FAST PITCH**

**Players/Substitutions**

**Page 138**

**Section 1- (E)**

**RULE BOOK CLARIFICATION:**

**Change** the wording from "DH" to "Twins Players".

**Rule 5- 8 AND UNDER FAST PITCH**

**The Game**

**Page 139**

**Section 1- (e)**

**Deletion/Addition to the existing rule:**

**Delete the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence:** Nine- (9) are the maximum number of batters that may bat per half inning or until the defense gets three- (3) outs whichever comes first.

**Add the following 1<sup>st</sup> sentence:** Each half-inning will end when the defense gets 3 outs; or the offense scores 5 runs, whichever comes first.

**Rule 6- 8 AND UNDER FAST PITCH**

**Pitching**

**Page 139**

**Section 1- (a)**

**Deletion/Addition to the existing rule:**

**Delete:** "Both feet"

**Add:** "at least one foot".