

Changes in Eighth Edition Playing Rules

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The following changes/corrections/additions have been enacted:

CLASSIFICATIONS AND AGE REQUIREMENTS

Sec 1. THE YOUTH FAST PITCH PROGRAM WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING CLASSIFICATIONS. A player's age on December 31, of the previous calendar year determines the age classification in which the player is eligible to participate. **Any player 17, or who reaches their 17th birthday, or who graduates from High School in the calendar year of the current World Series, shall be eligible to participate in the 18 & over World Series Tournament.**

RULE 1. PLAYING FIELD

Sec 1. Pitching distances

The Female Pitching Distance is 43 feet for 15U thru 18U effect immediately.

We understand that there could be some situations this fall that cause you to run 40 feet. It could be teams not prepared or some situations could have facilities that are not ready to go 43 feet yet. It will be mandatory by January 1st, 2010 that all pitching for 15U thru 18U will be 43 feet. The 13U, 14B, and 14A will remain at 40 feet for now but will continue to look into this.

RULE 6. PITCHING RULE

Rule 6 Sec 1. A legal pitch shall conform to the following:

A. (page 29) ...

The pitcher may not take the pitching position on the pitcher's plate without possession of the ball, and the pitcher may not simulate ~~the~~ pitching ~~position~~ with or without the ball when near the pitcher's plate.

I. (page 31) Foreign Substance on the ball/Items on pitcher. ... Under the supervision and control of the Umpire, powdered resin may be on the hands to dry them.

Gorilla Gold is a type of resin and is allow by USSSA Fast Pitch.

RULE 14. UMPIRES

Sec 4. The official Umpire uniform standard for sanctioned play includes approved and licensed products, which allow for freedom of movement. The official uniform shall consist of:

A. USSSA Licensed mesh pullover shirt. ~~The favored shirt color shall be red.~~ If a shirt is to be worn under the Umpire shirt, it shall be plain, short or long sleeve, and white, black or match the pullover shirt in color. Any exposed shelves shall match the color of the pullover shirt.

B. USSSA Licensed Umpire cap. ~~The favored hat colors shall be red and black.~~ This will include the USSSA embroidery on the cap and the official licensed label inside.

TABLE 1 - EJECTIONS and RESTRICTIONS, page 58
 The penalties for 11.2.A – 11.2.I are incorrectly stated they do not include the player called out

Fake Tag	11.2.A	1) OUT & WARN 2) OUT & RESTRICT	N/A	1) Team Warning 2) EJECT
Carelessly throw bat	11.2.B			
Deliberately remove helmet	2.1			
Fail to wear helmet	11.2.C			
Wear jewelry or tape over jewelry	11.2.D			
Hit ball to teammates on defense	11.2.E			
Using replay equipment	11.2.F			
Use of tobacco	11.2.G			
Possess anything but a scorebook in coaches box	11.2.H			
Team personnel out of bench area	11.2.I			