

NSAD Modified Rules

*****If the rule is not listed, please go to NSA rulebook*****

- **THE LINEUP CARD** must submit to the other team's scorekeeper or umpire before 10 minutes of the game. The card included with player's last name with one letter of first name with number of jersey. Also the substitute player must be in the lineup card.
- **GRACE PERIOD:** There will be no grace period for any scheduled games unless the tournament director or Commissioner grants to have a grace period.
- **HOME AND VISITOR:** it will be determined by a coin flip.
- **TEAM COMPOSITION:** Teams may start with eight (8) players and add up to ten (10) once the game has started.
 1. A team that starts the game with 8 or 9 may add additional players after the game has started.
 - a. These players should be placed at the bottom of the line-up.
 - b. Teams playing with 10 or 11 players may finish the game with 8 players, but the vacated spots in the line-up will be an automatic out, regardless of the reason for the player's inability to play.
- **HOMERUN LIMITS:**
 1. Limit five (5) homeruns per game. (A homerun is a ball hit over the fence) Any homerun hit after the permitted amount will be ruled an OUT.
 2. It is each team's responsibility to retrieve its own foul balls or home run balls. They should be returned to the home plate umpire.
- **TIME LIMIT**
 1. Game length is seven innings or when the 65-minute and no new inning after 60 minutes with the exception that if the between two teams in a game is 3 runs or less, they shall play one more inning.
 2. All games tied at the end of a regulation game, will be played to completion using the Omaha Rule except for the championship game.
- **OMAHA TIE BREAKER RULE:**
 1. If the score is tied after seven innings or the time limit expires the offensive team will place the last official batter on second base. The next batter in the lineup will start with a **2-2** count **with one courtesy foul**. This procedure is repeated until a winner is declared.
- **PITCHING**
 1. **BALLS-STRIKE RULE** starts the count 1 ball and 1 strike on all batters with one courtesy foul after the batter has 2 strikes on him/her.

- STRIKE ZONE will include any part of mat and back part of black home plate.
2. Pitching arc is from **5 feet to 10 feet arc pitch from ground.** (Passed in 2017)
 3. Show-boating is allowed within 5 seconds limit otherwise a ball will be called.
- **BATS** approved NSA and USSSA (*Watch out for the update of banned bats.*)
 - **TOURNAMENT BALLS:**
 1. NSAD shall provide two (2) new balls of any color for each tournament game.
 2. NSAD Commissioner, Tournament Director and NSAD UIC shall make the decisions on what kind of ball is used in that park.
 - **TECHINCAL OUT:** A sanction against those teams or individuals, whose behavior is unacceptable, be the umpire judges the ejection is too severe a penalty; the umpire may involve the technical out against the offending team.
 1. **OFFENSE:** If the team at bat is guilty of unsportmanship-like conduct the umpire may enforce an out against team. If this is the first of second out of the inning, the game continues with batters and base runners unaffected; an additional out is simple added to the team's total. If the technical out is the third out of the inning, the next inning will resume with a fresh one-and-one count.
 2. **DEFENSE:** If the team in the field is guilty of unsportmanship-like conduct the umpire may invoke the technical out rule by giving them an out when they come to bat.
 3. Two consecutive technical outs may be not assessed against the same team. At least one pitch (legal or illegal) must intervene. An ejection for any unsportmanship-like behavior or must be accompanied by the charging of an out against the offending team.
- *A team has the option of accepting ejection instead of receiving a technical out by informing umpire prior to the next pitch. **
- **UMPIRES:**
 1. Verbal or physical abuse by players, coaches, and spectators will not be tolerated! Umpires may call forfeiture of a game if players, coaches, or spectators are out of control.

- a. The judgment call will not change at all. Only the umpire's ruling and why it was incorrect then you may correct with your protest before the new pitch.
 - b. It shall be responsibility of the coach to control the actions of his/her players and fans. Only team members on the NSAD registration form are permitted on the team bench.
 - c. A player ejected from a game for misconduct may be subject to the following minimum penalties:(coach will be notified with length of player suspension)
 - (1) 1st Ejection- he/she cannot play that game.
 - (2) 2nd Ejection- he/she cannot play the whole tournament.
- **UNIFORMS:**
 1. Teams are required to wear like uniforms. The pants and shorts can be mixed as long the same colors. Hats are optional. As long the hats are same design to all players. **Anyone who does not follow the rule cannot be in dugout or on field.** (Passed in 2017)

Women Modified Rules

- ***DESIGNATED HITTER for only Women's:***
 1. The designated hitter that was marked with the asterisk on the line-up card right before the start of the game shall be awarded two bases for any kind of walk (intentional walk or getting 3 balls during the same at-bat, drawing a walk) that she receives in a game.

CO-ED Modified Rules

- **6-4 Co-ED Slow pitch, (6) males and four (4) female players.**
 1. **NOTE: A female CAN be a pitcher in a 6/4 format, but a male must be the catcher. The other females can play any other position, other than pitcher, without regard to any specific number of infielders or outfielders being male or female, but must still have 1 female in both infield and outfield.**
- **The Batting order in 6/4 tournaments shall be no more than two (2) male batters in a row. After two (2) male batters, there MUST be a female batter. If the male batter walks, and another male batter succeeds the walked male batter in the batting order, the walked male batter would only be awarded one (1) base. If a female batter succeeds the walked male batter, the male batter will be awarded two (2) bases.**
- **No more than six (6) male player may play defense at one time**
- **If the extra player (EP) is used, a team must use two (2) extra**

players, one male and one female. These players may play defense at any time, but they must retain their original positions in the batting order. The batting order must remain the same unless a substitution is used in the offensive line-up.

1. **NOTE:** *When a team is using the extra player(s) (EP), and in the event a player or players are removed for any reason during the course of the game and no substitution is available, the player removed shall be scored as an out when his/her turn comes up in the batting order. In the event this occurs, the player immediately following the removed player is simply bypassed as a batter, but may still remain in the game as a defensive player.*

- **A Courtesy Runner (which is not recorded as a substitute in the line-up) and of the same sex, may be used for one (1) male player and one (1) female player per inning. The Courtesy Runner can be any player on the team roster who is present, eligible and not been ejected and may be used for one (1) male and one (1) female player per inning per team. The Courtesy Runner DOES NOT have to be the same player each time the player in need of the courtesy runner becomes a runner. The courtesy runner will be entered into the game by the Head Coach through the home plate umpire before play resumes. Once play resumes by the umpire declaring play ball; that courtesy runner will be officially entered. If the courtesy runner comes to bat while on base, the courtesy runners spot in the batting order becomes an out and the next batter listed in the batting order comes to bat. The courtesy runner “MAY NOT” under any circumstances be substituted for. The defensive team “MAY” walk to get to the vacated spot in the lineup. (ONE YEAR TRAIL @ 2017)**
- **HR Rule is Plus One (1) the first HR over the limit will be declared an out.** (Passed in 2017)
- **CODA/SODA RULE:** Allow 1 hearing male player and 2 hearing female players to participate on COED team. (Check Hearing Player Rules) **Note: See the Glossary of “hearing player”**
- **UNIFORMS:** Teams are required to wear like uniforms only on jersey shirts including team members.